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4 SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014; 8:39 A.M.
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6

7 CALL TO ORDER
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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This convention
10 session is reconvened. Please take your seats. Good
11 morning. So happy to see all of you still here. Our Team
12 Spirit Alice Christensen, Department Chaplain, will offer
13 invocation.
14

15 INVOCATION
16

17 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Let us pray. All mighty
18 God, creator of all that has been, that is, and is still
19 to come, be with us we pray as we meet as members and
20 friends of the American Legion Auxiliary for this last
21 time under the leadership of our president, officers,
22 committee chairmen.

23 Be with us as we meet our commitments as members
24 of this great organization. Guide our hearts and our
25 minds as we work together for you, our God, and country.
26 Amen.

27 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The Department
29 Americanism Chairman, Diana Moreno, will lead us in the
30 Pledge of Allegiance.
31

32 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
33

34 ALL PRESENT: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
35 the United States of America and to the republic for which
36 it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty
37 and justice for all.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I want to thank
39 Wendy O'Brien for getting us flag stands so all the flags
40 can be on the stage. And you too. Thank you.

41 (Applause.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam Secretary,
43 will you please call the roll of Department Officers,
44 Chairmen, and District Presidents?
45

46 ROLL CALL
47

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Let me tell
49 you, when that Madam President slams that gavel, she "boom
50 boom boom." You don't have no time to pick up a piece of

1 paper.
2 Department President Anita Biggs?
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm here.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Vice
5 President Harriet Clendenin?
6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I'm here.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think I'm
8 here. NEC Woman Terry Mikesell?
9 NEC WOMAN MIKESELL: She's here.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's here.
11 Chaplain Alice Christensen?
12 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Present.
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Historian
14 Linda Diebel?
15 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Present.
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
17 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit?
18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Here.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Musician
20 Joyce Patton?
21 MUSICIAN PATTON: Here.
22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
23 Sergeant-at-Arms Cherie Galvan?
24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: Here.
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal
26 Taadhimeka Stovall?
27 MARSHALL STOVALL: Love you, Anita.
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Love you too.
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
30 Committee Chairman Kathie Martinez?
31 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Numbers are
32 there.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
34 Senior Member Geri Fitzpatrick?
35 FINANCE SENIOR MEMBER FITZPATRICK: Got the
36 finances.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
38 Junior Member Kathryn Doran?
39 FINANCE JUNIOR MEMBER DORAN: Can I close my
40 computer now?
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No.
42 Advisory Committee Chairman Madeline Lee?
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Who did you say?
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory
45 Committee Odette Cuccaro?
46 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CUCCARO: Present.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory
48 Committee Willie Burke?
49 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BURKE: Present.
50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Americanism

1 Diana Moreno?
2 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MORENO: Present.
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Auxiliary
4 Emergency Fund Dona Enright?
5 AEF CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: She's working.
6 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Children &
7 Youth Sherry Schneider?
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused.
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Community
10 Service Joan Cannon?
11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Still here
12 walking, running, and rolling \$7,274 and 1 cent and it's
13 never too late to donate.
14 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What was
15 that total? Repeat that total.
16 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: \$7,274.01.
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Great.
18 (Applause.)
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
20 Constitution & Bylaws Harriet Clendenin?
21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Still here.
22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention
23 Theresa Jacob?
24 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: Here.
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention
26 Commission Melanie Taylor?
27 CONVENTION COMMISSION TAYLOR: Here.
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Credentials
29 Liz Doidge?
30 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can't hear you.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Credentials
32 Liz Doidge?
33 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Finally here for
34 roll call.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
36 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman?
37 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Here.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor
39 Estella Avina?
40 EDITOR AVINA: Show me the way to go home.
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Education
42 Michelle Soares?
43 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Present.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Elections
45 Carol Fuqua?
46 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: ALA is a great winner.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Girls State
48 Linda Hayes?
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused. She's at
50 Girls State.

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Valerie
2 Hardy?
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused. She's at
4 Girls State.
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior
6 Activities Stacey Smith?
7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SMITH: Dribbling
8 home.
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior
10 Conference Director Jackie Cleveland?
11 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Hi, Ruby.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hi, Jackie.
13 Leadership Wendy O'Brien?
14 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Good morning.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Legislative
16 Terry Mikesell?
17 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: She's here.
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Membership
19 Gloria Williams?
20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: National
22 Security Loretta Marsh?
23 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here.
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past
25 Presidents' Parley Pilar Reyes?
26 PPP CHAIRMAN REYES: Present.
27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Poppy
28 Alzora Carter?
29 POPPY CHAIRMAN CARTER: Good morning, Ruby.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
31 morning, Alzora. Public Relations Tami Bell?
32 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: I think my tweet
33 is broken.
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She can't
35 Twitter or tweet anymore. She's broken. Resolutions
36 Margaret Quinones? I know Margaret is here.
37 Rules Belen Telford?
38 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Good morning, Ruby.
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
40 morning, Belen. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Susie
41 Tozier?
42 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Bye, Ruby.
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good-bye.
44 Hey, if I can't go, you're not going anywhere. Ways &
45 Means Chris De Le Rosa?
46 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Here.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
48 presidents. District 1, Pat Lindley sitting in for
49 Marialice Clanclini?
50 ACTING DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT LINDLEY: Present.

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 2,
2 Barbara Dailey?
3 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT DAILEY: Present.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3,
5 Lola Ramey?
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absent.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4,
8 Lori Dowden?
9 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: Still here.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5,
11 Wenonah Angier?
12 DISTRICT 5: Good morning. We're glad to see
13 you. See you again next year.
14 (Applause.)
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Glenda
16 Schultz, District 6?
17 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I know you
19 had a hard night, but --
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wake up, District 6.
21 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's it.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Now how can
24 you be in the front row in membership and be like that?
25 District 7, Jamie Bandera?
26 DISTRICT 7: (Blowing whistle.) Game over.
27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8,
28 Tammy Manini?
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absent.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9,
31 Dolly Rios?
32 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
34 10, Susan Peters?
35 DISTRICT 10: Your angels are all here. Good
36 morning.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
38 morning. District 11, Beverly Villines?
39 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Present.
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
41 12, Lisa Stuart?
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, excuse
43 me. We're doing roll call.
44 DISTRICT 12 COLOR GUARD SMITH: Yes, I know,
45 Madam President. Forward March.
46 (Processional.)
47 DISTRICT 12 COLOR GUARD SMITH: Madam President,
48 the American Legion seven times state, six time national
49 champion color guard team has marched in the 12th
50 District. Madam President, may we have permission to

1 approach the podium?
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.
3 DISTRICT 12 COLOR GUARD SMITH: Color Guard.
4 When I had my afro, I was seven feet tall. Good morning,
5 ladies. My name is David Smith. I'm one of the flag
6 guards from the champion color guard team. This gentleman
7 I am carrying, Raul Rodriguez, recently passed away
8 yesterday so we've been carrying him around all weekend
9 long. Our convention has been dedicated to him; however,
10 Madam President, we'd like to present you with the Four
11 Chaplains, if I can get it opened, Challenge Point on
12 behalf of the color guard team.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much.
14 That is gorgeous.
15 DISTRICT 12 COLOR GUARD SMITH: Thank you. Thank
16 you, Madam President.
17 (Applause.)
18 DISTRICT 12 COLOR GUARD SMITH: Thank you.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. They are
20 the most recent 2014 winners of the color guard
21 competition. Give them a big round of applause, District
22 12 color guard.
23 (Applause.)
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And we are all so
25 sorry for your loss. And I know -- and I'm so happy that
26 you're dedicating your convention as well as carrying
27 around Mr. Raul with you. And he will remain in your
28 hearts. Thank you so much.
29 (Processional.)
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That was a nice
31 surprise. You may continue, Madam Secretary.
32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
33 13, Mary Hidalgo? District 13, Mary Hidalgo?
34 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Good morning.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
36 14, Sandra Urban?
37 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: The poppies are
38 waiting to go home.
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, you
40 can't go home. We have lots of business. Right, Madam
41 President?
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right, Ruby.
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
44 15, Karen Herrera is at Girls State. Sitting in is Dee
45 Ann Graham.
46 ACTING DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT HERRERA: Good
47 morning.
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
49 morning. District 16, Connie Biggers?
50 DISTRICT 16: Madam President, your year has come

1 to an end, but your Dream Team will never end. The final
2 score is counted.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, that's great.
4 Thank you.
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
6 18, Laura Bradshaw?
7 DISTRICT 18: Cooking, baking, picture taking,
8 Nothing slows us down. As a team, we're a dream. We slam
9 dunk all around. Dream Team that's our name. Service,
10 that's our fame. Pass it on and join our game, the great
11 Auxiliary.
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
13 (Applause.)
14 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
15 19, Tammy Sollazzo?
16 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President.
17 Pass it on.
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Good
19 morning.
20 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
21 20, Kathleen Goslin is at Girls State. Bonnie Christner
22 is sitting in.
23 ACTING DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT GOSLING: Present,
24 Madam Ruby.
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,
26 Bonnie. District 21, Jennifer Bieger?
27 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
30 22, Karen Bobren?
31 DISTRICT 22: Slam dunk, we're going home. Pass
32 it on.
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
35 President, you must have wore them out. They all want to
36 go home.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know. We all do.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
39 23, Sharon Moore?
40 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.
41 We'll see you at home.
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
44 24, Beatrice Huppert?
45 DISTRICT 24: So long, farewell, Anita now
46 good-bye. We flit, we float, the Clippers say good-bye.
47 Good-bye.
48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good-bye.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
50 25, Debbie Fletcher?

1 DISTRICT 25: We did our best to make you proud.
2 We know you were sincere. We're happy to have been a part
3 of your Dream Team this year. Bye, Madam President Anita.
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good-bye. Good-bye.
5 I mean, good morning.
6 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
7 26, Louann Johnston?
8 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Happy Sunday.
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
10 Monday will be better. District 27, Vella Myers?
11 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Good morning.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
13 morning. District 28, Robin Falkenberg?
14 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam Commissioner.
15 There's still nothing hotter than an otter.
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
17 29, Cheryl Neiffer?
18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Neiffer.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Neiffer.
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Like stabbing.
21 DISTRICT 29: We shot and scored and done our
22 best, now these Warriors are going home to rest.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
24 30, Kim Vincent?
25 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Good morning,
26 Madam President.
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hospital
29 reps. Fort Miley, Lorraine Sullivan?
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absent. She left.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sacramento,
32 Wendy O'Brien?
33 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: I'm here.
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno,
35 Toni Lopez?
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absent.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Palo Alto,
38 Pat Klang?
39 HOSPITAL REP KLANG: Present.
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Livermore,
41 Ruth Briggs?
42 HOSPITAL REP BRIGGS: Here.
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: San Diego
44 WAVE, Lois Cornish?
45 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Here.
46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma Linda,
47 Mavis Kanka?
48 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Here.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Long Beach,
50 Pat Alvarez?

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's here.
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's
3 sleeping.
4 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Greater Los
6 Angeles, Earlean Paige?
7 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Good morning, Ruby.
8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
9 morning. Nevada, Mary Lou Warner?
10 HOSPITAL REP WARNER: Present.
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Barstow,
12 Evangeline Acosta?
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused.
14 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno,
15 Rosalie Taylor?
16 HOSPITAL REP TAYLOR: Proudly working for our
17 veterans.
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lancaster,
19 Linda Hayes?
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's excused.
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding,
22 Terry Mikesell?
23 HOSPITAL REP MIKESELL: She's here. And now that
24 she's answered roll call, can she go home?
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absolutely not.
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You have to
27 speak to Madam. You're a distinguished guest. You can't
28 leave.
29 Ventura, Madeline Lee?
30 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA,
32 Ruth Hackney?
33 HOSPITAL REP HACKNEY: Here.
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yountville,
35 Peggy Grabski?
36 HOSPITAL REP GRABSKI: Here.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
38 Department President, that concludes your roll call.
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Madam
40 Secretary. We will continue with the department chairmen
41 reports. We will first hear from our Public Relations
42 Chairman Tami Bell. After that we'll have our -- who's
43 next? Convention Commission and Finance.
44 Oh, but before all that, our Convention Chairman
45 Theresa Jacob has a quick dribble.
46 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: I hope you guys had a
47 great time last night.
48 (Applause.)
49 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: But unfortunately I'm
50 missing two vases off the tables from last night that I

1 really do need returned to me. You can keep the flowers;
2 I just need my vases back. Please drop them off anywhere.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can be
4 anonymous. The vases cost money and they can't get their
5 money back without all of them. So whomever borrowed
6 them -- they probably didn't take them, but get them from
7 the car.

8 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Are you ready,
9 Madam Department President?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, I'm ready.

11
12 PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

13
14 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Good morning.
15 The convention committee on Public Relations/Editor met on
16 June 19th, 2014 in Room 206 of the Santa Clara Convention
17 Center, Santa Clara, California. The statistical report
18 of this chairman appears on page 24 of the Book of
19 Reports.

20 Jennifer Bieger was appointed secretary, Carrie
21 Taylor offered prayer, and Jessica Gustonson was appointed
22 sergeant-at-arms. A total of 16 district delegates
23 answered roll call. There were five visitors present.

24 The committee agreed upon the following report:
25 Prayer was offered. Code was read by Estella for Editor
26 and by Tami Bell for Public Relations. We did not have
27 any code changes.

28 Discussion regarding the press books was given.
29 We discussed various applications for Facebook, social
30 media, Instagram, and Twitter. A recommendation was made
31 to create a form to be used for everybody that will be
32 uniform regarding the release from parents and guardians
33 to sign for pictures of children posting on social media
34 that are not a member of our Auxiliary. The awards were
35 passed out for second and third place units and second and
36 third place districts.

37 If I may, Madam President, give my supplemental.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. Tami, do you
39 have a copy of the preconvention committee report for us?

40 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Oh, I just have
41 one copy.

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So later in the
43 department office make a copy so that we can have a copy
44 with this report.

45 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much.
47 You may continue.

48 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. The
49 Department of California has completed the National Plan
50 of Actions Public Relations program objective of promoting

1 the American Legion Auxiliary, its mission and goals in a
2 positive image. We have given our districts and units a
3 variety of resources that were available to us from our
4 national website.

5 This Department Chairman teamed with the
6 Department President and Department Membership Chairman in
7 the national public awareness campaign. We sent out
8 notification to our Department of California regarding the
9 public service commercials to be aired restating our goal
10 to increase awareness of our great organization and to
11 ultimately increase membership.

12 We restated the mission of the Million Member
13 March for our 100 year anniversary. We received the leads
14 that came from the commercials and forwarded them to our
15 district presidents and membership chairmen. We made
16 personal phone calls to the leads, engaging the leads in
17 inquiries as to what piqued their interest from the
18 commercial, their military affiliation, and their interest
19 in volunteering with our organization versus any other
20 nonprofit. With such a large state as our Department of
21 California, the follow up on the awareness campaign was
22 quite a challenge.

23 We promoted the American Legion Auxiliary in the
24 traditional manner, with 102 gifts of Auxiliary magazines
25 given, pamphlets passed out at yellow ribbon events,
26 brochures and membership application tables at Stand
27 Downs, craft fairs, chili cookoffs, and also at our many
28 events we participate in -- I've got a problem with those
29 Ps too, Ruby -- we participate in for our active duty
30 military and their families, including our Department of
31 California sponsored Military Children's Spring Dance.

32 We published information about our Girls State
33 program and our nurse's scholarships in local newspapers,
34 fliers in our members' offices and breakrooms. Some of
35 our members are able to publish information about our
36 activities on their business websites.

37 The Department of California promoted the use of
38 the public relations guide and tips for volunteer
39 recruitment. We passed on information on how to write a
40 letter to the editor, how to get information about our
41 events and our activities to the local TV stations, radio,
42 and cable. We found the public relations toolkit a
43 valuable resource.

44 We had 446 newspaper articles published and 75 Op
45 Ed articles published. The Department of California had
46 1147 interviews with reporters resulting in 31 aired
47 events on TV, 43 radio spots, and two cable announcements.

48 We tried to jump into the new age of electronic
49 media and social networking. This chairman concentrated
50 on encouraging and teaching our membership how to set up

1 websites, Facebook pages, and Twitter accounts. Facebook
2 seems to be the number one way our members are promoting
3 our Auxiliary programs, activities by friend requesting
4 other service organizations. Email today is the phone
5 tree of yesterday. Almost all announcements and events
6 submitted for newspaper articles go through email and
7 Facebook. We had nine districts set up new Facebook
8 pages, two new Twitter, and two new Instagram accounts.
9 We realize the key to membership is through public
10 relations.

11 And if I may, Madam President, give out my first
12 place awards.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

14 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: I'm sorry I
15 didn't send a note ahead of time, but they're sitting in
16 the front. First place is presented to District 19 for
17 best supplemental report Public Relations.

18 (Applause.)

19 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: First place unit
20 supplemental is presented to Unit 314, best supplemental
21 report Public Relations.

22 (Applause.)

23 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Best use of
24 social media is presented to George Tadlock, Unit 472 for
25 their innovative use of the web to enhance the Auxiliary
26 mission.

27 (Applause.)

28 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: If I can have an
29 additional point of privilege, Madam President?

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

31 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: As most of you
32 know, our website is very extensive and whatever we put on
33 the website goes up immediately. All of our pictures, our
34 announcements, membership, everything like that. And I
35 would like to present a special certificate of
36 appreciation and these two cases of beer for our own Art
37 Kapsalis.

38 (Applause.)

39 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Ruby, would you
40 like to come and accept this and take this to your home?

41 (Applause.)

42 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: And because I am
43 such a pain in the butt and always e-mailing Ruby about
44 points of procedure and all this kind of stuff, I would
45 like to present Ruby Kapsalis for taking care of our
46 office so well and all of us this special certificate and
47 this present. Thank you.

48 (Applause.)

49 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: One more, Madam
50 President, if you don't mind.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Go right ahead. We
2 have all day. Not.

3 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Ladies, as you
4 all know, we put on our second annual Military Children's
5 Ball. And we could not have done it without the support
6 of Madam President and without the support of all of you
7 throughout the State of California, also our Legion
8 Family. It is a tremendous effort that takes -- that
9 takes the Military Children's Ball committee roughly six
10 months to put on at a cost of \$12,000 this year.

11 So I would like to read you all in case you
12 didn't see it on the email before a letter from my
13 co-chairman Brandon Penn at California National Guard. "I
14 just want wanted to thank you all once again for the
15 tremendous and outstanding job you did on the Military
16 Children's Spring Dance. I am literally floored at the
17 amount of work, resources, and energy that you all put
18 into your events. And from the bottom of my heart, I am
19 thankful for you, your volunteers that you brought to
20 help, some of them being your spouses, and for your
21 dedication to military families.

22 "Notification of the event not only made it all
23 the way to the National Guard Bureau in Washington D.C.,
24 but it even made it to the desk of the White House where
25 the presidential and vice presidential First Ladies take
26 interest in these sorts of events.

27 "The American Legion Auxiliary and the American
28 Legion family continue to be an indispensable part of the
29 support for service members and their families. If
30 there's any way the Child & Youth program can be of
31 support to your organization, please don't hesitate to
32 contact me and I will do all that I can to assist. Thank
33 you cordially, Brandon Penn, Child & Youth program
34 coordinator."

35 I thank you, ladies, from the bottom of my heart
36 for making this come true.

37 (Applause.)

38 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Tammy, can you
39 come up here, please?

40 We have a gift for you, Madam President, if you
41 would like to -- we'll come over there. We tried our
42 hardest to shrink it down and we couldn't. These are the
43 handprints from all the children at the dance, and on the
44 other page is all of their names. And we hope that
45 perhaps it can be posted up in the department office,
46 unless you have a wall in your house for it.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, right. You
48 know, I am so honored. I was so honored to attend the
49 ball, and it was just amazing. And I hope next year many
50 of you will be able to attend. It's something that you

1 can't imagine how grateful the families are that we are
2 honoring them and the children. We're making them the
3 littlest heroes, which they are. This is so special and I
4 do -- when we move into our new district office back at
5 the War Memorial Commission, I'm quite sure that we'll
6 have that ready to be on the wall and framed because it's
7 special.

8 And thank you, Tami Bell and Tammy Sollazzo, the
9 entire committee that worked on this. There were quite a
10 few hands involved, a lot of districts, a lot of money
11 from all over the state, and a lot of obstacles that Tami
12 overcame. And the letter that she read by Brandon, I did
13 take an excerpt of that. You'll see that in my report, I
14 guess, on the National Convention program. Because what
15 he said at the end about us is true. We will help and
16 we're available.

17 So thank you, Tami Bell. Outstanding work. And
18 I heard so many people say I'm going to do that next year.
19 So we're excited about next year with the spring dance for
20 the kids. Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you,
23 everybody.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Before I go on,
25 those of you who were at the banquet last night, did you
26 have a good time? Did you like the Rat Pack? I fell in
27 love with Joey Bishop. He was -- he had me in tears. He
28 said, "I saw that I had you crying." But it was so great.
29 For any of you who missed it, it was a fantastic
30 committee.

31 Linda Workman, you did a great job as usual.
32 Thank you, Linda.

33 (Applause.)

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Well, we want to
35 congratulate and thank all of you who have joined the
36 President's Club for 2013-2014. I will be calling your
37 name. Ruby has your card. She tore up some of them, but
38 she knows how to make them again so it's okay. And we
39 have your Italian charms, the basketball-themed charms.

40 So without further ado, ALA Unit 281, District
41 19; ALA Unit 259 at Cypress; myself, Tami Bell, Jennifer
42 Bieger, LuAnn Capazzi, Diane DeLashmit, Kathryn Doran
43 Katherine Duran, Linda Fercho, Geri Fitzpatrick, Ruby
44 Kapsalis, Madeline Lee, Loretta Marsh, Kathie Martinez,
45 Wendy O'Brien, Marlene Sho, Terry Snow, Rosalie Taylor,
46 Vickie Donahue, Kim Vincent, Linda Workman, and Terry
47 Mikesell.

48 You all can be members. All you have to do is
49 pay \$25 and you will be a member of the President's Club
50 and you will receive an Italian charm. And we thank all

1 of you that are members of the President's Club because
2 this does help our general fund. And so give yourself a
3 big round of applause.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ruby has charms, so
6 if anybody wants a charm today, please see her. And she
7 has the applications. Just fill it out and you'll be part
8 of the history of the President's Club, which is a great
9 club to belong to. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: While they're
12 getting their cards and charms, we'll have the report of
13 our Convention Commission Chairman Melanie Taylor.

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15 CONVENTION COMMISSION REPORT

16
17 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: And good
18 morning, ladies.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

20 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam
21 Department President Anita, I would like to start my
22 report out by telling you that this has been a trying year
23 due to the fact that the Auxiliary Convention Commission
24 was not invited to tour an approved convention site in
25 Ontario, nor were they invited to attend the Ontario
26 Commission's meeting. And the Department Vice President
27 was told last November that she had to sign the convention
28 agreement then, even before being elected as Department
29 President.

30 At that time it was decided by the Auxiliary
31 Convention Commission, the Department Vice President, and
32 the 2015 Department Convention Chairman that an Ontario
33 convention site needed to be secured.

34 This chairman sent a letter to the Ontario
35 Convention City Commission requesting I be informed of the
36 next meeting time and location in order for the Auxiliary
37 Convention Commission to inspect the hotel and convention
38 center to see if it met the Auxiliary's requirements
39 before any contract was signed.

40 A site inspection of the Ontario Convention
41 Center and the Doubletree Hotel was arranged for the
42 Auxiliary Convention Commission on Sunday, May 4th. We
43 were not able to see the Doubletree hotel fully due to
44 time restraints. An inspection was also scheduled at the
45 Ontario Airport Hotel as the possible Auxiliary Convention
46 meeting site.

47 The main objective and concern was for the
48 comfort and convenience of our Auxiliary members and not
49 to alienate ourselves from the American Legion. The
50 possibility of holding the 2015 Auxiliary Convention at

1 the Ontario Airport Hotel was discussed and voted upon
2 Thursday morning at the department DEC meeting. The
3 convention dates are June 24th through 28th, 2015.

4 Madam President, at this time I move to accept
5 the DEC recommendation to move the American Legion
6 Auxiliary 2015 Convention to the Ontario Airport Hotel.

7 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
9 and seconded to accept the Department Executive Committee
10 recommendation to move the American Legion Auxiliary 2015
11 Convention to the Ontario Airport Hotel. Is there any
12 discussion on this motion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hearing none, all
15 those in favor say aye.

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
18 no.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.

21 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Thank
22 you, Madam President.

23 Ladies, this hotel is perfect for the Auxiliary.
24 The room rate is \$26 per night cheaper than the Doubletree
25 Hotel, with -- with adequate convention space. All the
26 meeting rooms are on the first floor inside the hotel,
27 except for the finance committee which will be on the
28 second floor, with tiered chairs and tables so you're not
29 juggling papers all over your lap. The atrium is perfect
30 for the Past Presidents' Parley luncheon and the
31 President's Banquet.

32 The Legion was invited to join the Auxiliary at
33 the Ontario Airport Hotel and to set up their casino night
34 there. There is a buffet, a coffee shop, a cocktail
35 lounge, and Starbucks in the hotel lobby and box lunches
36 will be available. A hospitality suite is available all
37 four days and we can bring in our own food for the
38 candidate's night reception.

39 There is complementary WiFi in all public areas
40 and free shuttle to and from the Ontario Airport which is
41 only two minutes away. Five minutes if you hit a red
42 light. Ontario Mills shuttle will take us to the Ontario
43 Mills Shopping Mall and nearby restaurants and the
44 convention center, and parking is free. These are just a
45 few of the comps that were on our list.

46 Now, Madam President, going on to the American
47 Legion Department Convention Corporation, they had their
48 last meeting at the 5th area meeting/annual chili cookoff
49 and the Auxiliary Commission Member -- excuse me. Our
50 Auxiliary Commission Member Norma DuVall was in attendance

1 and was asked to sit in as temporary secretary. They
2 discussed the writing of the constitution and bylaws and
3 securing the federal EIN number.

4 Sue Hooker and I were asked to be the elected
5 trustees for the Department Convention Corporation, each
6 serving for three years. The corporation will be taking
7 over after the 2015 Ontario convention.

8 And a little update. I had to write this in
9 because we did meet with the Department Convention
10 Corporation Thursday after our meeting and we discussed
11 the possibility of future conventions in separate hotels
12 and not convention centers as they are very expensive.
13 They are still working on obtaining their EIN number and
14 changing it from a calendar year to a fiscal year. So
15 I've instructed them how they need to do that with the
16 IRS.

17 The 2016 Department Convention was going to be
18 held in Fresno. It is not now as they have backed out, so
19 I have no future convention dates for you at this moment,
20 but hopefully we will be -- the Department Convention
21 Corporation will be meeting again soon. I have been told
22 that the DEC meeting, we don't know where it's at yet, but
23 we will be discussing future convention sites then.

24 Madam President, this concludes my report.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,
26 Melanie.

27 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I'm
28 sorry. Madam President?

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, Melanie.

30 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I'm still
31 a little tired from battling with Dino and his drink last
32 night. I forgot to introduce the members on your
33 convention commission at this time.

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

35 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Norma
36 DuVall and Sue Hooker.

37 (Applause.)

38 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I want to
39 thank these ladies for working on this Ontario Convention
40 for 2015. I appreciate all their help very, very much.
41 Thank you.

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, ladies,
43 for all your heart work traveling across the state. Thank
44 you very much.

45 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: Madam President, may I have a
46 point of privilege?

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, go ahead.

48 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: This is -- excuse me. I'm
49 Susie Johansen, delegate from Unit 243, District 24. Does
50 this mean we're trying to break away from the men going to

1 convention?
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You mean we're going
3 to break from the American Legion?
4 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: No, no, from the conventions.
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No.
6 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: We will always be in
7 separate --
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, no, we won't
9 always be. We're just voting on this particular
10 convention for 2015. So we're going to be at a
11 separate -- we're not going to be at the Convention Center
12 with the American Legion. We will be in a hotel and our
13 convention will be contained there like it was last year
14 in Palm Springs. We were in a hotel, you know, contained
15 in one hotel. We didn't have to go back and forth to a
16 convention center.
17 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: So in other words --
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Just for 2015. And
19 then -- they're on the Convention Commission, the
20 corporation, Melanie Taylor and Sue Hooker, are on that
21 board with them for at least three years so that we will
22 have more of a voice as to locations and amenities that we
23 require for our members. We will not be -- we don't want
24 to be treated as second-class citizens when it's time for
25 us to have our convention.
26 (Applause.)
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I agree.
28 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: I agree with you totally;
29 however, I was just wondering, it seems like there's going
30 to be a lot of work involved.
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It will be work
32 involved, you know, but we work anyway. I mean, we have
33 work to do when it comes to a convention. But trust me,
34 the ladies that are in charge is the 25th District, the
35 18th District. They are in well-versed in, you know,
36 organizing and constructing these conventions.
37 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: Just last one. Why didn't
38 the men go here if it's so good?
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The Legion, they --
40 we don't know what they're exactly going to do, so we're
41 going to defer and let them make their decision after we
42 presented it to them and see what they can do about it.
43 DELEGATE JOHANSEN: Thank you very much.
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you for your
45 questions. At this time we have some special guests that
46 are entering the hall. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and
47 Marshal, along with the Distinguished Guest Chairman,
48 please escort to this podium the newly elected Detachment
49 of California, Sons of the American Legion Commander.
50 (Processional.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And it looks like he
2 brought all of his officers. It is my pleasure to
3 introduce to you from District 6, Post 521, Michael Fox.
4 (Applause.)
5 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Wow. What a roomful
6 of beautiful ladies staring at me. Don't I feel special.
7 Ladies, first of all, I've got to say thank you because
8 everybody knows that the backbone in this organization is
9 all the women in this room right here. As a youth I don't
10 think I would have ever made it without Unit 521 behind me
11 the whole way. So, ladies, thank you.
12 I know everybody's got a lot of business so I'm
13 going to keep it short and sweet. I'd like to introduce
14 the newly elected appointed officers. Starting to my
15 left, the Senior Vice Commander Robert Kelly.
16 (Applause.)
17 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Junior Vice Commander
18 Tommy Dan Jordan.
19 (Applause.)
20 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Adjunct Ned Fox.
21 (Applause.)
22 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: He's also my father.
23 (Applause.)
24 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: I was told a long time
25 ago in an organization that the Commander is great, but
26 the Adjunct will make you or break you. So I figured who
27 better to put in that position than him; right? My Judge
28 Advocate Bucky Curtis.
29 (Applause.)
30 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Finance Officer Mark
31 Severance.
32 (Applause.)
33 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Chaplain Ray Bradford
34 (Applause.)
35 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: My Sergeant-at-Arms
36 Gil Desmeules.
37 (Applause.)
38 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: My Historian Mr.
39 Fisher.
40 (Applause.)
41 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: And my Vice Commander
42 starting with Area 1 Bill Bryant.
43 (Applause.)
44 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Number 2 Victor Henry.
45 (Applause.)
46 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Number 3 Mike LaToya.
47 Excuse me. Number 4. Where is number 3? Number 3 is in
48 the color guard. Number 4, Mike LaToya.
49 (Applause.)
50 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Number 3 is David

1 Smith.
2 (Applause.)
3 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Number 5 Mr. Jim
4 Eubanks.
5 (Applause.)
6 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: Number 6 John Bartos.
7 (Applause.)
8 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: And my Alternate
9 National Executive Committeeman Mr. Don Ramirez.
10 (Applause)
11 DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOX: And now somebody who
12 doesn't need any introduction to you ladies, but the
13 Junior Past Commander Mr. Chris Affolter.
14 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Your theme
15 is basketball; right? Here it is. You remember I
16 promised her that second gift; right? And my wife hunted
17 hill and dell for a WNBA basketball. And it was hard to
18 find so I got you an NBA one. Okay?
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.
20 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: And on one
21 side of this has all of the 2013-2014 Sons of the American
22 Legion officers that have signed it. Now the other side
23 is for your officers.
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.
25 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: So thank you
26 so much for all your support this year, Anita.
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
28 (Applause.)
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I've got to pass it
30 around. Did you bring a marker?
31 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: No.
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We need a
33 marker. I want to thank you all. Congratulations to you,
34 Mr. Fox. I know you're going to have a fantastic year
35 with Harriet. You know, two really good-looking people
36 here. It's going to be great.
37 So on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, we
38 congratulate these officers, the Detachment of California,
39 and wish you a wonderful year full of fun as we've always
40 had. So thank you, sir, for your services to our
41 veterans. Continue good works.
42 (Applause.)
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Will the
44 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished
45 Guest Chairman, please escort our Detachment to the back
46 to the room. Thank you, sir.
47 (Processional.)
48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me,
49 Commander. One more minute. The Past Commander forgot
50 one thing that -- a very important thing, ladies. Please

1 stay standing.

2 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: 2013-2014
3 Auxiliary Member of the Year goes to Tina Martin, Unit 365
4 from Vista, California.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: District 22.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's District 22.
8 Congratulations, Tina. Are you here? Okay. They'll have
9 her award for her at a later time. We don't have it here.
10 You don't need to come. It's not here. Well, they'll get
11 her award to her later.

12 Thank you all. Now we can continue with our
13 processional of the detachment officers. Thank you,
14 gentlemen, for coming in.

15 (Processional.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ask and you shall
17 receive. Oh, for those who are still standing, you are so
18 obedient. We have six new President's Club members
19 already since I made the announcement. That's right. You
20 need to go to the Ways & Means table to receive your
21 charm. Ruby will send you your card in the mail as well
22 as an application so you can fill it out. But thank you,
23 ladies, so much.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Let us continue. Is
26 the Finance Committee on the stage? Okay. We'll now hear
27 from our Finance Chairman and Committee, Kathie Martinez,
28 Geri Fitzpatrick, and Kathryn Doran.

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30 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

31
32 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning, Madam
33 President. Good morning, ladies.

34 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

35 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Are we all ready to
36 go home?

37 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah.

38 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I know I am. The
39 Convention Commission on Finance met on June 19th, 2014 in
40 Room 205 of the Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa
41 Clara, California. The statistical report of this
42 chairman does not appear in the Book of Reports.

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What?

44 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I got my own Book of
45 Reports. Geri Fitzpatrick, District 4, was appointed
46 secretary. Terry Mikesell, District 2, offered prayer,
47 and Linda Workman, District 26, was appointed
48 Sergeant-At-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates
49 answered roll call. There were three visitors present.

50 The code was read and the following changes were

1 recommended: Code number 4 currently reads: "The annual
2 audit shall be completed no later than November 15th and
3 shall appear in the Book of Proceedings, one copy of the
4 audit shall be mailed to each district by the Department
5 Secretary/Treasurer as soon as it is received from the
6 auditing firm. 2010."

7 Recommended change to read: "The annual audit
8 shall be completed no later than November 15th and shall
9 appear in the Book of Proceedings, one copy of the audit
10 shall be provided to each district by the Department
11 Secretary/Treasurer as soon as it is received from the
12 auditing firm."

13 By direction of the committee I move the
14 acceptance of this code change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The finance
16 committee has recommended a code change to Code 4: "The
17 annual audit shall be completed no later than November
18 15th and shall appear in the Book of Proceedings, one copy
19 of the audit shall be provided to each district by the
20 Department Secretary/Treasurer as soon as it is received
21 from the auditing firm."

22 Is there any discussion on this code change?
23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
25 say aye.

26 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
28 no.

29 (No response.)

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.

31 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Adding
32 code number 10 to read: "Secretary/Treasurer shall be
33 limited to \$25,000 with single signing authority; any
34 transaction over \$25,000 shall require detailed approval
35 by email from the Department President and the Finance
36 Chairman. Each invoice shall be paid in full with
37 supporting documentation/approval attached."

38 By direction of the committee I move the
39 acceptance of this new code.

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of
41 the finance committee they want to add a code number 10 to
42 read: "Secretary/Treasurer shall be limited to \$25,000
43 with single signing authority; any transaction over
44 \$25,000 shall require detailed approval by email from the
45 Department President and the Finance Chairman. Each
46 invoice shall be paid in full with supporting
47 documentation/approval attached."

48 Is there any discussion on this additional code?
49 (No response.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,

1 say aye.
2 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
4 no.
5 (No response.)
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
7 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Under the
8 allowances and expenses section, code number 3 is
9 housekeeping. Do you need me to read the entire code in
10 detail?
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No.
12 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Your housekeeping is
14 to add --
15 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: To remove the word
16 "and."
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: To remove the word
18 "and" on Code 3. And that is acceptable.
19 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Code 7
20 currently reads: "Members of the Official Family called
21 to the Executive Board Meeting and Convention shall
22 receive mileage of 25 cents per mile en route, provided
23 they have filed their expense sheet with the Department
24 Office. 2008."
25 Proposed change: "Members of the Official Family
26 called to the Executive Board Meeting and Convention shall
27 receive mileage of 25 cents per mile en route, not to
28 exceed \$500, provided they have filed their expense sheet
29 with the Department Office."
30 By direction of the committee, I move the
31 acceptance of this code change.
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: At the
33 recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following
34 code change for Code 7 reads: "Members of the Official
35 Family called to the Executive Board Meeting and
36 Convention shall receive mileage of 25 cents per mile en
37 route, not to exceed \$500, provided they have filed their
38 expense sheet with the Department Office."
39 Is there any discussion on this code change?
40 (No response.)
41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
42 say aye.
43 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
45 no.
46 (No response.)
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
48 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Code
49 number 11 currently reads: "Department Officers,
50 Chairmen, District Presidents, and Medical Center

1 Representatives shall calculate travel expenses at 25
2 cents a mile en route or coach fare. This shall apply to
3 called meetings or conferences within the State of
4 California. 2011."

5 Recommended change: "Department Officers,
6 Chairmen, District Presidents, and Medical Center
7 Representatives shall calculate travel expenses at 25
8 cents a mile en route, or coach fare, not to exceed \$500.
9 This shall apply to called meetings or conferences within
10 the State of California."

11 By direction of the committee, I move acceptance
12 of this code change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There is a code
14 change to Code 11 recommended by the Finance Committee
15 that reads: "Department Officers, Chairmen, District
16 Presidents, and Medical Center Representatives shall
17 calculate travel expenses at 25 cents a mile en route, or
18 coach fare, not to exceed \$500. This shall apply to
19 called meetings or conferences within the State of
20 California."

21 Is there any discussion on this code change?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
24 say aye.

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
27 no.

28 (No response.)

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.

30 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. The
31 meeting of the finance committee adjourned at 11:54.
32 Madam President, this concludes the report of the Finance
33 Committee. I think my five minutes are up. Can we sit
34 down?

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, you may not.

36 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Oh, man.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good try.

38 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. In that case
39 we will present the proposed budget.

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Ladies,
41 are you prepared to proceed on your budget? Fabulous.

42 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Has everybody
43 received a budget? Okay. We're going to do a three-part
44 harmony here. I'll start.

45 Okay. Are we ready, ladies?

46 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE FITZPATRICK: No. Our
47 five minutes are up.

48 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: They're not ready, so
49 I guess we have to sit down. Okay. General fund 42400.
50 Americanism donations, \$7,750. Code 42410 Dues Membership

1 Senior and Junior, 350,106. Do you need to me read the
2 notes or are they sufficient as they're printed?
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You don't need to
4 read the notes.
5 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. 42411
6 Dues Unit 1000, \$14,120. 42412 Dues - Auxiliary New
7 Assessment, \$22,190. 42413 Postage Income, \$2,000. 42414
8 Department Supply Orders, \$1,000. 42415 Ways & Means
9 Fundraising cruise/trip, zero. Fundraising eScrip, \$20.
10 42415 Ways & Means other, \$6,000. 42416 Current
11 Department President Pins, \$6,100. 42417 Donations - In
12 Loving Tribute, \$1,200. 42418 Donations - President Club,
13 \$500.
14 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And
15 growing.
16 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yes, yes. 42419
17 Interest Income - Unrestricted, 3,000. 42420 Admin Income
18 Other Accounts, \$17,000. 42421 Admin Income Girls
19 State -- we don't get anything there? Okay. I should
20 have looked before I read that one.
21 42422 Fidelity Bond, \$4,777.50. 42423 Delegate
22 Fees Convention, 17,000. 42424 Income Reimbursement From
23 National, \$1,000. 42425 Department Convention
24 Proceedings, \$100. 42426 California Disaster Fund, 2,000.
25 42450 Sweepstakes, 9,000. 42453 Department President
26 Special Project, 10,000. 42454 Leadership Cards, 100.
27 42460 Department Convention Banquet, 4,000. 42461,
28 Department Past Presidents' Parlay Luncheon, \$3,500.
29 42462 Midyear/DEC Meals, 2,500. 42477 National Convention
30 Income, 1700. 42449 Live Units, 700. 42480 Relocation,
31 8,500. Total General Fund Program Income, \$495,863.50.
32 General Fund - Administrative. Please write that
33 in, the word "expense." Salaries (Net), \$102,500.
34 Payroll Taxes, 14,000. 62402 Insurance, \$1,780. 62404
35 Supplies, 2,000. 62405 Postage, Mailing Service, 16,000.
36 62406 Telephone Telecommunications, 3300. 62407 Computer
37 Licenses/Website, 300. 62408 Employee Insurance, \$750.
38 62409 Workers' Compensation Insurance, 650. 62410, Rental
39 Equipment and Maintenance, 14,000. 62411 Rent, Parking,
40 Utilities, \$500.
41 62412 Fidelity Bond -- that's dishonesty
42 insurance -- 4,777.50. 62413 Depreciation and
43 Amortization, excuse me, zero. 62414 Finance Committee,
44 \$3,500. 62415 Accounting and Audit, 10,000. 62416
45 Payroll Services, 1500. 62417 Auxiliary News Editor, \$50.
46 62418 Auxiliary News Publishing, 22,540. 62419 Finance
47 Chair, \$50. 62420 Filing Fees and FTB fees, \$200.
48 62421 Sales Tax FTB. That's Franchise Tax Board.
49 That is a Girls State item that is in there now. We are
50 not budgeting through the department office because we

1 don't do the sales tax. 62422 Bank Fees and Return
2 Checks, 1500. 62423 New Computer Office Equipment, \$1000.
3 62424 Contract Service, zero. That could have been
4 deleted. 62400 General Fund Administrative, zero.
5 General Fund Administrative Expense, \$199,897.50.
6 Moving onto page 3. General Fund Other Expenses.
7 62426 Charitable Trusts, \$75. 62427 Relocation Storage,
8 \$2,280. 62428 Relocation Communication, nothing there.
9 No movers. 62431 National Dues, \$197,890.75. 62432
10 Department President's Pins, 2,000.
11 62434 Ways & Means. Fundraising 62433 Pins and
12 Charms Promo, 1500. 62434 Ways & Means Other, 500.
13 Department President's Special Project, 10,000. I'm
14 sorry, ladies. That's 62437. 62443 Temporary Admin Staff
15 Expense should be 20 -- that's in the wrong -- no, we did
16 not -- we didn't budget that because we're hoping somebody
17 will fill this. Please, ladies, put your applications in.
18 Ruby would really, really appreciate it. And that figure
19 is also included in the salaries. As you noticed we did
20 not change the salaries. We left it as is to cover the
21 temporary staffing, but we did have a need to create a
22 line for their expense. Total General Fund Other
23 Expenses, \$214,245.75.
24 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE FITZPATRICK: 62451
25 Department President, 7,500. Department Vice President,
26 200. 62452 District Presidents, 4,500. 62454 Training
27 and Program Workshop, 4,000. Parliamentarian, \$25.
28 Authorized travel, \$2,000. Executive Committee Meeting,
29 \$12,300. Distinguished Guests, \$400. 62459
30 Secretary/Treasurer Travel Allowance, \$500. 2460 Past
31 Department President Pin, \$400. National Candidates
32 Reserve, \$500. National President's Visit, \$1500. 2464
33 Officers and Chairmen Liability, 1800. Got to turn the
34 page here.
35 62465 National Department Leadership Conference,
36 2,000. Musician, \$25. General Fund, \$37,650.
37 Okay. Now on to the General Fund Convention
38 Expenses. 62471 Department Convention Including Mileage,
39 15,000. Department Convention Proceedings, 400.
40 Convention Reporter, 5,500. Convention Commission
41 Chairman, 200. Convention Chair Department, 150. AL
42 Convention Commission, \$2,500. National Convention,
43 6,000. Convention Expenses, \$29,750.
44 Now we'll go down to the general fund, the
45 committee expenses. 62481 Auxiliary Emergency Fund
46 Chairman, \$50. Americanism Chairman, 75. Constitution &
47 Bylaws Chairman, 225. Chaplain, 150. Community Service,
48 \$50. These are all our chairmen, the department chairmen.
49 Historian, \$375. Junior Activities, \$50. Leadership,
50 150. Legislative, 50. American Legion Auxiliary DC

1 Conference, \$500. Membership Chair, 350. Membership
2 Promotion, 650. The membership support team is nothing.
3 National Security Chair, \$50. Public Relations Chair,
4 \$50. Public Relations Press Book, \$50. W&M Chair, \$50,
5 Ways & Means. American Essay Awards Grants, 6,200.
6 California Disaster Fund Expenses, 2,000. Americanism
7 Administrative Fee, \$1,500.

8 We're on page 5, ladies. General Fund Committee
9 Expenses, \$12,575. Summary of General Fund. General Fund
10 Program income, \$495,863.50. General Fund Program
11 Expenses Administrative, \$199,897.50. General Fund Other
12 Expenses, \$214,245.75. Executive Expenses, \$37,650.
13 Convention Expense, \$29,750. General Fund Committee
14 Expense, \$12,575. Total General Fund Program Expenses,
15 \$494,118.25.

16 We're under budget by \$1,745.25.

17 (Applause.)

18 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE FITZPATRICK: General
19 Reserves and Restricted Summary. General Fund Reserves.
20 This is as of 3/31/14. \$293,700.19. Americanism Essay,
21 \$4,305.16. Excuse me. It is 54,305.16. I'm sorry. I
22 thought it was a dollar sign there. First mistake today.
23 California Disaster, \$42,938.97. Auxiliary News,
24 \$26,521.13. Display Case, \$3,093. National Candidate,
25 \$500. Total General Funds Restricted, \$127,358.26. Total
26 General Fund Reserves, \$166,341.93.

27 Okay. Our Welfare Funds. Poppy Production Fund
28 Income, 61,000. And that was -- I forget when that was.
29 Poppy Distributions, 12,000. Interest Income Restricted,
30 we don't have that yet. Do we? We don't have that figure
31 yet. Poppy Donations, 200. Poppy Production Fund Income,
32 \$73,200.

33 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE DORAN: 64501 Postage
34 Poppy Production Manager, 2,200. 64502 Poppy Proceeds
35 Distribution, \$1,200. 64503 Administrative Fee, 6,100.
36 64504 Poppy Production Labor, 40,000. 64505 Poppy
37 Production Poppy Kits, 18,000. 64506 Poppy Awards, 200.
38 64507 Poppy Chair, \$175. 64508 Bank Fees/Service Charges,
39 \$20. Total Poppy Production Fund Expense, 64500 is
40 \$67,895. We have on that portion we are under budget by
41 \$5,305.

42 (Applause.)

43 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE DORAN: Poppy Fund
44 Reserves. We don't have a number there right at the
45 moment. Welfare Fund and VAR. 48501, 22,000. That's VAR
46 Donations Units Income. 48502 Poppy Proceeds
47 Distribution, \$300. 48503 Donations to Gifts Patient
48 Remembrance, 13,000. 48504 Interest Income Restricted,
49 2,000. 48505 VAR TFA, 8,000. Total WF48500 Welfare
50 Fund/VAR is 45,300.

1 Welfare Expense/VAR. 68501 Administrative Fee,
2 5,500. 68502 TFA Cases, 15,100. 68503 Patient Welfare
3 Funds, 1,200. 68504 VAMC Tours, 1,900. 68505, Gift
4 Shop/Patient Remembrance, 13,000. 68506 Hospital
5 Representatives, 2,700. 68507 Midyear Meetings
6 Representatives, 2,500. 68508 National Rehabilitation,
7 zero. 68509 Chairman, \$400. 68510 Bank Fees/Service
8 Charges, \$150. 68511 Creative Arts. We have nothing
9 there. Total of 68500 Welfare Fund Expense/VAR, \$42,450.
10 We are under budget by 2,850.

11 (Applause.)

12 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE DORAN: 68620 Welfare
13 Fund/Children & Youth. Okay. 68621 Children Youth
14 Donations/Unit Income, \$7,000. 68 -- excuse me. 48621
15 Poppy Fund Distribution, \$300. Total WF 48620, Welfare
16 Fund/Children & Youth, 7,300.

17 Welfare Fund Expense Children & Youth. WF68601
18 Administrative Expense, \$1750. 68602 TFA/Welfare Cases,
19 5,400. 68603 Chairman, \$150. Total Welfare Fund Expense
20 Children Youth, 7,300.

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Madam President, Susie
22 Tozier, District 22. I have a question on the TFA
23 numbers. Since we raised all that money, shouldn't though
24 numbers be a little bit higher? Because the cases are
25 going to be -- we're going to start seeing a lot of cases
26 coming in. I've already had three inquiries after I ran
27 out of the money recently.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right now we're on
29 Children & Youth.

30 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: But we also talked about
31 the Children & Youth one. It seems awfully low. You
32 know, we collected all that money and it seems awfully
33 low.

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We collected money
35 for VA&R.

36 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yeah, but VA&R is still
37 \$77,000.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, it's going to
39 be designated and the funds will be available to -- you
40 know, I -- one thing for sure is if money is needed for
41 TFA and we have the funds in the VA&R program, you can
42 always request the funds.

43 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Okay.
44 Thanks.

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Go ahead.

46 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE DORAN: Welfare
47 Fund/Education. 48731 Education Donations/Income, 7,500.
48 48732 Poppy 10 Percent Distribution, 300. 48733 Income
49 Restricted Funds 2,000. 48734 Income Poppy Seals, 1,500.
50 Total 48700 Welfare Fund Education/Income is 11,300.

1 68700 Welfare Fund Expense/Education. 68701
2 Administrative Fee, 1,875. 68702 Scholarships General,
3 \$8500. 68704 Poppy Seals, 500. 68705 Chairman, 150.
4 Total Welfare Fund Expense For Education, \$11,025. We are
5 under budget \$275.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE DORAN: 48840, Welfare
8 Funds/Past Presidents' Parlay. 48841 PPP Donations Unit
9 Income, 8,100. 48842 Poppy Fund Distribution, 300. Total
10 Welfare Funds Past Presidents' Parlay, \$8,400.

11 Welfare Fund Past Presidents' Parlay. 68801
12 Administrative Fee, \$1,625. 68802 Nurse's Scholarships,
13 \$6,175. 68803 Chairman, \$100. 68800 Welfare Fund/PPP
14 Luncheon Awards, 500. Total Welfare Fund/Past Presidents'
15 Parlay expenses, \$8,400.

16 Summary of Welfare Programs. Summary of Income.
17 Total WF48500, Welfare Fund/VAR, 45,300. Total WF48620
18 Welfare Fund/Children & Youth, 7,300. Total WF48700
19 Welfare Fund Education/Income, 11,300. Total WF48840
20 Welfare Funds/PP Parlay, 8,400. Total income accounts,
21 72,300.

22 Summary of Expenses. Total WF68500 Welfare Fund
23 Expense/VAR, \$42,450. Total WF68600 Welfare Fund Expense
24 Children & Youth, 7,300. Total WF68700 Welfare Fund
25 Expense Education, \$11,025. Total WF68800 Welfare
26 Fund/PPP, 8,400. Total expense accounts, \$69,175. We are
27 under budget \$3,125.

28 (Applause.)

29 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I'm back. Page 9,
30 Summary of Welfare Reserves. Veterans Affair and
31 Rehabilitation. These figures are as of March 31st, 2014.
32 \$112,019.22. Children & Youth, \$32,005.49. Education,
33 \$41,149.92. Past Presidents' Parlay, \$43,436.02.

34 Madam President, I move the acceptance of this
35 budget as presented.

36 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam
37 President?

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did I hear a second?

39 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Second.

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
41 and seconded to accept this budget as the 2014-'15 budget
42 as presented.

43 Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes
44 Linda Workman at the mic.

45 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Linda
46 Workman, District 26. My question would be on page 4 of
47 the budget. GF62476 American Legion Convention
48 Commission, \$2500. Since that was made in the motion this
49 morning, should that money not be moved into the
50 Convention Chairman Department?

1 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: It should be now.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you want to make
3 a motion to move that money?
4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I move
5 that the \$2500 be moved from GF62476 to GF62475.
6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: To the Chairman?
8 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: No, to
9 the --
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's the one you
11 said.
12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Okay.
13 Which one would be for the department -- there is no -- no
14 account for our Department Convention, so I'm trying to
15 think of the closest thing.
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wouldn't that need
17 to go into 62471 for Department Convention expenses?
18 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Department
19 Convention expenses. Okay. Yes. I'll amend it to say
20 going to 62471.
21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
23 and seconded to move -- it includes mileage. It has been
24 moved and seconded to move the line item expense GF62476
25 \$2500 to line item GF62471 for Department Convention
26 expenses. Is there any discussion on this amendment?
27 (No response.)
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
29 say aye.
30 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
32 no.
33 (No response.)
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried. The
35 Chair recognizes Diane DeLashmit.
36 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President, on
37 page 7 it's WF68702 Scholarships - General. There's
38 budgeted \$8500, and if we go through the code and add up
39 all the scholarships that are offered, which I didn't do
40 today but there weren't any changes from previous years,
41 it amounts to about \$13,000 that we actually have
42 available for scholarships. And yes, there is a
43 disclaimer saying if we don't have the funds, we don't
44 give the scholarships, but we do have the funds.
45 First off, there's an overage of -- I'm sorry.
46 An under budget of \$275, which could be moved there. That
47 doesn't give us much, but it's a little bit. And if you
48 look at reserves for Education, we have \$41,149 in
49 reserves. I'm not really stating that we need to go into
50 reserves, but I don't think we need to be under budget and

1 not have at least that 275 moved to the scholarship so
2 that we can offer those scholarships and not be limited to
3 the 8500. So I so move that the 275 go into that column.
4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
6 and seconded to add \$275 to the line item WF68702
7 Scholarships - General for Education to make that \$8,775.
8 Is there any discussion on that motion?
9 (No response.)
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is everybody with
11 me? All those in favor, say aye.
12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed, say
14 no.
15 (No response.)
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried. The
17 Chair recognizes the delegate at the mic. That's you.
18 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Kathie, just
19 a question.
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You have to identify
21 yourself for the record.
22 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Joan Cannon,
23 Unit 249, District 11, Community Service Chairman. Just a
24 question. On page 4 right below GF62598, it's got the CA,
25 California, Disaster Fund. Is that just where you're
26 listing extra expenses? Because it kind of makes it look
27 like that's part of Americanism to me and it's part of the
28 Community Service.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you explain what
30 line you're at? I'm sorry.
31 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: GF62598.
32 That's Americanism Essay Wards/Grants. Underneath that is
33 CA Disaster Fund Expense. Is that just where you're
34 placing it, it doesn't --
35 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: At the time the
36 budget was created, we did not have a line item code to
37 enter for California Disaster Fund Expense. It is a
38 separate line item. We just did not have a line item
39 number to insert.
40 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: So you're
41 going to get one?
42 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yeah, there will be a
43 General Fund number associated to that expense.
44 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. Thank
45 you.
46 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: You're welcome.
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any further
48 discussion on the amended -- we voted on the amendment;
49 right? Yeah. Any further discussion on the motion? All
50 those in favor of accepting the 2014-2015 budget as

1 amended, please say aye.
2 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.
4 (No response.)
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
6 Excellent job.
7 (Applause.)
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They deserve a
9 standing ovation.
10 (Standing Ovation and Applause.)
11 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: You all are going to
12 make cry.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is by far one
14 of the best budgets I've seen since coming to the
15 convention. Thank you, Kathie Martinez. Outstanding job,
16 Geri and Kathryn. I know she couldn't have done it
17 without you all. I know that you have been an outstanding
18 support.
19 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President, if I
20 might take just a minute and a half.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.
22 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Or five.
23 Yeah, because I get five minutes; right? Ladies, I just
24 need to say publicly, I have told these two ladies, our
25 Department Acting Secretary Ruby Kapsalis how much I
26 appreciate them, all of their hard work, but I need for
27 you ladies to know and to hear that without their help,
28 specially Kathryn, she is a computer whiz on getting
29 everything lined up, checking for errors, getting it back
30 to Ruby so that the corrections could be made in a timely
31 manner in the office. And without these ladies, without
32 their support, I would be under a table somewhere. It is
33 a team effort and I could not have worked with a better
34 team this year. Thank you.
35 (Applause.)
36 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: One last thing. The
37 last two pages, ladies, are for information only. It is
38 the proposed Girls State budget and Junior budget. So
39 nothing to be presented; it's just for information. No,
40 junior is zero. They're both there.
41 So, ladies, thank you again. And it's been a
42 pleasure, Madam President. Thank you very much.
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You are so welcome.
44 Thank you very much, ladies, for your tireless work.
45 We'll now hear from our Advisory Chairman along
46 with the other chair leaders. Madeline Lee.
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48 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
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50 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Good morning, ladies.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.
3 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: First I'd like to
4 introduce my other cheerleaders. I'm Madeline Lee and
5 this is Odette Cuccaro and Willie Burke.
6 Madam President, you've done an outstanding,
7 superb job this year.
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
9 (Applause.)
10 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Thank you. We have been
11 faced with many challenges, but you have handled each one
12 with efficiency and grace. And we have been there as your
13 cheerleaders, and it's been a privilege serving with you
14 to give you encouragement and support. But we want to
15 give you one last cheer. All right? Okay. And
16 everybody.
17 ALL PRESENT: Hip hip hooray. Hip hip hooray for
18 a job well done.
19 (Applause.)
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: These are the best
21 advisors. They've been -- they've had a lot of work this
22 year and they helped a lot with the State of California.
23 Past Department Presidents who continue to assist and
24 serve us, we are so blessed.
25 We have a presentation by our Team Spirit. Are
26 you ready, Madam Chaplain? We're moving right along, huh?
27 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam
28 President.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're welcome.
30 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The other day, I think it
31 was Friday, when you went to visit the Legionnaires, I
32 tried to make the presentation of your prayer book and I
33 was put on hold. And I thank you for this time. May I
34 approach your station?
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You certainly may.
36 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That is so
38 beautiful. Oh, beautiful. This is a new kind of fangled
39 book because it has two binding sides. I've never seen it
40 before. And you flip this open. That's really cool. And
41 it's a beautiful book full of prayers. Did I hit you in
42 the head, Diane? Pray for her.
43 Thank you, Madam Chaplain, my beautiful Team
44 Spirit. Thank you for everything you've done this year.
45 You've been fantastic. And she's trying to elevate the
46 office of Chaplain as well as the district and unit
47 chaplains. She would like for you to all just do a little
48 bit more and report better. Just give a little bit more
49 information. Help our members who have passed away and
50 who are ill. That information needs to be transmitted.

1 And I know Alzora Carter was a district chaplain and I
2 told Alice I heard this song years ago with Alzora. It's
3 the same song every year. And we just need to do better.
4 That's all I have to say. We just need to do better.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Next we'll
7 have the Ways & Means and then we'll have Madeline
8 Quinones with Resolutions.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Margaret.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Margaret. She knows
11 who I mean. Madeline is still in my head. And also we
12 have the winner of the quilt, so if you want to come up
13 here, Maryann can give that as well.

14 While they're getting ready, I want to read a --
15 you know, Nancy yesterday, our National President Nancy
16 was talking about a resolution. It's a senate resolution
17 that is going to be presented on the floor soon or it's
18 being presented as we speak.

19 She wanted me to let you know what the resolution
20 says so that you're aware that this is regarding the
21 Auxiliary. And it -- let me see. Well, after I read it,
22 I'll look back on the email. It's a draft resolution
23 actually, "Recognizing the Spirit of Service Exemplified
24 By Auxiliaries of Our Nation's Veterans Service
25 Organizations."

26 "Whereas, for nearly a century Auxiliaries have
27 served as a complimentary and integral part of our
28 nation's veterans service organizations working side by
29 side with their members in service to our military
30 members, veterans and their families.

31 Whereas, since their inception, Auxiliary units
32 have proudly supported America's Armed Forces, our
33 veterans, and the families of those who served
34 volunteering hundreds of thousands of hours and raising
35 billions of dollars.

36 Whereas, Auxiliaries have representatives in all
37 50 states and abroad.

38 Whereas, these Auxiliaries have more than one
39 million members and are comprised of wives, widows,
40 mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters of
41 veterans as well as veterans themselves.

42 Whereas, Auxiliaries have raised money to aid and
43 enhance the lives of service members, veterans, and their
44 families through financial support, providing assistance
45 with the essentials such as rent, child care, utilities,
46 and food.

47 Whereas, Auxiliary units hold stand downs which
48 focus on providing health and support services to homeless
49 veterans.

50 Whereas, Auxiliaries strengthen their local

1 community by conducting food drives, visiting hospitals,
2 and providing scholarships to young people.

3 Whereas, Auxiliaries serve as advocates for our
4 nation's veterans and their families.

5 Whereas, units conduct welcome home and send off
6 events for service members.

7 Whereas, Auxiliary members selflessly volunteer
8 their services at Veteran Affairs facilities throughout
9 the country to enhance the lives of America's veterans;
10 and

11 Whereas, each year Auxiliary units raise millions
12 of dollars for cancer research.

13 Resolve, that the Senate: One, honors and
14 recognizes the patriotism and countless contributions to
15 the United States by generations of women in the
16 Auxiliaries of our nation's veterans service organization.

17 Number 2, commend members of Auxiliaries in the
18 United States and abroad for their dedicated service to
19 and support of our nation's service members, veterans, and
20 their families and communities.

21 Number 3, encourages the people of the United
22 States to promote awareness of the contributions and
23 dedication to the members of Auxiliary to the members and
24 veterans of United States Armed Forces.

25 And 4, calls on all Americans to heed the noble
26 examples of the Auxiliaries of our nation's veteran
27 services organizations and volunteer support and service
28 to those who have selflessly served our nation."

29 Ladies, if this passes, congratulations. You are
30 the women. Thank you so much.

31 (Applause.)

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is -- Senator
33 Boxer is presenting this resolution. And I don't have a
34 number for you, Terry, but I'll do my best to get the
35 number so that we'll have this information and we can
36 support this. You can also contact your senators to
37 approve this. Okay? Thank you.

38 And could Karen Bobren please come to the stage
39 to join Margaret. District 22 President Karen Bobren.
40 Ways & Means and -- Maryann, are you here? Where is
41 Maryann? Ways & Means -- why are you standing on the
42 floor? Oh, come on up. I'm going to let Maryann do the
43 drawing for the quilt first. You ladies come on up.

44 DELEGATE MARYANN: Madam President, I would like
45 to present you with \$700 from the quilt I made.

46 (Applause.)

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

48 DELEGATE MARYANN: And Hazel, 69 District -- I
49 mean, Unit 28.

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: District 28, Unit 69

1 Hazel won the quilt. And we have \$700 more for TFA after
2 I deposit that. Thank you, Maryann.
3 Okay. I'm ready for you, Chris.

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5 WAYS & MEANS REPORT
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7 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Hello, team
8 players. I want to thank my committee for all the hard
9 work. Karen Munch, Marion Carlos, Taadhimeka Stovall.
10 She's wearing a lot of hats, so she's out there. I want
11 to thank the ladies of District 16 for all their hard
12 work. And you can see the baskets and wreaths, they're
13 very beautiful.

14 And also I want to thank Jessica. She came to
15 our rescue because we couldn't do the bracelets and she
16 had her nimble fingers doing the bracelets. Thank you. I
17 know she's not here, but thank you, Jessica.

18 And I want to thank everybody for supporting our
19 Ways & Means table. We have a lot of fun. But I know
20 we're all stretched, but next time we'll bring more money
21 so you can buy everything here.

22 And thank you, President Anita, for giving me
23 this experience. I enjoyed it. Okay. Now we're going
24 to -- oh, we have pulled the opportunity drawing, so if
25 you have your tickets you want to check out there and see
26 if you won anything. We're going to pull the 50/50,
27 Marion and Karen. Okay. We raised \$424, so you will get
28 \$212.

29 (Applause.)

30 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Carolyn Liles,
31 District 14.

32 (Applause.)

33 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Thank you,
34 everybody. And the -- which everybody has been asking
35 for, the Kindle. M. Hernandez from District 29.

36 (Applause.)

37 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: And I did not
38 pick them, so I'm just the messenger. The TV, Carol
39 Fuqua, District 25.

40 (Applause.)

41 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Thank you,
42 ladies. Thank you, President Anita. Oh, we raised
43 \$2,985. Thank you, everybody.

44 (Applause.)

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wow. Great job.
46 Thank you, Chris. Thank you, Marion. Thank you, Karen,
47 very much. You're so talented. Thank you so much for
48 your all your assistance. Thank you, Taadhimeka Stovall,
49 for being an every woman. Thank you so much, ladies.

50 Now we will hear from our Department Resolutions

1 Chairman Margaret Quinones, her two appointed district
2 presidents who will assist her. And that will be Glenda
3 Schultz of District 6 and Karen Bobren from District 22.

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5 RESOLUTIONS
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7 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Okay. Can you
8 hear me? It feels like a bug or something hitting on me.

9 Thank you, Madam President. The Resolutions
10 committee Met on Thursday, June 19 in Room 211 of the
11 Santa Clara Convention Center. By consent of the
12 delegates, Norma DuVall, District 18 served as secretary,
13 Ann Philcox of District 20 served as chaplain, and Susan
14 Baker of District 28 served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

15 The meeting was opened with prayer and a Pledge
16 of Allegiance. Roll call showed 14 delegates and two
17 guests were present.

18 The committee agreed on the following report:
19 The code was read and no changes were made. This chairman
20 reported that one resolution was received prior to
21 convention and was forwarded to the Constitution & Bylaws
22 committee. There was one emergency resolution also and it
23 was also forwarded to the Constitution & Bylaws committee.
24 Both of the resolutions were approved by the committee and
25 forwarded for approval by the convention delegates.

26 Madam President, by direction of the committee, I
27 move the acceptance of this Resolution committee report.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been
29 accepted. Thank you.

30 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Madam President,
31 we will now present the courtesy resolutions. They may be
32 accepted by consent?

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, they may be
34 accepted by consent.

35 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Assisting me in
36 reading the resolutions are Glenda Schultz, District 6.
37 She will read first. And Karen Bobren, District 22.

38 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Whereas, the
39 management and staff of the Hyatt Regency were efficient
40 and courteous during the planning of our Department
41 convention in Santa Clara; and

42 Whereas, we appreciate their attention to our
43 needs which ensured that our stay at their hotel was
44 comfortable and enjoyable; now therefore, be it

45 Resolved, that we express our gratitude to staff
46 and management for their outstanding service and
47 cooperation; and be it further

48 Resolved, that a letter of appreciation be sent
49 to Hyatt Regency Director of Sales and Marketing citing
50 the above.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Consent. You all
2 may say consent.

3 (Applause.)

4 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Whereas, chairman
5 Sandy Jacob; co-chairman Theresa Jacob and their committee
6 have done an outstanding job of providing for our comfort
7 and enjoyment during this department convention; and

8 Whereas, President Mary Hidalgo and the members
9 of District 13 have extended their warm and gracious
10 hospitality and made us feel welcome; now therefore be it

11 Resolved, that we express our appreciation to
12 Sandy, Theresa, Mary, and their committee for being such
13 wonderful hosts and for making this a successful
14 convention.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Whereas,
17 throughout the years the past department presidents
18 continue to serve, to participate in, and to support the
19 programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of
20 California, and

21 Whereas, collectively they are a slam dunk of
22 knowledge and wise counsel and their presence has added
23 much to the success and fun of this department convention;
24 now therefore, it be

25 Resolved, that we express our love and
26 appreciation to President Anita's Dream Girls for their
27 dedication and continued service to our organization by
28 giving them a standing ovation.

29 (Standing Ovation and Applause.)

30 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Whereas, Past
31 Department President Ruby Kapsalis, Acting Department
32 Secretary/Treasurer and the new office staff continue to
33 carry out the daily operation of the department office;
34 and

35 Whereas, Ruby and the office staff combine their
36 efforts to cooperate with the American Legion in our
37 department office in order to meet the challenges brought
38 on by the move to a new office; and

39 Whereas, Ruby, her husband, Art, and other
40 volunteers spent many hours putting our department office
41 in order; now therefore, it be

42 Resolved, that we express our appreciation to all
43 volunteers and our office staff for making our department
44 office operate more efficiently; and be it further

45 Resolved, that we give a standing ovation to Past
46 President Ruby Kapsalis for her selfless service and
47 dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary.

48 (Standing Ovation and Applause.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's in the office.
50 We'll let her know we stood for her.

1 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Whereas, Honorary
2 Junior Department President DejaNae Trimble has
3 represented our juniors with grace and dignity; and

4 Whereas, she is also currently serving as
5 Honorary Junior Western Division National Vice President,
6 bringing honor to our department; and

7 Whereas, she has attended this convention to
8 bring greetings on behalf of the juniors of California to
9 Department President Anita and the members and guests
10 assembled here; now therefore, be it

11 Resolved, that we convey to DejaNae our
12 appreciation and pride in her service and contribution to
13 our great organization; and be it further

14 Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent
15 to DejaNae and her unit.

16 (Applause.)

17 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Whereas, a number
18 of distinguished guests found time in their busy schedule
19 to attend our department convention meeting to bring
20 greetings; and

21 Whereas, it was an honor to welcome them and hear
22 their informative remarks; now therefore be it

23 Resolved, that we express our appreciation with a
24 round of applause to the following for their attendance at
25 this meeting; and be it further

26 Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be
27 mailed to each and that a copy be sent to the American
28 Legion Department Office. Al Lennox, National Executive
29 Committeeman, the American Legion. Janet Wilson,
30 Department Vice Commander, Area 2, the American Legion.
31 Chris Affolter, California Detachment Commander, Sons of
32 the American Legion. Bill Siler III, Department Adjunct
33 the American Legion. Lawrence Doutherd, Commander,
34 District 13, the American Legion. Ralph Jacob, Convention
35 Corporation Chairman, the American Legion. James Adames,
36 Department President, American Legion Riders.

37 Whereas, the American Legion Department Commander
38 Joseph --

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me. On the
40 previous resolution, can we have your consent?

41 (Applause.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

43 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Whereas, the
44 American Legion Department Commander, Joseph Garcia, has
45 graciously taken time out of his busy convention schedule
46 to join us at this meeting of the American Legion
47 Auxiliary; and

48 Whereas, he has strengthened the bonds between
49 the California Legion Family by his interest and
50 willingness to participate in the programs and events of

1 the American Legion Auxiliary; and

2 Whereas, Commander Joe has endeared himself to
3 our members by his good sportsmanship, humor and the
4 courtesies he extended to our Department President; now
5 therefore, it be

6 Resolved, that we express our appreciation to
7 Commander Joseph Garcia with a standing ovation.

8 (Standing Ovation and Applause.)

9 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: And be it further
10 Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent
11 to the Department Commander and to the Department Office
12 of the American Legion.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Consent?

14 (Applause.)

15 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Whereas, the
16 leadership and talent of a number of our members have been
17 recognized by the national organization and they are
18 currently serving the American Legion Auxiliary in various
19 programs. We ask that they rise and please remain
20 standing until all on the list have been called; now
21 therefore, be it

22 Resolved that we express our appreciation to the
23 following for the honor and prestige they bring to the
24 Department of California: Terry Mikesell, National
25 Executive Committeewoman.

26 (Applause.)

27 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Diane DeLashmit,
28 National Parliamentarian. Melanie Taylor, National
29 Legislative Chair. LuAnn Capazzi, Americanism Vice
30 Chairman. Linda Fercho, Membership Vice Chairman. Lou
31 Thompson, Cavalcade of Memories Vice Chairman. Pilar
32 Reyes, Western Division Community Service Chairman. Midge
33 Farrar, Americanism Western Division Chairman. Sandra
34 Rice, Girls Nation Western Division Chairman.

35 (Applause.)

36 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Whereas, the
37 National President, our very own Nancy Brown-Park, honored
38 us by making her official visit at to our Department
39 Convention and inspired us with her timely message; and

40 Whereas, President Nancy has brought prestige and
41 recognition to the Department of California by her
42 exemplary service on the National level for the last few
43 years; and

44 Whereas, our members have enjoyed having our
45 Nancy and her husband, Jim, back in California with us and
46 we all had fun visiting with both of them. Now therefore,
47 be it

48 Resolved, that the members of the Department of
49 California assembled at this convention express our deep
50 and sincere appreciation to National President Nancy for

1 her capable leadership, her sincerity, and the warm
2 friendliness she extended to all of our members; and be it
3 further

4 Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be
5 forwarded to Nancy Brown-Park.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Consent.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Madam Department
9 President, could we have the Vice President take the Chair
10 and you join me?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam Vice President
12 of Operations, will you assume the podium?

13 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: We might do a
14 dance or something. Whereas, Department President Anita
15 Biggs has shown her capable leadership and friendliness as
16 she represented our great organization throughout the
17 State of California; and

18 Whereas her motto, H.O.O.P.S., Honoring Our
19 Opportunity to Provide Services to our veterans, inspired
20 us to learn new jumps as we scored even higher levels of
21 service to our veterans, while her basketball theme
22 brought humor and fun to the works of our units; and

23 Whereas, the decisiveness and grace with which
24 President Anita took center court and led her team through
25 the difficult changes in our department office helped
26 restored confidence in our future and gave us much to be
27 proud of; now therefore, be it

28 Resolved, that the members and guests assembled
29 at this convention express their appreciation and love to
30 Department President Anita with a standing ovation for her
31 dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary and for a job
32 well done.

33 (Standing Ovation and Applause.)

34 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: And be it further
35 Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent
36 to President Anita and to her unit who has every right to
37 be proud.

38 (Applause.)

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

40 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Thank you, Madam
41 President, for appointing these great ladies. I really
42 enjoyed working with them. I want to tell you that I
43 tried to write another resolution, but I came to the
44 conclusion that it requires more thought to make it worthy
45 of the American Legion Auxiliary and of the people that I
46 was going to write it for. It's about the story that you
47 heard yesterday that is even now unfolding in District 20.
48 Ann Philcox has led the charge in her district raising
49 over \$10,000 for this house that they're building. Gary
50 Sinise is involved, the foundation, the junior and senior

1 high school class of Lancaster High School.

2 So with your permission, I would like to author
3 some resolutions. I think we can have a resolution for
4 each group instead of trying to put them all in one.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I agree we need to.

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: It's appropriate.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Give them a just
8 resolution that fits what they are doing. You know, it's
9 revolutionary. Right now as we speak they are trying to
10 raise and they're so close to half a million dollars to
11 build this handicapped-ready house for our Specialist
12 General. And he well deserves it. He's a wonderful young
13 man and I can speak --

14 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: He has two
15 children.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, two children,
17 single father. His mother and his stepfather are his
18 caretakers. And I would like to be involved with writing
19 a letter that would accompany that. Because this year has
20 been phenomenal, the service that our Auxiliary members
21 have given to veterans that are in need. And Ann Philcox
22 has vowed that she will continue this until we reach this
23 goal and the Lancaster High School students. And I met
24 them. They are all so dedicated.

25 So this -- so we are fortunate to be the
26 catalyst, if you will, the American Legion Auxiliary, to
27 be a part of this great historic moment in time.

28 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Yes.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So thank you,
30 Margaret, for continuing to do that. And make a
31 resolution that's worthy of our organization to present to
32 them.

33 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: If you would like
34 after we have completed it, if we can have some way get a
35 copy to -- at least to the district.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, that would be
37 fantastic. We'll email a copy to each district.

38 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: And if we can put
39 it on the web.

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, with the
41 permission of the incoming president.

42 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: I thought it
43 required more than a little bit of a thought.

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We appreciate that,
45 Margaret. Thank you for all your work, ladies.

46 (Applause.)

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Glenda.
48 Thank you, Karen. Great job.

49 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: And I enjoyed
50 working with you.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're the girl.
2 (Applause.)
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is there any
4 unfinished business to come before this assembly?
5 Anything else other than what I already knew?
6 Madam Secretary, will you please read the minutes
7 of the Post-Convention Executive Meeting held in January
8 2014 Long Beach and the Pre-Convention Executive Committee
9 Meeting held -- before we do that, we have an announcement
10 regarding the --
11 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Announcements, announcements,
12 a horrible death to die. A horrible death to die. A
13 horrible, horrible, horrible, horrible, horrible death to
14 die.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I was doing too
16 good. We were on time. Early, in fact.
17 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: I'm sorry. I
18 didn't --
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: How about a dribble?
20 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: All right. Ladies, I
21 just got some checks from the Legion Convention Committee
22 so I'm going to present these, but, Candace Wilson, you
23 won the comforter in the drawing from -- so I've got that.
24 I'm proud and happy to say that the Auxiliary won all four
25 of the top prizes in the 50/50 Legion drawing.
26 (Applause.)
27 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: So first place is
28 \$1,000 and it goes to Unit 194.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What district?
30 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: They didn't put those
31 on there.
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What district?
33 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: Isn't that 1 or 2?
34 I'll figure out what district. 5. District 5. We'll
35 bring that to you. Second place, \$750. 589.
36 (Applause.)
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's District 28.
38 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: Yeah, I knew that
39 one. District -- I'm sorry. Third place is \$250 to
40 Cynthia Perry. That's all that was on the ticket. So
41 I'll figure that one out. Fourth prize runner-up \$100,
42 Unit 90. All right. I'll figure out who gets it.
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Fantastic.
44 Congratulations. Okay. Now we'll hear from our Secretary
45 Ruby, Ruby Tuesday.
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47 READING OF MINUTES
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49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
50 Department President, I must apologize. I did not have --

1 I didn't make copies of the Executive Committee Long Beach
2 Minutes because they've been on the website for six months
3 and I thought it was done and over with. But I do -- but
4 I will make copies and distribute to Diane and yourself,
5 but I do have copies of the Preconvention Committee
6 Meeting for yourself and Diane if --

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I just so happen to
8 have my minutes and so does Diane. We're good.

9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
10 Minutes from the Department Executive Committee Meeting
11 January 11th through 12, 2014. Beginning Saturday 11th,
12 2014 at 8:30 -- now I'm doing military time. 0830. 8:30
13 hours and ending on Sunday, January 12th, 2014 at
14 approximately 11:30 a.m.

15 Actions taken. Move, seconded and carried to
16 accept the revised personnel policies as amended. Moved,
17 seconded, and carried by Finance Chairman Kathie Martinez
18 that units receiving less than \$10 PUFL, paid up for life,
19 reimbursement be issued a membership card.

20 Moved, seconded, and carried --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Credit.

22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pardon me?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Membership credit.

24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Membership
25 credit. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the 2015
26 Girls State budget as presented. Announcement of
27 candidates for 2012-2013. No. This is for '14-'15.
28 President Harriet Clendenin, Unit 212, District 15. Vice
29 President Susie Tozier, Unit 6, District 22. Junior
30 Member of Finance, Susie Peters, Unit 837, District 10.
31 Candidate for Western Division National Vice President
32 Linda Workman, Unit 472, District 26.

33 Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the
34 following for the 2014-'15 Americanism Essay Titles:
35 Group I, grades 4th and 5th, "Why Should I Show Respect
36 For the Flag?" Group II, grades 6th and 7th, "How can I
37 Show that I am Proud to be an American?" Group III,
38 grades 8th and 9th, "Why Do We Need the Military?" Group
39 IV, grades 10th through the 12th, "What does Liberty and
40 Justice For All Mean to Me?" Group V, exceptional need
41 children, "Why Should I Thank a Veteran?"

42 The following actions were moved by the
43 respective District President, seconded, and carried.
44 Hoopa Unit 415, District 1 remain on probation until June
45 2014. Hopland Unit 529, District 1 remain on probation
46 until June 2014. Petaluma Unit 28, District 5 placed on
47 probation until June 2014. Benicia Unit 105, District 5
48 remain on probation.

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Benicia Unit 101.

50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Benicia

1 Unit 101, District 5 remain on probation until June 2014.
2 Dixon Unit 208, District 5 remain on probation until June
3 2014. Smyth-Boler Unit 58, District 12 remain on
4 probation until June 2014. Scranton & Qualle Unit 872,
5 District 12 placed on probation until June 2014.
6 Willow Glen Unit 318, District 13 remain on
7 probation until June 2014. Diosdado M. Franco Unit 714,
8 District 13 remain on probation until June 2014. Madera
9 Unit 11, District 14 remain on probation until June 2014.
10 Selma Unit 12, District 14 placed on probation until June
11 2014. Guadalupe Unit 371, District 16 remain on probation
12 until June 2014. San Dimas Unit 475, District 18 removed
13 from probation. Chilelli Memorial Unit 888, District 18
14 revoke their charter.
15 Houghton Park Unit 560, District 19 surrendered.
16 Eugene A. Obregon Unit 804, District 19 remain on
17 probation until June 2014.
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Bless you.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Eagle Rock
20 Unit 276, District 20 remain on probation until June 2014.
21 Leyte Unit 625, District 22 placed on probation until June
22 2014. Steele-Towne Incorporated Unit 772, District 25
23 remain on probation until June 2014. Boron Unit 636,
24 District 27 placed on probation until June 2014.
25 San Benito Unit 69, District 28 placed on
26 probation until June 2014. Santa Ana Unit 131, District
27 29 remain on probation until June 2014. Brea Unit 181,
28 District 9 placed on probation until June 2014.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: District 29.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
31 29. The eyes aren't what they used to be.
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I move the
34 acceptance of the minutes for the Long Beach Department
35 Executive Committee Meeting, Madam President.
36 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
38 and seconded to accept the Department Executive Committee
39 Meeting Minutes from Long Beach, California, January 2014.
40 Is there any discussion?
41 (No response.)
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor
43 say aye.
44 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All opposed say no.
46 (No response.)
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: These are
49 the minutes from the Preconvention Committee meeting held
50 at Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California

1 Thursday, June 19th, 2014.

2 Actions taken: The -- did someone give the court
3 reporter a copy of this? There was an extra one for the
4 court reporter. I didn't get it.

5 The Preconvention Department Executive Committee
6 meeting was called to order by President Anita Biggs at
7 7:00 a.m. Roll call of voting members were taken and
8 actions of the District Presidents were presented and
9 approved as attached.

10 Motion made by the finance committee for a 50
11 cent raise for Janeen Thomas. Discussion was held and
12 motion amended by Linda Workman to give Janeen Thomas a 50
13 cent raise if she accepts the new position being presented
14 and changes to the constitution and bylaws meeting if
15 passed. Motion was seconded, and after considerable
16 discussion Melanie Taylor moved the question and motion
17 was approved as amended.

18 Melanie Taylor, Convention Commission Chairman,
19 reported and distributed a detailed comparison of the 2015
20 convention in Ontario, California.

21 On May 4th, a site inspection of the Ontario
22 Convention Center, the Doubletree Hotel, and Ontario
23 Airport Hotel was arranged for the Commission Committee,
24 the Department Vice President, and other American Legion
25 Auxiliary members.

26 Rooms at the Doubletree Hotel are \$115 plus tax
27 per night. You have to walk to the convention center from
28 the hotel. The meeting rooms are adequate, but American
29 Legion Auxiliary would be charged for water in these rooms
30 and in the convention hall. Food can't be brought into
31 the convention center and can only be ordered through
32 their caterer. There is a cafe style dining in the
33 convention lobby and possibly box lunches would be
34 available. The Past Presidents' Parlay luncheon will be
35 in the Convention Center. The President's banquet would
36 be in the Doubletree Hotel, Ballroom A next to the
37 American Legion Casino Night.

38 Rooms at the Ontario Airport Hotel are \$89 plus
39 tax which is \$2 per night than the cheaper with adequate
40 convention space.

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Let her finish her
42 minutes and we can correct them later.

43 Go ahead, Ruby.

44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All the
45 meeting rooms are on the first room inside the hotel. The
46 atrium is perfect for the Past Presidents' Parlay luncheon
47 and the President's Banquet. There is a buffet, coffee
48 shop, cocktail lounge, and Starbucks in the hotel lobby
49 and box lunches are available.

50 A hospitality suite is available all four days

1 and we can bring in our own food for the candidate's night
2 reception. There is complementary WiFi in all public
3 areas and a free shuttle to and from Ontario Airport,
4 Ontario Mills Shopping Mall, nearby restaurants, and the
5 convention center. These are just a few of the comps on
6 the Commission Committee's list.

7 Melanie Taylor moved to change the 2015 American
8 Legion Auxiliary Ontario Convention site to the Ontario
9 Airport Hotel. Motion seconded, and after considerable
10 discussion was approved.

11 The following actions were moved by the
12 respective district presidents, seconded and carried. In
13 the absence of District 1 President, Terry Mikesell,
14 National Executive Committeewoman, moved action items for
15 units in District 1. Redwood Empire Unit 385, District 1
16 surrendered their charter. Hoopa Unit 415, District 1
17 remain on probation. Hopland Unit 529, District 1 removed
18 from probation. Eagle Lake Unit 162, District 3 placed on
19 probation. Petaluma Unit 28, District 5 surrendered their
20 charter. Benicia Unit 101, District 5 placed on
21 probation. Dixon Unit 208, District 5 removed from
22 probation. Greater Mission Unit 347, District 8 placed on
23 probation. Sharpe General Depot Unit 632, District 11
24 placed on probation. Dos Palos Unit 86, District 11
25 placed on probation.

26 Scranton & Qualle, District 12 removed from
27 probation. Willow Glen Unit 318, District 13 removed from
28 probation.

29 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're
31 welcome. We're glad.

32 Diosdado M. Franco Unit 714, District 13
33 surrendered their charter. Northside Unit 858, District
34 13 surrendered their charter. Madera Unit 11, District 14
35 removed from probation. Selma Unit 13, District 14
36 surrendered their charter. Lemoore Unit 100, District 14
37 placed on probation. East Bakersfield Unit 682, District
38 15 placed on probation.

39 Guadalupe Unit 371, District 16 charter was
40 revoked. Alhambra Unit 139, District 18 placed on
41 probation. Eugene A. Obregon Unit 850, District 19
42 charter was revoked. Eagle Rock Unit 276, District 20
43 charter was revoked. Verdugo Hills Unit 288, District 20.
44 I didn't put my X there.

45 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I have placed. I
46 have placed, Ruby.

47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Placed on
48 probation. I didn't put that in there. That's what
49 happens when you do this at midnight.

50 Willis A. Rowe Unit 538, District 20 charter

1 revoked. Oh, that was -- you have to come -- you have to
2 come to the microphone. I can't hear you. Wasn't Verdugo
3 Hills District 20 revoked?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They were placed on
5 probation.

6 DISTRICT 20 CARPENTER: Bonnie Carpenter,
7 District 20. It was Eagle Rock 276.

8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I already
9 said that, didn't I?

10 DISTRICT 20 CARPENTER: No, no. You said Willis
11 A. Rowe 538, and they turned in their charter last year --
12 well, this year, but it's already done. The paperwork and
13 everything was done on that one. The charter that we are
14 revoking is Eagle Rock 276.

15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes, I have
16 that here. I said Eagle Rock Unit 276, District 20 was
17 revoked. Verdugo Hills Unit 288, District 20 was placed
18 on probation. Is this not confirming paperwork that we --

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This was the action
20 that was given by the District President.

21 DISTRICT 20 CARPENTER: Yes, at the executive
22 committee meeting.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We accepted --

24 DISTRICT 20 CARPENTER: But what you said was
25 that Unit 538 Willis A. Rowe was revoked. That's what you
26 started out saying, but it was not revoked.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It was surrendered.

28 DISTRICT 20 CARPENTER: It was surrendered.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. That should
30 be surrendered. Willis A. Rowe Unit 538, District 20 was
31 surrendered.

32 DISTRICT 20 CARPENTER: Yes.

33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
34 Leyte Unit 625, District 22 remains on probation. South
35 Gate Unit 335, District 23 placed on probation until
36 December -- midyear, January 2015. Steel-Towne
37 Incorporated Unit 772 remains on probation. Boron Unit
38 636, District 27 will remain on probation. San Benito
39 Unit 69, District 28 was removed from probation.

40 (Applause.)

41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Santa Ana
42 Unit 131, District 29 remained on probation. Brea Unit
43 181, District 29 charter was surrendered. Madam --

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. I have Santa
45 Ana Unit 131, District 29 removed from probation.

46 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I have remained.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. My notes are
48 bad. Also I need to confirm -- I need to -- okay. Was it
49 Redwood Empire 385, was their charter surrendered or
50 revoked?

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: My notes
2 indicate it was surrendered. They are -- the District 1
3 president did tell me, sent me an email telling me that
4 they were surrendering.
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What about Petaluma
6 Unit 28 in District 5? Was that revoked?
7 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes.
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. You need to
9 correct that to revoked.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Petaluma 28
11 was revoked and not surrendered?
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right. They remain
13 on probation. You stated for Benicia Unit 101 they are to
14 remain on probation.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right.
16 Okay.
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You have Eugene A.
18 Obregon Unit 804 revoked, but I believe they surrendered.
19 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: They
20 surrendered.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Obregon District 19,
22 they surrendered, not revoked.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm sorry. Selma
25 Unit 13 out of District 14, were they revoked?
26 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No. Surrendered.
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They surrendered?
28 Okay. I've got that right. Okay.
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
30 President, would you like for me to read them again or
31 just the changes?
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm sorry?
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Would you
34 like for me to go through the changes again or are we
35 waiting?
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I don't think we
37 need to go through the list, but Diane was trying to
38 compare her list.
39 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: They're not in
40 numerical order so I'm trying to figure out them.
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: They're by
42 districts.
43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah, but I meant by
44 units.
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What is the unit
46 number for Scranton & Qualle?
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 872.
48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: 872. We want to
49 confirm our list. We have another correction. Under your
50 report or your minutes, the rooms at the Ontario Airport

1 Hotel are \$89 plus tax which is \$26 cheaper, not two.
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, 26.
3 Well, I wrote \$2 in the report.
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right. We can
5 count.
6 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
7 Ladies, you got a better deal. It's \$26 cheaper at the
8 Ontario Hotel, not \$2 cheaper. That's a better deal for
9 us all, isn't it?
10 (Applause.)
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We have a delegate
12 at the mic. Did you make a motion yet or -- are we still
13 maybe correcting? I'm sorry. Dona Enright, go ahead.
14 AEF CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Madam President, Dona
15 Enright, District 18. Were we increasing Janeen Thomas --
16 you said a 50 cent raise. Isn't it 50 cents per hour?
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah.
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, yeah.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It doesn't say per
20 hour. No, it's a little measly 50 cents. Here.
21 AEF CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Right. 50 cents won't
22 even help you with the toll.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're
24 correct. It's 50 cents an hour. I don't think that
25 anyone would give anyone 50 cents a day. Janeen, where
26 are you at? Hi, Janeen. We're talking about you. Don't
27 listen.
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're going to give
29 you two quarters.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
31 Department President, I move the minutes of the
32 Preconvention Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 19th be
33 approved as amended.
34 NEC WOMAN MIKESELL: Second.
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
36 and seconded to accept the minutes from the Preconvention
37 Committee Meeting here in Santa Clara from June 19th. Are
38 there any further corrections or is there any discussion
39 on this motion?
40 (No response.)
41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
42 say aye.
43 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
45 no.
46 (No response.)
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
48 Thank you, Ruby.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That
50 concludes that. Madam President, Art had sent you a copy

1 of your website on CD.
2 (Applause.)
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I love Art. I just
4 thought that website was so cute. And then he put on that
5 little girl on the sidewalk, and I said that's me on the
6 sidewalk holding the Auxiliary basketball. I'm going to
7 miss her so much on the website. So thank you very much.
8 Thank you, Art.
9 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Give him a beer.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Give him a
11 beer.
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is there any further
13 business that I have forgotten? What else? I haven't
14 forgotten that much. Is there any new business to be
15 brought to this assembly?
16 We will now have the presentation by the Past
17 Department Presidents. And while they're lining up,
18 somebody lost an Auxiliary tack.
19 The Seasoned Dream Girls are up first.
20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Madam
21 Department President --
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, Madam.
23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: -- I would
24 like to ask --
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You need to all
26 listen because these are donations made by all the
27 district presidents and department members.
28 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: We have a
29 very thankful member who is a Performer, and if she would
30 stand. And the Classy Penguins, if they would stand. We
31 are contributing \$20 to the Past Department President
32 Junior Scholarship and \$100 to TFA.
33 (Applause.)
34 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: We are presenting
35 on behalf of Mildred's --
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Ladies behind
37 me. Dream Girls behind me. Okay. Last time I'll be able
38 to do that.
39 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Okay. Are we all
40 ready? First of all, we'd like to present \$100 to the
41 Girls State program on behalf of Mildred's Gardeners and
42 District Presidents '72-'73.
43 (Applause.)
44 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Are there any
45 Gardener's here? I didn't think so. Do we have any
46 Goldie's Links? Stand. Please stand. Jerry's Cards,
47 Ruby's Allstars, Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's
48 Actresses, and Pilar's Musicians. We are presenting \$300
49 to the Department President's Special Project TFA.
50 (Applause.)

1 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: This is to be
2 added to the 2014-2015 budget and used for VA&R. We also
3 are presenting \$62 for framing of those 1947 convention
4 photos --

5 (Applause.)

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: -- that were
7 donated by Barbara LaDoucer. And they're really, really
8 great. They're going to look great in the office. So if
9 anybody else wants to help us, we'll gladly accept your
10 donation. But we're starting off with \$62 for the
11 framing. Thank you, Madam President.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Would
15 Linda's Workmen and Park's Patriots please rise. On
16 behalf of these two groups we are donating to the Past
17 Department President Junior Scholarship \$20. And to honor
18 our history and pass it on to our future, we are donating
19 to the framing of the historic pictures \$250.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: If any of
22 those funds are left over, they should go to TFA.

23 (Applause.)

24 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Okay.
25 Madam President, this donation is from Sue's Lighthouses,
26 Willie's Band Leaders, Ronnie's Roses, Margie 's Chefs,
27 and Melanie's Balloon Pilots. Are there any of Sue's
28 Lighthouses here?

29 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Me, me, me.

30 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Me, me.
31 Willie's Band Leaders? Ronnie's Roses? Okay. Margie's
32 Chefs? My Balloon Pilots? Yeah.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And there's one over
34 there too.

35 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Hi,
36 Loretta. So we would like to present \$50 to the Junior
37 Scholarship Program and \$300 to the Department Education
38 Program.

39 (Applause.)

40 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: For the court
41 reporter, I have a little adjustment from what you have.
42 Can we have all of Andy's Engineers stand? Good.
43 How about Judy's Editors? Any of Judy's Editors? We've
44 got a couple over there. Janeen back there, that's great
45 to see you. And Diane's Circus Acts?

46 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: We're here.

47 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Very good. Great.
48 So we are donating \$20 to the Junior Scholarship, \$150 to
49 the VA&R TFA fund, \$150 for VA&R gift shop, and \$15 for
50 the framing of the picture.

1 (Applause.)
2 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Are any of Bev's Stars
3 here? Bev's Stars? And Madeline's Love Princesses? Any
4 Love Princesses here? Okay. Well, anyway, we're donating
5 \$120 to the TFA, Madam President's special project, and
6 \$21 to Junior Scholarship.
7 (Applause.)
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Very good.
9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Are my Prom
10 Princesses still here?
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm here.
12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Oh, yes,
13 Madam President, of course. On behalf of my Prom
14 Princesses, we are donating \$125 to TFA, \$36 for picture
15 framing, and \$10 for the Past Department Presidents'
16 Junior Scholarship, Madam President.
17 (Applause.)
18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Okay. Do I
19 have any of my Ship Captains out there? Yeah, sailing
20 around. Okay. Our donations include Girls State \$100,
21 Junior Conference \$80, California Disaster Fund \$90, and
22 the Fisher House at Long Beach \$65.
23 (Applause)
24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DUVAL: And I hope you
25 can hear me. Are any of Norma's Birds of Paradise in the
26 house? Thank you. On behalf of Norma's Birds of
27 Paradise, we are donating \$100 to VA&R TFA. And on behalf
28 of all of the past department presidents, we are donating
29 \$100 to the Walk, Run & Roll.
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.
31 (Applause.)
32 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FERCHO: Do I have
33 any Rodeo Queens in the audience? Right, Red Solo Cup
34 Girls. That's why we met in the lounge. We're donating
35 \$150 to Madam President Anita's special project.
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Fabulous.
37 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FERCHO: And \$25
38 for the Junior Scholarship Foundation.
39 (Applause.)
40 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: I know lots of you ladies
41 are here. Terry's Treasurers, will you please rise? Lots
42 of ladies and they did an excellent job. We are donating
43 \$20 to Past Department Presidents' Junior Scholarship,
44 \$125 to patient gift shop and remembrance, and \$125 to
45 VA&R General Fund for that 48501. Thank you, ladies.
46 (Applause.)
47 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: And I would like to say
48 that it's Susie Tosier's birthday today.
49 (Applause.)
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're not a Gemini.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'm a Virgo.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's not her
3 birthday. Who told you that?
4 (Singing.)
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What's your real
6 birthday, Susie?
7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: September
8 10th.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's what I
10 thought. The book made a mistake. Well, hello. Stand up
11 so we can sing happy birthday to you. You're the newly
12 elected second vice president for what district?
13 DISTRICT 22 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SMITH: 22.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, my goodness
15 that's exciting.
16 (Singing.)
17 EDITOR AVINA: Anita, Anita, for all of you who
18 have known the twins since they were this big, they turned
19 18 Tuesday on our way here. "We're going to be on the
20 road on our birthday?" "Well, yes." Anyway, they are now
21 18 and senior members.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.
23 (Applause.)
24 DISTRICT 12 DELEGATE SMITH: Madam President,
25 Kathy Smith, District 12, Unit 83. I would like to
26 present you with a donation. We carried it around, your
27 little basketball bank, for six months, and at the end we
28 needed a wagon because we collected \$155.45 for your
29 special project.
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much.
31 (Applause.)
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll take it. Can
33 you imagine us really taking care of veterans ourselves,
34 that we are really doing it from our own donations? I
35 think it's just fantastic that we all embraced that.
36 Does the secretary have any last minute dribbles?
37 Oh, Barbara.
38 DISTRICT 4 DELEGATE LaDOUCER: Yeah, I would just
39 like to thank --
40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's Barbara
41 LaDoucer.
42 DISTRICT 4 DELEGATE LaDOUCER: Oh, Barbara
43 LaDoucer, District 4. I would just like to thank the Past
44 Department Presidents because I know Dorothy would
45 appreciate what you're doing for those pictures.
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Barbara,
47 for the pictures, fantastic pictures.
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Incoming,
49 outgoing Department Chairmen and Officers, procedure
50 books. Pick up and return the ones to the department

1 office before you leave, please.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: One second. I was
3 remiss and now I think they were gone. The new unit,
4 Chinatown unit, the president and Yoko, they had to leave.
5 They went to the Legion, but they came to say hi and I
6 meant to acknowledge them, the new District 17. So when
7 we see them, Rachel Yee and Yoko -- I almost called her
8 Yoko Ono -- make sure we give them a hug and make them
9 feel welcomed.

10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The
11 department office is going to be closing at noon, so you
12 need to pick up those procedure books and drop off any.
13 So if everybody can get there by noon. Also I noticed
14 this morning there's some that have not picked up the
15 National Delegates and Alternates to National Convention.
16 You need to pick up those packets in the office there.
17 They're in there.

18 Someone dropped their Hyatt room key. There's no
19 identification on it, so if you're missing a room key, I
20 have it.

21 There was a blue Samsung phone lost yesterday
22 during flag retiring. If someone found it, return it to
23 District 13. For those of you who have signed up for the
24 President's Club this morning, I have given the money to
25 Chris De La Rosa in Ways & Means. Your charms are over
26 there. And, of course, I don't have cards made up for
27 you, but I will be making up cards. She's making a list
28 and I will be sending you the applications, but you have
29 the charms; is that right?

30 And concludes the dribbles, Madam President.

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much.
32 Will the Department President Elect please announce the
33 time of installation and give us any last minute
34 instructions.

35 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Madam President?

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please identify
37 yourself for the court reporter.

38 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Belen Telford, District
39 30, Unit 25. I'm the 5th Area Membership Chairman and
40 we'd like to present you with a donation, but the first
41 place winner was District 29.

42 (Applause.)

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.

44 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: And they said they
45 wanted the money that we raised to go to your special
46 project. That's \$402.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Whoa.

48 (Applause.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, 5th Area.
50 Thank you so much. And you can -- can you name the

1 districts so everybody knows which districts made up the
2 5th Area?
3 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: I don't know if I
4 can remember.
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: How can you forget?
6 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: 21, 22, 25, 29,
7 30.
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There you go. Give
9 it up to the 5th District. Thank you, ladies. Great job.
10 We had a last minute dribble come in here.
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You know
12 how those dribbles are. They come slowly, but surely.
13 Have Wantu has lost her eyeglasses. If anybody has found
14 any eyeglasses, please return them to her.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She can't see. We
16 have another person at the microphone.
17 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: District 12, Lisa
18 Stuart. On your visit we had a beautiful basket ready for
19 you, but you couldn't get it on the plane. We're now
20 packing it here and ready to do it.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Thank
22 you very much, District President from District 12. I
23 couldn't take my basket on the plane. You know, I did try
24 to take some gumbo on the plane from my twin cousins and
25 they took my gumbo. It was only this big. Thank you,
26 District 12.
27 (Applause.)
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anybody else at the
29 microphone? Now we have Harriet. Madam President Elect?
30 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: What time
31 is it?
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It is 11:40. It's
33 11:40 for all intents and purposes.
34 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Can all the
35 district presidents and all the people being installed,
36 officers, chairmen, and everybody else be out here at
37 12:30? Is that too late?
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's going to take
39 about an hour to get ready?
40 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's
41 the room, it's not me. I'll be ready in three minutes.
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So the installation
43 will begin at 12:30 p.m. And you're asking for all the
44 members that are being installed to be outside?
45 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Right.
46 Actually, about a quarter after.
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: 12:15 would be
48 better. 12:15 would be better to be back here so we can
49 start promptly, Madam Vice President.
50 Okay. Ladies, I didn't adjourn anything or

1 recess or anything. We're still in session. Please calm
2 down.

3 I want to thank you, thank you for your generous
4 donations for participating in the Walk, Run & Roll. You
5 didn't have to do that. That came from your heart. I
6 can't thank Joan Cannon enough for all the hard work she
7 did to prepare us, getting the permits from the city and
8 the forms. The only thing I want is do is to be out there
9 walking in the streets, you know, being seen. But I think
10 we made our presence known.

11 I want you to please keep working membership. I
12 know it's hard. Trust me I know, but we must keep this
13 organization strong. There are women out there that have
14 been members before who just haven't heard from us.
15 They'll -- they will renew. Help them renew. If you have
16 a fundraiser or funds available to assist, any sick or
17 member that's in a convalescent facility who are unable to
18 keep their membership going, trust me they will benefit
19 from being a member of this great organization.

20 So I'm begging you to please, please keep
21 membership going. Please call your members, increase our
22 renewals. We're like number 30 in the state -- I mean, in
23 the country for renewals. We're number 17 in the country
24 for total membership. We can do better for Nancy. We
25 would like to be so she can at least see us at the next
26 National convention and not be so far back in the back.
27 She's like where is California? So thank you for that.

28 Thank you all for attending this 95th Convention.
29 This has truly been a wonderful convention and you all did
30 a fantastic job at this convention. Give yourself a big
31 round of applause.

32 (Applause)

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I want to thank the
34 National President Nancy Brown-Park for making this her
35 official visit to our home, her home state, and for
36 spending her weekend with us. She couldn't be with us
37 today because she had to travel on to Louisiana for a
38 visit. We are so proud of her, her accomplishments, her
39 selfies, her travels, and of course we will continue to
40 pass it on.

41 I want to thank you members for the most exciting
42 year of my life in our service to our veterans. We will
43 recess for 45 minutes in which time we will reconvene for
44 the installation of the 2014-2015 department officers.
45 Thank you.

46 (Recess from 11:43 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

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48 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2014-2015

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50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This Installation of

1 Department Officers for 2014-2015 is called to order. I
2 would like to introduce to you or present to you, rather,
3 our installing officer for this afternoon, Past Department
4 President from District 15. Please give a warm welcome to
5 Sue Hooker.

6 (Applause.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Thank you, Anita. It
8 is my pleasure to introduce the installing team: the
9 Honorary Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman,
10 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms Gloria Williams, Honorary
11 Marshal Kathy Harris-Richardson, Honoring Chaplain Vicki
12 Crow, and the District 15 Color Bearers.

13 We will now proceed with the installation of
14 Department Officers for the year 2014-2015. Will the
15 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the
16 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the District
17 Second Vice Presidents.

18 (Processional.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the Honorary
20 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest
21 Chairman please escort the District First Vice Presidents.

22 (Processional.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the Honorary
24 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest
25 Chairman please escort the District Presidents.

26 (Processional.)

27 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the Honorary
28 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest
29 Chairman please escort the Department Officers. Musician
30 Elizabeth "Liz" Doidge.

31 (Applause.)

32 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Parliamentarian Diane
33 DeLashmit, Sergeant-at-Arms Sharon Moore, Marshal Debbie
34 Fletcher, Historian Tami Bell, and Chaplain Vella Myers.

35 (Processional.)

36 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the Honorary
37 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest
38 Chairman please escort the Junior Member of Finance Susan
39 Peters.

40 (Processional.)

41 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the Honorary
42 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest
43 Chairman please escort the Department Vice President Elect
44 Susie Tozier escorted by her sister Anita Collins.

45 (Processional.)

46 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the Honorary
47 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest
48 Chairman please present the colors of District 15 followed
49 by the Department President Elect Harriet Clendenin
50 escorted by her husband, Norm.

1 (Processional.)
2 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: The installation of
3 our newly elected and appointed officers is one of most
4 important and impressive ceremonies of our department
5 convention. As we begin this tradition from one
6 administration to another, we wish to express our
7 appreciation to the retiring department and district
8 officers for their outstanding contributions to the grand
9 history of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of
10 California.
11 As we turn from the memories of the successful
12 year that we have just completed, we all look forward with
13 renewed dedication and enthusiasm to a new year. The
14 stage is for our new department and district officers to
15 go into action and honor and serve our veterans, their
16 families, and our country. We congratulate our new
17 officers and we wish for them a year full of wonderful
18 memories that will give them great satisfaction.
19 District Vice Presidents, District Presidents,
20 and Department Officers, please rise. Excuse me. My
21 fellow members, you have been chosen to fill the various
22 offices of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of
23 California. You will, I know, vindicate the trust that
24 has been reposed to you and fulfill in every way the
25 obligations which that trust entails. You will
26 familiarize yourselves with the duties of your respective
27 offices as given in the department bylaws.
28 Always remember that the welfare and success of
29 this administration depends upon you, and upon your
30 shoulders rests the burden of observing the integrity of
31 the American Legion Auxiliary. You must protect its good
32 name before the people of the United States and at all
33 times endeavor to have them understand its policies and
34 purposes.
35 Always remember the tolerant spirit of the
36 American Legion Auxiliary, to allow no distinction of
37 class or creed to appear among our members. There is no
38 rank among us. For each serves as an equal of her fellow
39 members and all strive towards the same goal, which is in
40 realization in life of the republic of the ideas of
41 justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.
42 Please rise and raise your right hand and repeat
43 after me giving your name where I give mine. I, Sue
44 Hooker.
45 (Response.)
46 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Promise to perform
47 faithfully.
48 (Response.)
49 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: All the duties of the
50 office.

1 (Response.)
2 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: I am about to assume.
3 (Response.)
4 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: And I further pledge.
5 (Response.)
6 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: That I am not a
7 member of.
8 (Response.)
9 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: And do not subscribe
10 to.
11 (Response.)
12 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: The principles of any
13 group opposed to our form of government.
14 (Response.)
15 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: That was the gavel.
16 District Second District Vice Presidents, please rise.
17 Into your helpful hands is placed the
18 responsibility of assisting the First Vice President in
19 all their duties. The cooperation and spirit with which
20 you fulfill your responsibilities will contribute much to
21 the success of the year. Congratulations. You may be
22 seated.
23 (Applause.)
24 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: District First Vice
25 Presidents, please rise. To you is given the act of
26 cooperation to the district for the continued develop of
27 your district's programs. In the absence of the president
28 you will be prepared to assume the duties of her office.
29 This year can be a very rewarding and a learning
30 experience for you and to prepare you for future goals.
31 Congratulations. You may be seated.
32 (Applause.)
33 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: District Presidents,
34 please rise. You are assuming a tremendous responsibility
35 in leading the day-to-day activities of the units in your
36 district. As the deputy to the Department President, you
37 are the most important member of the official family, for
38 you represent the link between the members of this great
39 department and the department president.
40 With full confidence in your abilities, you have
41 been chosen by your district to fill this important role.
42 May your year of service in your district be a happy,
43 exciting, and rewarding adventure for you and your
44 district. Congratulations, ladies. You may be seated.
45 (Applause.)
46 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: I'm looking to see
47 where people are. Department officers. Musician
48 Elizabeth Lynn Doidge, please rise. There you are. I
49 couldn't find you. Yours is an inevitable one in the
50 official family in that you will bring life and fun to our

1 meetings in your musical selections. Congratulations.
2 (Applause.)
3 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Parliamentarian Diane
4 DeLashmit. What a surprise to see you here. Your duty is
5 to advise the Department President in procedural matters
6 in the deliberations of this department. The benefit of
7 your experience and wise counsel will be a great asset to
8 her in the performance of her duties. Congratulations,
9 Diane.
10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.
11 (Applause.)
12 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Will the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms Sharon Moore and Marshal Debbie Fletcher
14 please rise. You will have the very special honor this
15 year of carrying the flag of our country and the banner of
16 the Department of California. The love and respect with
17 which you carry out these duties will inspire the
18 membership. In addition, you're responsible for order at
19 all department meetings and such other duties as to be
20 assigned to you by the Department President.
21 Congratulations.
22 (Applause.)
23 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Historian Tami Bell.
24 (Applause.)
25 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Tami, to you is given
26 the rather awesome responsibility of compiling the history
27 of this administration. Many memories will be presented
28 this year and your official record will preserve them for
29 those who follow. Congratulations.
30 (Applause.)
31 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Chaplain Vella Myers.
32 Vella, you have been asked to serve as the spiritual
33 leader of this department. The love and empathy with
34 which you perform your duties of the office will do much
35 to lighten sorrows that may fall upon our members. You
36 will have the opportunity to offer prayers that will be
37 uplifting to us and to assist our members to develop a
38 sense of inner strength gained from God's blessing.
39 Congratulations, Vella.
40 (Applause.)
41 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Okay. Will the
42 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal please escort the
43 Junior Member of Finance to this podium.
44 (Processional.)
45 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Susan, you are
46 entering a three-year term of a very important committee
47 of this department. Study carefully the responsibilities
48 as outlined in the bylaws and policies. Always remember
49 that you were elected by the membership to represent their
50 best interests. We know you will consider your duties and

1 enjoy your service to this committee. Congratulations.
2 (Applause.)
3 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: May I have Susie
4 Tozier and her escort come up?
5 (Processional.)
6 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Susie, as the Vice
7 President to the Department President, you will be her
8 right hand. The president may call on you for your
9 counsel or to represent her in specific occasions. You
10 should be prepared to do so as well as assuming the duties
11 of her office. If the need should arise, your enthusiasm
12 and cooperation will add much to the success of this
13 administration. May this year be a rewarding and learning
14 experience and help prepare you for future goals.
15 Congratulations.
16 (Applause.)
17 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Susie is being pinned
18 by her sister.
19 (Applause.)
20 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Well, Harriet.
21 Harriet, may I have you and your escort, your husband --
22 no, just you. Just you. Never mind. You get to be on
23 next.
24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You'll be
25 on soon.
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Didn't mean to shock
27 you, Norman.
28 (Processional.)
29 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Department President
30 Harriet, great trust has been reposed to you by the
31 election to the highest office within the Department of
32 California. I charge you to carry constantly in your mind
33 the obligations which is yours of upholding the four great
34 principles expressed in the preamble of the constitution:
35 justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.
36 As Department President, you have the great
37 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the
38 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the
39 members to fill this challenge. We have faith in your
40 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify
41 the qualities of leadership that the membership has given
42 the Department President.
43 You will be the spokesperson for all of us to the
44 public. Our members will look to you for guidance,
45 inspiration, and understanding. We know that you will
46 continue to use your talents, strengths and your love for
47 the American Legion Auxiliary in the best interest of all
48 of our members. Your leadership will inspire our members
49 to achieve goals never before thought possible as you lead
50 us through all our programs. We all congratulate you and

1 we give you best wishes for the coming year.
2 (Applause.)
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.
4 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Photo opp. Will all
5 the newly installed officers please rise.
6 Members and guests, I present to you the officers
7 for the Department of California for the year 2014-2015.
8 (Applause.)
9 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: My fellow members, I
10 share in the pride that is yours for whom you have chosen
11 to guide our organization this coming year. They have
12 been charged with a serious responsibility and I charge
13 you likewise.
14 Will all of the members of the American Legion
15 Auxiliary please rise, raise your right hand and repeat
16 after me. I solemnly promise.
17 (Response.)
18 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: To renew my pledge of
19 service.
20 (Response.)
21 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: To the American
22 Legion Auxiliary.
23 (Response.)
24 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: And to give
25 wholehearted support to those department officers.
26 (Response.)
27 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Thank you. Trust me
28 I'm not taking it lightly. I'm just covering up my
29 mistakes.
30 Our Honorary Chaplain Vicki Crow will offer
31 prayer.
32 HONORARY CHAPLAIN CROW: Please remain seated.
33 Bow your heads. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, thank
34 you for your unconditional love, understanding, and the
35 blessing you have bestowed upon us. Father, be with us
36 today as we install these newly elected officers. Bless
37 them and guide them in the coming year. Help them to meet
38 their commitments and inspire them with your wisdom to
39 carry out their duties in such a way as to bring praise
40 and honor to our great organization.
41 Father, guide them so that your name will be
42 glorified and that the full significance of the principles
43 of our organization, justice, freedom, and democracy, may
44 be exemplified through their service to our country and to
45 thee. Inspire them to work together as a team to build a
46 brighter future for our veterans, children, and
47 communities. We ask these things in your holy name.
48 Amen.
49 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.
50 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: We still don't have a

1 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal. I just need to have our
2 Junior Past Department President Anita escorted to the
3 podium.

4 (Processional.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: We always dread that
6 long walk. Anita, you have come to the close of your year
7 as president of the Department of California, American
8 Legion Auxiliary. Your theme Honoring Our Opportunity to
9 Provide Service for our Veterans has inspired -- and as
10 inspired by H.O.O.P.S. this great year for the department.
11 It has been a tremendous experience for you and you can be
12 very proud of what you have accomplished under your
13 leadership.

14 As you retire from this office, be assured that
15 you take with you the love and respect of all our members.
16 We thank you for taking time out of your busy life to
17 serve as our president. May you have many happy memories
18 of your year as Department President. Congratulations. A
19 job well done.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Bonnie, you can
22 present.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTENSEN: Anita, it
24 is truly an honor for me to stand before this assembly and
25 present you with your Past Department President's pen.
26 You're my princess. You will always be my princess.

27 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You will always
28 be my queen.

29 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTENSEN: I can't
30 tell you how proud I am of you and how humbled I am to be
31 able to do this for you. And as my mother said to me as I
32 went out as Past Department President, I brought you in
33 and I'm going to take you out.

34 (Applause.)

35 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: At this time Past
36 Department President Linda Workman will present.

37 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: First of
38 all, we're going to take this off. So, Anita, you know
39 that Nancy and I think of you as a sister from another
40 mother, and so we would like to share with you and present
41 to you this ribbon which has had many, many years of
42 department service. Don't start.

43 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Don't start.

44 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: The ribbon
45 was originally worn by Jean Brown, Past Department
46 President, and then worn by Nancy Brown-Park as Past
47 Department President, and now you will have the honor of
48 wearing it.

49 (Applause.)

50 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you for

1 the honor of wearing Jean Brown's -- that was 1964, I
2 believe. Something like that. Thank you.
3 (Applause.)
4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You have to
5 escort me back.
6 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Oh.
7 (Processional.)
8 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: At this time I would
9 ask for Harriet to join me and presenters Lora Clendenin
10 and Debbie Peak. This is Harriet's mother and daughter.
11 (Applause.)
12 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Here's the pen. She
13 liked it.
14 (Applause.)
15 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Madam Department
16 President Harriet, may I be the first to congratulate you.
17 I wish for you a successful year and many happy memories.
18 I'm so proud of you.
19 My fellow members, I present to you the
20 Department President Harriet Clendenin.
21 (Applause.)
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I've been told I
23 need to use my outdoor voice. Thank you, everyone -- my
24 glasses.
25 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Right there.
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I don't see
27 them.
28 (Applause.)
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you,
30 honey.
31 Thank you, everyone. I am humbled and honored to
32 have been elected to serve as President for the American
33 Legion Auxiliary, Department of California for the
34 2014-2015 year. My theme this year will be C.R.A.F.T.S.,
35 Creating Relationships Assisting Families Through Service
36 to Veterans in our communities.
37 I will be the master quilter. This will be the
38 only time in my life I will be able to call myself that.
39 Besides, who has the time to reach that level of quilting;
40 right? The officers and chairman will choose their craft
41 as it relates to their program, and the district
42 presidents will choose a quilt block. The District
43 Chairman will be the apprentices of their respective craft
44 and the unit members will be the crafters.
45 I choose this theme for many reasons, but it
46 really comes down to creativity. We must creatively and
47 sometimes think outside the box to increase membership,
48 rethink leadership options, and creatively assist our
49 floundering districts and units. We must also creatively
50 assist our passion, our veterans, their families, our

1 communities, and our children and youth.

2 My special project will be to continue Anita's
3 project of helping the most susceptible veterans with
4 temporary financial assistance.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Judy. I asked
7 Judy -- where is my friend Judy? I asked Judy to sing a
8 very special song at this time.

9 DELEGATE ULRICH: And as you know, we do what
10 Madam President is wanting. Good afternoon, everybody.
11 The song is called -- let me see. What is the title of
12 our song? That's all right. It doesn't matter. This is
13 not on my repertoire, but now it is. This is my first
14 audience.

15 (Singing.)

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I don't know if
18 I can go on.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We haven't seen
20 the last of you.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: That's true.
22 Wasn't that wonderful? Thank you. Thank you so much.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: When I was in
25 Indianapolis in May, we learned of a goal of being one
26 million members strong on a national level. Vice
27 President Susie, Acting Secretary/Treasurer Ruby, Danielle
28 White, and I developed an action plan to help California
29 assist in this lofty goal. More details will follow in
30 future leadership training. I encourage all members to
31 attend.

32 At this time I would like to introduce the
33 masters of your leadership team and your leadership
34 chairmen for next year please. Hold your applause until
35 all are introduced. From District 25, Donna Scott is
36 Americanism. AEF, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Robin
37 Falkenberg, District 28. Children & Youth, Loretta Marsh,
38 District 16. Community Service, Tammy Sollazzo, District
39 19. Constitution & Bylaws, Michelle Soares, 28.

40 Education, Rosalie Taylor, District 14. Junior
41 Activities, Kim Vincent, District 30. Leadership, Norma
42 DuVall, 18. Legislative, Ms. Anita, District 23.
43 Membership, Susie Tozier, District 22. National Security,
44 Rebecca Stewart-Wilson, 24. Past Presidents Parlay, Linda
45 Fercho, District 16. Poppy, Kathie Martinez, District 23.

46 Public Relations, Jennifer Bieger, 21.
47 Resolutions, LuAnn Capazzi. And Veterans Affairs & Rehab,
48 Wendy O'Brien, District 6.

49 (Applause.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Do I know how to

1 pick 'em? I would be remiss if I didn't introduce my
2 biggest supporters, my family. My mom, Debbie. My dad,
3 Artie. My daughter, Lora. I'll get to you, honey. My
4 brother, Elliott. He's the baby, but the tallest one in
5 the family. My two aunts, Maryann and Phyllis and
6 Phyllis' husband Joe who came out from New Jersey to be
7 with us this weekend. Joe also wants me to tell you that
8 he's my favorite uncle. Oh, and Janeen Heatherington.
9 Where are you, sweetie?

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Last, but not
12 least, my eligibility, my best friend, and my gopher. My
13 husband, Norm.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will all members
16 of post and Unit 221 please stand? 221. 221. Thank you.
17 Stay standing. Will all members of District 15 please
18 stand?

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You may -- you
21 can sit. In closing, let me again thank you for this
22 honor of serving you. And remember, think creatively in
23 your units and districts and your communities. God bless
24 our veterans and God bless the USA.

25 (Applause.)

26 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: Just a moment,
27 please. I have in my program to ask for presentations to
28 either of these ladies. For some reason that doesn't
29 sound right to me, but I'll go ahead and follow the
30 script. So at this time if there are any presentations
31 from anyone.

32 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Madam President,
33 can I borrow your husband for a moment, please? You need
34 to stand on that side so he doesn't run away.

35 DEPARTMENT GOPHER CLENDENIN: Got the handcuffs?

36 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Now, Lonnie, you
37 need to explain where the handcuffs and the gopher is.

38 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER BIGGS: I got halfway here
39 and realized the gopher is sitting on the table. He
40 didn't make it into the car. You see, he's lying on the
41 table. But anyway, my job is done, but I'm going to make
42 sure the gopher didn't see you. Anyway, have a good year.

43 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: He did ask about
44 the handcuffs; you notice that?

45 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER BIGGS: I got them in the
46 bag too.

47 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Well, Norm, you
48 did start out very well by having the glasses handy.

49 DEPARTMENT GOPHER CLENDENIN: I got it.

50 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: But there's also

1 some duties of Department Gopher that we thought of while
2 we were having our dinner at the Past Department Gopher
3 Dinner.

4 DEPARTMENT GOPHER CLENDENIN: Okay.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: When on official
6 business with the Department President, the Department
7 Gopher must follow these guidelines.

8 DEPARTMENT GOPHER CLENDENIN: Yes.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: The Department
10 President must never be seen picking up, pushing, or
11 carrying luggage.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Anita, these are
14 brand-new rules. We can't prosecute anybody for the rules
15 that weren't made at the time.

16 DEPARTMENT GOPHER CLENDENIN: I was carrying her
17 purse last night and it didn't match my outfit.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Okay. Now this
19 next one fits right in there because you are not to speak
20 without being spoken to and keep your conversations to
21 simple one-line answers. For example, "Isn't it a nice
22 day?" "It is good to see you."

23 Never talk about politics, religion, or sex. It
24 is your responsibility to make sure that the president is
25 never photographed with an alcoholic drink in her hand.
26 From time to time you will be asked to buy panty hose and
27 other female products at a hotel gift shop. Do it with a
28 smile on your face.

29 (Applause.)

30 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: You must develop
31 a signal with the president to rescue her in an awkward
32 situation. For example, if she tugs on her ear or you tug
33 on your ear, get the message that that means come here
34 dear, we need to move along. A little simple one-liner.

35 When on official business with Department
36 President, you are to stay three feet behind her.

37 (Applause.)

38 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: You are not the
39 center of attention. And if you see how Prince Phillip
40 walks behind the Queen with his hands behind his back and
41 very attentive.

42 DEPARTMENT GOPHER CLENDENIN: Oh.

43 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: The Department
44 Gopher is not responsible for mother in-laws who might be
45 traveling with the president.

46 (Applause.)

47 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: But remember,
48 happy wife, happy life.

49 (Applause.)

50 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Raise your right

1 hand and give your name where I give mine. I, Dennis
2 Fercho.
3 (Response.)
4 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Do accept the
5 duties of the Department Gopher.
6 (Response.)
7 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: And of my own
8 free will.
9 (Response.)
10 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: And without
11 reservation or pause.
12 (Response.)
13 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: And I am no
14 longer the boss.
15 (Response.)
16 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Indeed it is an
17 honor to do this and we do have a good time and we do the
18 job well.
19 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER BIGGS: Yes. I'm on
20 probation at least from being a gopher.
21 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER FERCHO: Okay. Now you're
22 on your own again.
23 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: I may need a moment
24 or two. Okay. I'm trying to find where I am now. Excuse
25 me. Okay. I'm going to present you with your gavel. I
26 want you to use it with discretion and to the best
27 interests of the department.
28 See, they just messed me up. I have presented
29 Harriet with her gavel. I'm not sure this is the correct
30 place, but she needs to have it. And I have charged her
31 to use it wisely and with the best of her discretion and
32 to the best of the department.
33 (Applause.)
34 INSTALLING OFFICER HOOKER: At this time you will
35 return the gavel to the Past Junior Past Department
36 President for the closing of the convention.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: At this time I
38 will return the gavel to the Junior Past Department
39 President to close her convention.
40 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
41 (Applause.)
42 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They almost
43 forgot that part. Before I proceed with the closing of
44 this convention, please allow me to say a few words if you
45 don't mind. I want to congratulate you, Madam President
46 Harriet, all the officers, and my dear friends and some of
47 the wonderful team captains that are now sitting there as
48 well as all the district presidents that have just been
49 installed. I want to thank you, my team in the 23rd
50 District for all of your support, gifts, and love you have

1 given me this year.

2 Will the team in 23rd please stand who's in the
3 room? 23rd District, please stand.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. To my
6 Unit 252 sisters, you are amazing. Thank you for
7 everything and for all of your support this year. Thank
8 you as well to my family. My mother who is here. Mom,
9 where are you? There she is. There's my mom.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, mom, for
12 traveling with us. Thank you Gopher Lonnie. You really
13 have been so helpful. I know we joke about it, but he
14 really does pick up all the heavy stuff. And I know
15 you're going to look forward to me being at home for just
16 a little while.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm going to smack
19 him. It's -- I'm trying to fool him. He knows I'm not
20 going to be home, but that's okay. This has been an
21 exciting, challenging year filled with great
22 accomplishments with all members shooting H.O.O.P.S. by
23 Honoring Our Opportunity to Provide Services to all
24 veterans. You members have shown me such great
25 hospitality and amazing memories. As we come to the close
26 of this spectacular year, the beauty of the American
27 Legion Auxiliary is that we will continue. We will
28 continue our mission in a renewed spirit with new ideas,
29 new officers, new chairmen and new ways to serve veterans,
30 their families, children, and our communities.

31 I will never be able to fully express how
32 grateful I am to the American Legion Auxiliary and to all
33 of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve this year
34 as your Department President.

35 With that said, thank you for a great year of
36 lifelong friendships and a lifetime of memories. Thank
37 you.

38 (Applause.)

39 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. You
40 might as well stay standing. Is there any further
41 business to come before this convention? If not, our team
42 spirit, Alice Christensen, Department Chaplain will offer
43 prayer. Oh, she's been replaced. Alice had to leave.
44 Vicki Crow. Thank you.

45 HONORARY CHAPLAIN CROW: Bow your heads. Grant,
46 oh Lord, that as Americans and Auxiliary members, we may
47 continue to help our veterans and those in need. We thank
48 you for these people assembled here and pray you will
49 bless their many works. Be with us we pray. Amen.

50 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Vicky.
2 Until we meet again, let us remember that our obligations
3 to our community, our country can only be fulfilled by the
4 faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let
5 service to the community, state, and nation be ever a main
6 objective of the American Legion Auxiliary and its
7 members. Let us ever be watchful of our organization and
8 ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of
9 justice, freedom, loyalty, and democracy.

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11 RETIREMENT OF COLORS AND ADJOURNMENT
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13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The 23rd District
14 and Jackie Robinson Unit 252 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal
15 will retire the colors of the 23rd District and Jackie
16 Robinson Unit 252. My Sergeant-at-Arms Cherie and Acting
17 Marshal Taadhimeka Stovall, along with the Distinguished
18 Guest Chairman Linda Workman will retire this Junior Past
19 President, and when I reach the back of this room, the
20 95th Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary,
21 Department of California will be adjourned.

22 May God continue to bless us all and our veterans
23 and our families and our troops.

24 (Processional.)

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26 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
27 was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.)
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