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CALL TO ORDER

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning,  
10 ladies. Good morning.

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The convention  
13 session is reconvened. Will the District 12 Squadron of  
14 the SAL please present the Colors of the Department of  
15 California.

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(ProceSSIONAL.)

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DISTRICT 12 SQUADRON LEADER: Madam President,  
18 Eight Time State, Seven Time National Champion Color Guard  
19 Team presenting the colors for you this morning. I'd like  
20 one question -- one request, if we have permission to  
21 approach the podium.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, you may.  
23 Please do.

24

(Applause.)

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DISTRICT 12 SQUADRON LEADER: On behalf of the

1 Seven Time National Champion Color Guard and Eight Time  
2 State, I would like to present you, Madam President, with  
3 a Merits of Flag Half-Staff that all our Honor Guard wears  
4 when we raise and lower the flag of the United States  
5 Government.

6 And also we have a Chaplain coin. It's for  
7 Chaplain. It started out last year, went very, very well.  
8 We have a few left. And it's got the Four Chaplains. I  
9 don't know if you know the story, but -- you know the  
10 story. And on the other side has all the four families:  
11 American Legion, the Riders, the Auxiliary, and the Sons  
12 of the American Legion. Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so  
14 much.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 12 SQUADRON MEMBER: Madam President,  
17 it's my honor and privilege to present this star. "I am  
18 part of a United States flag flown in the Central Valley  
19 of California. I can no longer fly. The sun and wind  
20 have caused me to become tattered and worn. Please carry  
21 me with you as an ever reminder of our veterans who have  
22 given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our continued  
23 freedom."

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so  
25 much.

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(Processional.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the  
Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal -- our Master Comforter Vella  
Myers will offer the invocation.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Good morning. Let us  
pray. Heavenly Father, be with us as we endeavor with our  
friends of the Auxiliary for this last time under the  
leadership of our President Harriet. We also ask that you  
be with our fellow member Donna Scott as she fell earlier  
today and we are unable to determine the condition at this  
time. Help us as we commit ourselves to our various  
programs of this great organization and continue in the  
work for our veterans, families, and communities and  
definitely the future of our youth. Guide us in all that  
we do for you and for our country. Amen.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the Vice  
President Susie Tozier please lead us in the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

1           AUDIENCE MEMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the  
2 flag of the United States of America and to the republic  
3 for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible  
4 with liberty and justice for all.

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. Will  
6 the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, along with the  
7 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this podium  
8 Larry Van Kuran, the leading candidate for the Department  
9 of California of the American Legion.

10           (ProceSSIONAL.)

11           DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: Madam  
12 President, Madam President Elect, and Madam Past  
13 Presidents. You can't hear. I can project too.

14           Good morning, ladies

15           AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

16           DEPARTMENT LEGION ELECT COMMANDER VAN KURAN: My  
17 name is Larry Van Kuran. I'm from the 28th District in  
18 the San Fernando Valley and I'm leading the candidate and  
19 in about an hour and a half I'll be the Department  
20 Commander, I believe, unless someone pops up out of the  
21 woodwork.

22           I'll be really brief like a good Chaplain. What  
23 you see is what you get, and I tell you what I'll do.  
24 There's going to be a lot more communicating. I'll use  
25 the mic.

1           We're getting a new website. We're going to  
2 offer that to whoever cares to use it. It's going to be a  
3 lot better than it used to be where you know what's going  
4 on in your department. You'll be able to know a lot more  
5 than you do now. And we're going to be orchestrating a  
6 lot of different things.

7           You heard about Sanger. That was approved two  
8 days ago, so we are going. Just so you know, that's been  
9 in the plans since 2004 when Ken Hackney was the  
10 Department Commander to look for a location between  
11 Bakersfield and Fresno. The recent relocation because of  
12 the remodel of the War Memorial Building in San Francisco  
13 and the fact that we had to vacate our temporary premises  
14 on September 1st caused us to start looking more earnest  
15 for a location. So we found the Sanger building. It's in  
16 town. It's not in an industrial park, so it fit a lot of  
17 the needs.

18           You've heard a lot of things about pros and cons,  
19 but the decision was made two days ago and we're going.  
20 And what I will say is we will offer, should you choose to  
21 come with us, no rent. But it's going to be your decision  
22 if you should so decide.

23           (Applause.)

24           DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: So I  
25 pretty much addressed everything I wanted to talk about.

1 If you would like to ask me any questions, feel free.

2 And by the way, don't be strangers. Call me,  
3 send me emails. Anything you think will benefit the  
4 Legion. I am for the Legion. Anything that can make it  
5 better. And for the Legion family. My post never worked  
6 so well as when we have our Auxiliary. We need to do that  
7 more.

8 And I talked about a few things with Past  
9 National President to do in the next coming year, and  
10 maybe we can set some plans that will carry on beyond the  
11 year. Because I only have a year. First three months is  
12 the honeymoon, the next three months is hard work, and the  
13 last three months they don't listen to you. Trust me,  
14 that's true.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Except  
16 in the Auxiliary.

17 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: So seeing  
18 who you're going to have, who the Department is going to  
19 have as the Commander I believe in the next hour and a  
20 half I believe -- yes. Susie President Elect, meet with  
21 me.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I did. Once I  
23 did. At the Membership meeting. He owes me a dozen  
24 long-stem red roses.

25 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: I'll



1       sweeten the pot.

2                   DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER:   Oh, oh.

3                   DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN:   Dinner at  
4       the location of your choice for you and your ten best  
5       friends.

6                   (Applause.)

7                   DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN:   I might  
8       stretch it to 11.  When Susie and I talked, she said how  
9       about a dozen roses, and so we'll see.  So I'm Larry Van  
10      Kuran and we're going to work together and have a much  
11      tighter group with the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the  
12      Riders.  Because we've got to do it in a family way.

13                   (Applause.)

14                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN:   Thank you.  
15      Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy  
16      schedule this morning.

17                   DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN:   No busier  
18      than yours.

19                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN:   We are a little  
20      bit behind.  So I would like for you to have this pin.  
21      It's two quilters working together, and that's what it  
22      represents.  So the best of luck to you.

23                   DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN:   Thank  
24      you.

25                   (Processional.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Madam Secretary,  
2 will you call the roll of Department Officers, Chairmen,  
3 and Hospital Reps.

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5 ROLL CALL

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7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
8 morning.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is  
11 the last column.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
14 Department President Harriet.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I am here, Ruby.  
16 Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
18 morning, Madam President. Department Vice President Susie  
19 Tozier.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'm here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
22 Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis. I want to go home.  
23 NEC Anita Biggs.

24 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

1 morning. Chaplain Vella Myers.

2 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
4 Historian Tami Bell.

5 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Yeah, I'm here. Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sort  
7 of. Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Notions  
9 are here still.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
11 Musician Elizabeth Doidge.

12 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: Babies first come, first serve.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Are you  
14 going to have some more?

15 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: No, no.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
17 Sergeant-At-Arms Sharon Moore.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MOORE: In the house.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal  
20 Debbie Fletcher.

21 MARSHAL FLETCHER: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
23 Committee Chairman Geri Fitzpatrick.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: We're  
25 still counting money.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's  
2 a good sign. Finance Committee Kathryn Doran.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER DORAN: Show me  
4 the money.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
6 Junior Member Susan Peters.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER PETERS: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
9 Advisory Chairman Pilar Reyes.

10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 Advisory Committee Terry Mikesell.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
15 Advisory Committee Margaret Quinones. Excused, Madam  
16 President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past  
19 National President Nancy Brown-Park.

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: On my way to  
21 Girls State.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
23 Americanism Donna Scott.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Robin Falkenberg.

2 AEF CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: I am out of bead  
3 string. It's time to put them away.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
5 Children & Youth Loretta Marsh.

6 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Washing my  
7 sticky fingers.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
9 Community Service Tammy Sollazzo.

10 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 Constitution & Bylaws Michelle Soares.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: I can't  
14 think of a humorous quip, but I'm here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
16 Convention Diane DeLashmit.

17 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Shuu, shuu. It's  
18 a lot of stuff.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
20 Convention Commission Melanie Taylor.

21 CONVENTION COMMISSION TAYLOR: I've got a hitch  
22 in my stitch on the way to Fresno.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
24 Credentials Cheryl Neiffer.

25 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN NEIFFER: Done counting,

1 ready to plow.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good  
5 morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor  
7 Estella Avina.

8 EDITOR AVINA: Oh, here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
10 Education Rosalie Taylor.

11 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I'm here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
13 Elections Karen Bobren.

14 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN BOBREN: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
16 morning. Girls State Linda Hayes.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused. She's  
18 at Girls State.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Girls  
20 State Director Valerie Hardy.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior  
23 Activities Kim Vincent.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior

1 Conference Director Diana Livas.

2 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR LIVAS: Good morning,  
3 Ruby.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
5 morning, Diana. Leadership Norma DuVall.

6 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DuVALL: I'm here, Ruby.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
8 Legislative Anita Biggs.

9 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'm making a huge  
10 (inaudible).

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 Membership Susie Tozier.

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER: National  
15 Security Rebecca Stewart-Wilson.

16 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Still  
17 protecting.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past  
19 Presidents Parley Linda Fercho.

20 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY FERCHO: Finally out of the  
21 kitchen. Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Poppy  
23 Kathie Martinez.

24 POPPY CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

1 morning. Public Relations Jennifer Bieger.

2 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: I'm here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Resolutions LuAnn Capazzi.

5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

7 morning, LuAnn. Rules Danielle White.

8 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: Bon jour.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Bon

10 jour. I'll get that down. You have to teach me that that

11 the accent. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Wendy

12 O'Brien.

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I have turned off the

14 ovens.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's

16 turned off the ovens.

17 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:

18 And took your head out.

19 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:

20 Put your head in.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Ways & Means

22 Karen Munch.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I'm rich.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,

25 she's rich. District 1 Pat Lindley. Excused. District 2



1 Barbara -- Nancy Johnson.

2 DISTRICT 2: District 2 is heading to the far  
3 north.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
5 District 3 Lola Ramey.

6 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
8 morning. District 4 Lori Dowden.

9 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: We're right behind  
10 District 2 heading north.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 District 5 Melanie Taylor.

13 CONVENTION COMMISSION TAYLOR: Good morning,  
14 Ruby.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
16 morning. District 6 Maria Lopez.

17 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.  
18 We're wearing these stars for you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. Good  
20 morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
22 District 7 Janie Bandera.

23 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
25 District 8 Tammy Manini.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 District 9 Dolly Rios.

4 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 10 Liz Parshal.

7 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHAL: Good morning,

8 Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

11 District 11 Maria Adame.

12 DISTRICT 11: Good morning, Madam President

13 Harriet. God bless you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, thank

15 you.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 District 12 Kathy Smith.

18 DISTRICT 12: We've sewn the final stitch. Good

19 morning, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

22 District 13 Dondela Denny.

23 DISTRICT 13: Do you know the way to San Jose?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I do.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 District 14 Ellen McClurg.

2 DISTRICT 14: Good morning, Madam President. The  
3 thundering 14 is in the house.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
5 morning. District 15 Dee Ann Graham.

6 DISTRICT 15: We have sewed, packing our sewing  
7 kits, but not forgetting our vets. Hurry home, Madam  
8 President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. Good  
10 morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 District 16 Karen Munch.

13 DISTRICT 16: Our quilt is finished. The sweet  
14 16 is on our way home.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Bye. Good  
16 morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
18 District 17 Yoko Parsons-Crooks.

19 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOKS: Good  
20 morning, Ruby.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
22 morning, Yoko. District 18 Laura Bradshaw.

23 DISTRICT 18: The evening stars and bow ties of  
24 the Elegant 18th District are in the building. Good  
25 morning, Madam President.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

2 DISTRICT 18 MEMBER: And safe home to all.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 District 19 Becky Bullard.

5 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President. The  
6 Noisy 19 District Dragons will continue to protect our  
7 veterans as we say goodbye and thank you for an awesome  
8 year.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

12 District 20 Carol McChesney.

13 DISTRICT 20: Some of us sew, some of us knit,  
14 but we all worked for our vets. Good morning, Madam  
15 President.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

18 District 21 Brenda Wardrip.

19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: Good morning,  
20 Madam President.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

23 District 22 June Coatney.

24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Service, not  
25 self.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 District 23 Helen Barber.

3 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BARBER: Good morning,  
4 Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Oh, good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

8 District 24 Ruth Hackney. Oh, this is a show.

9 DISTRICT 24: We stitched, we sewed, it's time to  
10 say goodbye. Bye-bye love. Bye-bye Harriet. Goodbye to  
11 Harriet. I think I'm going to cry. Bye-bye love.  
12 Bye-bye Harriet. Bye-bye. Bye-bye.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so  
15 much.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
17 President, do you need to make a new appointment maybe of  
18 an entertainment chair?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I think so.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think  
21 you have a good prospect. A choreographer. I'm sorry.

22 District 25 Gabby Roland.

23 DISTRICT 25: Time has come for us to leave. We  
24 have a lot of fun. We wish you love and happiness now  
25 that your year is done. Bye Madam President Harriet.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Bye.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
3 District 26 Linda Workman.

4 DISTRICT 26: We're going home, yeah.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
6 District 27 Vella Myers.

7 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
9 District 28 Susan Baker.

10 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President.  
11 District 28 is still A-okay.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
14 District 29 Elizabeth Tomlin.

15 DISTRICT 29: We'll see you next year in the  
16 front row.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All right.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
19 District 30 Kim Vincent. She's excused I believe; right?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
22 Hospital reps. Fort Miley, Laurie Sullivan.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
25 Northern California/Sacramento, Wendy O'Brien.

1 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I'm still here. I really  
2 want to go home.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Central  
4 California/Fresno, Toni Lopez. Absent. Palo Alto, Pat  
5 Klang.

6 HOSPITAL REP KLANG: I'm here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
8 Livermore, Ruth Briggs. Excused. WAVE Clinic San Diego,  
9 Lois Cornish.

10 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here. You see can't  
11 me, but I am.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma  
13 Linda, Jerry L. Pettis, Mavis Kanka.

14 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Long  
16 Beach, Pat Alvarez. Greater LA, Earlean Paige.

17 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Headed west.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Veteran  
19 homes. Barstow, Evangeline Acosta.

20 VETERANS HOME REP ACOSTA: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chula  
22 Vista, Lois Cornish.

23 VETERANS HOME REP CORNISH: I'm here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno  
25 Veterans Home, Rosalie Taylor.

1 VETERANS HOME REP TAYLOR: Present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 Lancaster, Linda Hayes.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's still at Girls State.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's

6 going to be there a whole week too. Redding, Terry

7 Mikesell is here. Ventura, Madeline Lee.

8 VETERAN HOME REP LEE: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West

10 LA, Ruth Hackney.

11 VETERANS HOME REP HACKNEY: Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

13 Yountville, Peggy Grabski. Absent.

14 That concludes your roll call, Madam President.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very

16 much. We will continue with department reports.

17 Ms. Susie, Madam President, are you ready?

18 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:

19 She is now.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We'll start with

21 Membership and then we'll go to Finance.

22 Susie, please be sure to use your outside voice

23 and raise your voice.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Can I use my short

25 person voice? Is everybody up here?



1  
2 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION MEETING

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4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Convention  
5 Committee on Membership met June 25th, 2015 in the Juniper  
6 Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, California.  
7 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 31  
8 of the Book of Reports. Tracy Varnell, Unit 16 -- it's  
9 hot -- District 16 was appointed secretary, LuAnn Capazzi,  
10 District 17, offered prayer, Kendall Madsen, District 29,  
11 was the Sergeant-At-Arms. There were a total of 21  
12 delegates that answered roll. There were 14 visitors  
13 present.

14 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
15 The code was read. The following changes were made. Code  
16 5 reads: "When a Unit transfers from one district to  
17 another, the membership of that Unit and their goal shall  
18 be counted as part of the District's goal to which they  
19 have transferred. The District President shall be  
20 responsible for providing any assistance or information on  
21 transferring members whose Unit Charters are being  
22 cancelled."

23 Recommended change. Code 5 reads: "When a Unit  
24 transfers from one district to another, the membership of  
25 that Unit and their goal shall be counted as part of the

1 District's goal to which they have transferred."

2 New Code 6 -- this is all part of the same thing.

3 New Code 6: "The District President shall be responsible  
4 for providing assistance or information on transferring  
5 members whose Unit Charters are being cancelled."

6 The reason for this change is there were two  
7 topics in one paragraph or two different subjects, so we  
8 are separating the sentences and making the second  
9 sentence a code in itself. That's what this change is.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Just a second,  
11 please. The recommended change of Code 5: "When a Unit  
12 transfers from one District to another, the membership of  
13 that Unit and their goal shall be counted as part of the  
14 District's goals to which they have transferred."

15 With new Code 6: "The District President shall  
16 be responsible for providing assistance or information on  
17 transferring members whose Unit Charters have been  
18 cancelled."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: At the direction of  
2 the committee, I move that the subsequent codes be  
3 renumbered from to 7 through 10 because of the change.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The change  
5 renumbering the codes. It's just -- okay. The code  
6 change is to renumber Code 6 through 9 to read 7 through  
7 10. Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Code No. 8. New

15 Code No. 8: "The Department President, Department  
16 Chairman, Department Junior Activities Chairman, District  
17 Presidents and District Chairmen shall be notified on the  
18 1st and 15th of each month beginning with October as to  
19 the status of the District membership standings by the  
20 Department Office."

21 The recommended change: "The Department Office  
22 shall publish weekly updates on the Department website the  
23 Membership statistical information provided from  
24 National."

25 By the direction of the Membership Committee, I

1 move the approval of this change.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's  
3 recommended to change: "The Department Office shall  
4 publish weekly updates on the Department website the  
5 Membership statistical information provided from  
6 National."

7 Is there any discussion?

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It's -- Code No. 7  
9 was renumbered to 8. That's what the new 8 means. The  
10 new 8. It's just a renumbering. It was Code 7.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Other discussions.  
17 National is waiving the \$9 per capita again for the first  
18 time new women veterans who join the Auxiliary. At the  
19 recommendation of the committee -- by the direction of the  
20 Membership Committee we move to again waive the Department  
21 of California per capita for these new women veterans for  
22 the year of 2016.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Did that go to  
24 finance?

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: No. I remove the

1 motion for now. I will do that later.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It was discussed  
4 that the annual report should not only include statistical  
5 information, but also ask the Units/District to describe  
6 in detail their Membership activities. Maybe this will  
7 encourage the Units/Districts to attach supplementals.  
8 The information in the supplemental enables the Department  
9 Chairman with details in their National report.

10 There was a discussion on paying dues online in  
11 the future. They are going to allow in 2016 to pay dues  
12 online. You can only pay your dues if you pay multiple  
13 dues. You can't go -- you have to have a user ID and  
14 password per membership card, and Juniors will not be  
15 paying online.

16 There was also discussion about paying for PUFL  
17 over time online. This question is being asked of Anita  
18 Biggs, but she doesn't know the answer yet.

19 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I just got the  
20 question.

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Unless you have  
22 updated information.

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: No, I don't.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Colleen award.  
25 Pat Sweeney's family is going to donate the money this

1 year; however, in the future they will not fund the award.  
2 The committee passed the hat around and I have collected  
3 the \$65. However, the family never did provide \$100, so  
4 we got additional donations. We have \$100 for this year.

5 By the direction of the Committee, I move that  
6 under department awards number F, the Colleen Award, that  
7 we delete this code because --

8 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
9 Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved  
11 and seconded that we --

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The way the code is  
13 is the Colleen Award is \$100 and is to be used to promote  
14 the program of Education. This award will be under the  
15 jurisdiction of the Department Membership Chairmen with  
16 the following rules. One, the unit must have received a  
17 Department Membership citation. Two, the unit must have  
18 filed an activities report with the District President.  
19 Three, activities report must show participation in the  
20 following program: Americanism, Children & Youth,  
21 Education, Legislation, Poppy, and Veterans Affairs &  
22 Rehabilitation. Four, units shall attach a written  
23 supplemental report which shows activities in each  
24 program, hours spent, and dollars spent.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved

1 and seconded to remove that entire code. Is there any  
2 discussion?

3 DISTRICT 20 MEMBER PHILCOX: Yes. Ann Philcox,  
4 District 20, Unit 377. Don't drop the award. I've been  
5 looking for something to do in my husband's honor, and he  
6 called the Auxiliary his girls, so every year I'm going to  
7 donate that \$100 in his name.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you just  
10 say your name and unit again so the recorder can get it?

11 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER PHILCOX: It's Ann Philcox,  
12 District 20, Unit 377. Oh, and the name it will be under  
13 is Edward Elks, E-L-K-S. And every year I will send \$100  
14 for the Colleen Award.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Madam President, I  
17 withdraw my motion.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The meeting closed  
20 at 11:20 a.m.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you please  
22 make a motion to change the name to -- I'm sorry. Mr.  
23 Elks --

24 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER PHILCOX: Edward.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I move to change the

1 name from the Colleen Award to the Edward Elks Memorial  
2 Award. I'm sorry. I've got people talking in both ears.

3 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's been  
5 moved and seconded that we change the Colleen Award to the  
6 Edward Elks Memorial Award. Is there any further  
7 discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion passes.

15 Thank you, Ann, so much.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: May I do my  
18 supplemental?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Puzzle Makers  
21 started placing the Membership puzzle pieces on the board  
22 right away. Units were eager along with Department to see  
23 what the final picture will look like. The challenge was  
24 on.

25 194 units have made goal. Five districts have



1 made goal. Renew/rejoin target was 84.47 percent in third  
2 place behind Hawaii and Arizona in the Western Division.  
3 Rejoin/renew target: 30th place nationally with the same  
4 84.47 percent. Monthly milestone achievement award:  
5 California needs 1,285. So we can get some money. So go  
6 out there and get those renew and rejoin people in this  
7 last few months so we can get some money. I like money.

8           Congratulations for completing your puzzles. It  
9 was hard to give a lot of details to National about how  
10 Units were able to get their memberships. I was able to  
11 use information provided at midyear and looking at the  
12 pictures on the website. Remember, all units and  
13 districts should provide details as to how the program was  
14 worked during that year. I forget that last sentence.

15           In May the National Leadership workshop. The  
16 following information was given: The National per capita  
17 for new women veteran members will again be waived.

18           2016 dues will be paid online. If you pay for  
19 multiple dues, you will only be able to pay for yours  
20 because you will have to log into the system with your  
21 user ID and password with your Unit. A receipt will be  
22 generated and you will present this to the Unit Membership  
23 Chairman who in turn will give you your card for the year.  
24 ALAMIS will be updated immediately. The amounts due to  
25 the Unit and Department will then be EFT, electric fund

1 transfer, to Department about four months after National  
2 receives the online payment. This is the same process the  
3 American Legion uses.

4 PUFLL dues. Not sure when the members will be  
5 able to do this online. National asked that all units  
6 update ALAMIS system and add email addresses for senior  
7 members. The first dues are due notices will be emailed  
8 to those with email addresses in ALAMIS. Those without  
9 email addresses will get them mailed. Emailing is a more  
10 cost-effective way of reminding you to pay your dues. It  
11 is also easy to shoot out a message to all who have  
12 emails.

13 Awards. The Kaboom Award. This is my personal  
14 award. This was for -- this was for the district with the  
15 highest number of 100 percent units by group. Group A is  
16 from 1 to 700 members. District 8 with 102.27 percent.  
17 Group B was 700 to 1500 members. District 11 with 105.53  
18 percent.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. Group C,  
21 greater than 1500 members. I don't want to do this one.  
22 District 29.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: They get \$20 to use  
25 for a program in their district. District with the

1 highest number of 100 percent units. Group A, District 8.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It was based on  
4 percentage so if you had 12 and you did eight I did a  
5 percentage to figure out who was it is highest percentage  
6 so it was District 8. Group B, District 11. They got  
7 \$40.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Group C, District  
10 22.

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm making her run  
13 in her heels.

14 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Cute heels.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I don't know what  
16 happened to my notes I handed out yesterday, but that's  
17 okay. Best Overall Unit Report, Pacific Beach Unit 552,  
18 District 22.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Best Overall  
21 District Report, District 25.

22 (Applause.)

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 100 goal by April  
24 1st. District 1, none. District 2, Unit 565.

25 (Applause.)

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 3, 568.  
2 (Applause.)  
3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 4, 218.  
4 (Applause.)  
5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 5, Unit  
6 550.  
7 (Applause.)  
8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 6, Unit 77.  
9 District 7, 795. District 6, are you out there?  
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah,  
11 they are.  
12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Can we have a  
13 representative from 6 come up? District 7 had 795.  
14 District 8 had Unit 510. District 9, Unit 161. District  
15 10 had none. District 11, Unit 16, 102, 108, 172, 249,  
16 376 and 798.  
17 (Applause.)  
18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 12, 166,  
19 102, 108 -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm reading the wrong ones.  
20 Unit 166, 168, 491. District 12. District 13, Unit 419.  
21 Oh, we're on baby detail. District 14, 110, 191.  
22 District 15, 711. District 16, Unit 56, 66, and 482.  
23 She's so greedy.  
24 District 17, none. District 18, Unit 30 and 830.  
25 District 19, 496. District 20, none. District 21, 574,

1 739 and 848. District 22, 146, 201, 258, 282, 310, and  
2 552. District 23, 228. District 23. District 24, none.  
3 District 25, 256, 421, 422, and 777.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 26, 238.  
6 District 27, 118, 265, 636. District 28, 589. District  
7 29, 132, 133, 222, 277, 281, 291, and 555.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 30, 135.  
10 Oh, she had to leave. The Ethyl Flynn Award, and I owe  
11 you a check, goes to Unit 281, District 29. 379.17  
12 percent.

13 (Applause.)

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Well, you know, when  
15 you have to go to Walmart for a cord, you know. I'd  
16 rather -- oh, Cheryl, she'll get it from me. The Ethyl  
17 Flynn Award is the Unit with the greatest numerical gain  
18 over goal at the close of books. That was pretty good.  
19 That was really good.

20 Maria, there's bag by my chair with paper in it.  
21 Recruited the highest new members. Kendall. You have to  
22 open it. This is a reminder of the millionth member that  
23 she is going to sign up.

24 (Applause.)

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: How many members,

1 Kendall?

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 261.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Colleen Award  
5 goes to Unit 552, District 22.

6 (Applause.)

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: A lot of the 100  
8 unit reports came, but no supplementals. There was just a  
9 very few. So get your district supplementals. You can  
10 really make a lot. That concludes my report, Madam  
11 President. May I ask that the 5th Area representatives  
12 please come forward? They have a presentation to make.  
13 The 5th Area is from down south. We have a lot of fun  
14 every couple months and they have a presentation.

15 I've got one thing. Those that will be receiving  
16 in the mail the angel pins are -- I forgot -- yeah. Will  
17 be District 2 for Unit 720. District 4 for 807. District  
18 6, 77, and 233. District 7, 119. District 8, 510.  
19 District 5, 161. District 11, 16, 108, 229, and 376.  
20 District 12, 83, 166, 168. District 13, 419. District  
21 14, 110, 191. District 15, 124, 711. District 17, 741.  
22 District 18, 30, 755, and 830. District 19, 496.  
23 District 21, 519, 574, 739, 742, 848. District 22, 146,  
24 149, 255, 282, 310, 468, 552, and 619. District 24, Unit  
25 43. District 25, 112, 155, 256, 262, 421, 422, and 777.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: District 27,  
3 636. District 28, 598, 593. District 29, 132, 133, 222,  
4 277, 281, 291, 555, 716. I think I need to play poker.  
5 District 30, Unit 60, 135, and 597. These awards will be  
6 sent in the mail.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: This is the --  
9 oh, this is the Josie Melgard award. For those that don't  
10 know, Josie Melgard is a Past National President for  
11 California. Each unit president whose unit obtains its  
12 membership goal plus 2 members on or before the Department  
13 close of books. Congratulations to those units. You can  
14 still bring in more. All those units that had those extra  
15 members, go get two more and we'll make that 1200.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: Okay. On  
18 behalf of the 5th Area -- I would ask that each member of  
19 the 5th Area please stand. I beat you all in competition.  
20 You're all here. All right.

21 First off, I would like to give all of these  
22 ladies a big hand for all of their efforts this year in  
23 membership.

24 (Applause.)

25 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: And everything

1 they've done. And on behalf of the 5th Area Membership  
2 and District 29, who won this year again --

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: -- we would  
5 like to present to Department President Harriet's special  
6 project a check for \$238 --

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: -- as part of  
9 our proceeds and we will ask that the Department of  
10 California send to the Long Beach Fisher House a check for  
11 \$238 which is the other half of our winnings.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: These earnings  
14 were earned through 5th Area meetings. And I would like  
15 to thank all of the ladies for their generosity and their  
16 kindness and I ask that all of you please, please continue  
17 to work hard this next coming here. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
20 President, I think we need to recognize Beverly Sparks who  
21 many of us -- many of you, if you're fairly new, have  
22 probably never met Beverly. You don't know her because  
23 she lives in Arizona now, so she doesn't -- she's a  
24 trader, you know, but she still belongs to us. But we  
25 don't see her often.



1           Bev, would you please stand? Because she's the  
2 one that started this when she was Department Membership  
3 Chairman in 1988 and we have continued it.

4           (Applause.)

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very  
6 much. I'd like to call Melanie to the stage and Susie  
7 too, please.

8           MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I have permission to  
9 do my motion now?

10          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I'm sorry.

11          MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: By the direction of  
12 the Membership Committee, I move that California waive the  
13 per capita for the first year of a new women veteran again  
14 for 2016.

15          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Been moved and  
16 seconded that we waive the per capita for a new member, a  
17 new female veteran member for the year 2015-2016. Is  
18 there any discussion?

19          (No response.)

20          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

21          AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

22          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

23          (No response.)

24          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yeah, motion  
25 carried. I have four.

1           Susie, could you please take the podium for me?

2           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER:   Where do you  
3 want me to take it?

4

5           CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT

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7           CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:   Madam  
8 Department President, I would like to start my report by  
9 telling you what the Convention Commission Committee  
10 actually tries to accomplish. This Chairman and her  
11 committee should be notified to attend the American  
12 Legion's Convention Commission meeting held each year at  
13 the Department Convention. The main reason being is to  
14 hear where future convention city sites have been chosen  
15 and to share with the Legion our desire to be included in  
16 site inspections before contracts are signed.

17           I met with the 2016 Fresno Convention City  
18 Commission in February and toured the hotel and convention  
19 center where we will be meeting. I can report that the  
20 hotel and convention center more than meet our  
21 requirements and they are so excited that the Legion  
22 family will be returning to their city.

23           (Applause.)

24           CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:   And I am  
25 also happy to report that the Legion and the Auxiliary

1 will both be housed at the Fresno Hotel & Conference  
2 Center.

3 (Applause.)

4 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: The  
5 registration area will be located in the hotel alongside  
6 the Legion. The DEC meeting Thursday morning and all  
7 preconvention meetings will be held in the convention  
8 center which is just down the street from the hotel. This  
9 is approximately a block and a half away. And I have been  
10 told, and I will confirm this again, that the Legion will  
11 be providing carts to the convention center for anyone  
12 unable to walk. It's not that far, but, I mean, if you  
13 have difficulty walking, there will be carts available.

14 All meeting rooms and the Department Office will  
15 be located on the second floor of the convention center  
16 and the convention hall is downstairs. And just a little  
17 side note here. Ruby, your office is going to be large.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Did you  
19 say Ruby?

20 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yes.  
21 Your secretary's office is going to be pretty long. The  
22 Past Presidents Parley Luncheon and the President's  
23 Banquet will be held in the hotel. The candidate's  
24 reception Thursday evening will also be held in the same  
25 room as the President's Banquet because The Legion has

1 assigned vendors and exhibitors throughout the atrium area  
2 where we normally would have the candidates' reception.

3           During my meeting and tour with the Legion and  
4 hotel sales and marketing personnel, each were given a  
5 copy of the revised Auxiliary convention requirements.  
6 These were addressed and I advised them that the  
7 Department President when she makes her tour, she will  
8 then sign the agreement with the Convention City  
9 Commission and hotel.

10           It is my recommendation there be a permanent  
11 Convention Commission Committee for the Auxiliary. It  
12 would make it much easier and better organized when  
13 working with the Legion Convention City Commissions or the  
14 Department Convention Corporation and the Auxiliary  
15 Commission Committee if the key figures were the same each  
16 year. That would mean a point of contact instead of  
17 trying to figure out who the person is.

18           An update on the American Legion Department  
19 Convention Corporation has changed since our last meeting  
20 in Santa Clara last June. It seems there is still the  
21 problem of filing the correct papers with the IRS and the  
22 State of California. As a trustee of this Convention  
23 Corporation, I am supposed to have attended a meeting at  
24 this convention in order to finish the process of  
25 correcting the corporation paperwork and bylaws in order

1 to submit them to the IRS and state. I have made myself  
2 available and am waiting to hear where and when.

3 Another side note that didn't happen. We were  
4 put on the back burner because of the Sanger situation.  
5 As of now, Riverside will host the 2017 convention. There  
6 is nothing yet for 2018, although San Diego and Palm  
7 Springs may be interested in hosting a convention.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No Palm Springs.

9 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:  
10 No Palm Springs. I'll put that in the advisement. I know  
11 it was pretty hot and miserable the last time.

12 I have been told that Ontario has put in a bid  
13 for the 2019 convention, but it has not been voted on by  
14 the Legion and they are requesting our bids be put in for  
15 location sites for 2019.

16 Madam President Harriet, thank you for this  
17 appointment. This concludes my report.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Thank  
20 you. We're waiting for finance. You're welcome to come  
21 up here now.

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23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Good

1 morning, Madam President and ladies of the Auxiliary.  
2 First off, I'd like to introduce you to the Finance  
3 Committee. I'm the chairman, Geri Fitzpatrick. That's  
4 Kathryn Doran, our senior member, and Susan Peters, our  
5 junior member.

6 (Applause.)

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: The  
8 Convention Committee on Finance met on June 25th, 2015 in  
9 the Dolcetto Room in the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario,  
10 California. There were no statistical reports in the Book  
11 of Reports. Susan Peters, District 10, was appointed  
12 secretary, Anne Kelley, District 12, offered prayer, and  
13 Geri Adams, District 16, was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.  
14 A total of 23 district delegates answered roll call and  
15 there were two visitors present.

16 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
17 The Department Finance Code was read. A code change for  
18 No. 5 was recommended by the convention committee. It  
19 currently reads: "The Department Office shall provide the  
20 Finance Committee a profit/loss budget performance report,  
21 investment accounts and bank statements monthly. These  
22 are due no later than the 15th of the month following  
23 month end. 2012."

24 The last sentence shall now read: "These are due  
25 no later than the end of the month following month end."

1 I move that this code change be accepted.

2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The proposed  
4 code change will read: "The Department Office shall  
5 provide the Finance Committee a profit/loss budget  
6 performance report, investment accounts and bank  
7 statements monthly. These are due no later than the end  
8 of the month following month end."

9 Is there any discussion?

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane  
11 DeLashmit, Department Parliamentarian. There was an  
12 amendment that we have to take out that word, "month." So  
13 it should say: "These are due no later than the end of  
14 the following month."

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Thank  
16 you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: "The end of the  
18 following month end."

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Did  
21 everybody get that? The last sentence shall now read:  
22 "These are due no later than the end of the following  
23 month end."

24 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
25 No.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. If I am  
2 correct, it should read that, "These are due no later than  
3 the end of the following month end." No. No "end."

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.  
5 So one more time. Now we've got it. I think we've got  
6 it.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. So it  
8 would be: "These are due no later than the end of the  
9 following month," period.

10 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
11 Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Got it.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Could  
14 you please amend the motion?

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I would  
16 like to amend my former motion. I don't have to get a  
17 second on that, do I? I move to amend the former motion.

18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It has  
20 been amended that this -- that this code shall now read:  
21 "The Department Office shall provide the Finance Committee  
22 a profit/loss budget performance report, investment  
23 accounts and bank statements monthly. These are due no  
24 later than the end of the following month."

25 Is there any further discussion?



1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: A  
8 request was made to include any information -- an  
9 informational copy of the Junior Finance Budget and Girls  
10 State Budget with our budget, and you will find these  
11 attached on the back of our budget.

12 There was discussion about the Auxiliary not  
13 being treated fairly in regards to the Auxiliary News. We  
14 are paying \$18,000 to the Legion to help with publication  
15 and to put articles in the publications. If possible, we  
16 would like to have a study on this matter to see what can  
17 be done to improve the situation. As Estella Avina said  
18 the other day, we don't get that many articles published  
19 in the paper.

20 The Finance Committee approved the recommendation  
21 of the Girls State Committee to raise the registration fee  
22 from \$50 to \$75. This will increase the per person fee  
23 from 400 to \$425.

24 Madam President Harriet, a side note. The  
25 Finance Committee meeting was scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to

1 12:00 noon. It began at 9:05 a.m. and concluded at 10:55  
2 a.m., one hour and five minutes early. That concludes my  
3 report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Can we  
6 begin with the reading of the budget?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Please do.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Okay. We'll  
9 start with GF42409 - Americanism Donations, \$7,750.  
10 GF42410 - Membership, 350,106. GF42411 - Dues for Unit  
11 1000, 14,120. GF42412, 22,190. GF42413, \$2,000.  
12 GF42414, \$1,000. GF42452, \$20. GF4245, \$6700. GF42416,  
13 \$6100. GF42417, \$1200. GF42418, \$500. GF42419, \$3,000.  
14 GF42420, \$10,375. GF42422, 4,777.50. GF42423, 17,000.  
15 GF42424, 1,000. GF42425, 100. GF42426, 2500. GF42450,  
16 9,000. GF42453, 20,000.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
18 President?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I just  
21 have a question before we go to page 2. Since we just  
22 voted to waive the per capita for the women veterans, was  
23 that recognized in this budget?

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yes, it was.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: GF42454,  
2 \$100. GF42460, \$4,000. GF42461, \$3500. GF42462, 2500.  
3 GF42463, there's nothing in that line. GF42477, \$1700.  
4 GF42449, 2,130. GF42480, 15,000. The total general fund  
5 program income, 508,368.50.

6 Any questions on the income? Yes, ma'am.

7 DISTRICT 19 MEMBER FARRIS: Linda Farris,  
8 District 19, Unit 314. I was just curious. I noticed  
9 that we actually had a loss for the department luncheon  
10 last year.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: What line  
12 item, please?

13 DISTRICT 19 MEMBER FARRIS: GF42461. I know it  
14 doesn't have a specific --

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: It was  
16 probably some posting errors during that time period.

17 DISTRICT 19 MEMBER FARRIS: Thank you.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yeah, some  
19 of the luncheon may have been put in with the banquet or,  
20 you know, different things. Any other questions?

21 (No response.)

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Let's go to  
23 the general fund - administrative expenses. GF62401,  
24 86,142.25. GF62402, 14,000. GF62403, 1,780. GF62404,  
25 2,000. GF62405, 10,000. GF62406, \$3,300. GF62407, 300.

1 GF62408, 750. GF62409, 650. GF62410, 17,000. GF62411,  
2 600. GF62412, 4,777.50. GF62414, 3,000. G24F615,  
3 11,000. GF62416, 2,200. GF62417, 50. GF62418, 18,000.  
4 GF62419, 50. GF62420, 600. GF62426, 75. GF62422, 1500,  
5 GF62423, 1,000. Total General Fund Administrative,  
6 178,774.75. Any questions?

7 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April  
8 Kochur, District 22, First Vice in Unit 468. Under the  
9 general fund administrative expenses line, Item 410, what  
10 type of rental equipment does the department use?

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: That rental  
12 equipment is the copier and the supplies for the copier.

13 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.  
14 And how many spaces is that -- how many people are we  
15 paying for parking? 62411.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: That is  
17 rent, parking, and utilities. That is utilities. Parking  
18 is not being paid for.

19 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: How many  
20 is that not being paid for? Is that being paid for  
21 employees?

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: This is  
23 utilities.

24 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: I  
25 understand, but the parking --

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: There's no  
2 parking in there right now. We do not pay parking.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
4 Actually, parking should be taken out of there because the  
5 department doesn't pay for -- I pay my own parking.

6 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.  
7 No, that was my question. That's fine. And on the  
8 payroll services 416, do we outsource that?

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yes.

10 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.  
11 Okay. Have we gotten to 460 yet? No. Thank you.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: 460 is way  
13 down the list.

14 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: General fund  
16 - other expenses. This is moving expenses. GF62425,  
17 \$6500. GF62627, 1,140. GF62428, 1,000. GF62429, \$6,360.

18 Okay. GF62421, 194 -- I'm sorry. 31. GF62431,  
19 194,713.75. GF62432, 2,000. GF62433, 1,500. GF62434,  
20 500. GF62437, 20,000. GF62439, nothing. GF62441, we  
21 don't have anything there. GF62442, 2,130. GF62443,  
22 15,000. Total general fund other expenses, 250,843.75.

23 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April  
24 Kochur, District 22 First Vice. Under the relocation,  
25 425, did we -- is that what we just did in the prior move

1 or is this the projected move?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: This is  
3 projected.

4 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.  
5 Thank you.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: You're  
7 welcome. Is there a question on the microphone here?

8 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: Yeah, I see -- I  
9 know that -- oh, I'm Laloni Squires from Unit 43, District  
10 24. On line GF42453 --

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Are you back  
12 up to the income?

13 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: Yeah. I thought I  
14 saw two department special projects, so I thought it might  
15 be posted on dues, but this GF42453 is the department  
16 special funds?

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Right.

18 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: And did I not just  
19 hear another one now? Yeah. It's -- on GF62437  
20 there's --

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: One is an  
22 income and one is an expense.

23 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: I'm sorry. Say that  
24 again.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: One is an

1 income and the other is an expense.

2 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: Excellent. Thank  
3 you.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Okay.  
5 We're going to go under general fund - other expenses.  
6 GF624081, \$50. GF48275 --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Wait a minute. You missed a  
8 section.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Wait.  
10 We're on page 4. Page 4. I was going ahead of myself.  
11 Sorry. General fund - executive expenses, page 4. So  
12 GF62451, 7,500. GF62452, 200. GF62453, 4,500. GF62454,  
13 5,200. GF62455, \$25. GF62456, 2,000. GF62457, 12,300.  
14 GF62458, 400. GF62459, 500. GF62460, 400. GF62461, 500.  
15 GF62462, 1500. GF62464, 2,300. GF62465, 100. GF62466,  
16 \$25. Total for general fund - executive expenses,  
17 \$37,450. Are there any questions?

18 DISTRICT 26 MEMBER STRUTTER: Beatrice Strutter,  
19 District 26, District 472. Line item GF62456, authorized  
20 travel for who?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: The  
22 authorized travel is special travel authorized by the  
23 Department President for some of her chairmen. If it's a  
24 special trip that needs to be taken, she is the one that  
25 is authorized in that particular category.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Any other  
2 questions? Continue. General fund - convention expense.  
3 GF62471, 21,000. GF62472, 400. GF62473, 5,500. Are  
4 there any questions on those three items right now?

5 (No response.)

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Okay. So  
7 now we're on page 5. GF62474, 200. GF62475, 150.  
8 GF62476, 2,500. Total general fund - convention expense,  
9 \$29,750. Are there any questions on convention expenses?

10 (No response.)

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Okay. I'll  
12 keep on going. General fund - committee expense.  
13 GF62481, 50. GF62482, \$75. GF62483, 225. GF62484, \$150.  
14 GF62485, 50. GF62486, 375. GF62487, 50. GF62488, 150.  
15 GF62489, 50. GF62490, 500. GF62491, 350. GF62492, 500.  
16 GF62495, 50. GF62497, 50. GF62498, 50. GF62499, 50.  
17 GF62598, 6,200. California Disaster Fund Expense, 2,000.  
18 Are there any questions on this page?

19 (No response.)

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Page 6.  
21 GF62599, \$625. GF62480, general fund - committee expenses  
22 total, \$11,550. Are there any questions on committee  
23 expenses?

24 (No response.)

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: All right.



1 We'll keep on going. Summary of general fund. General  
2 fund program income, 508,368.50. General fund program  
3 expense. General fund - administrative, 178,774.75.  
4 General fund - other expenses, 250,843.75. General fund -  
5 executive expense, 37,450. General fund - convention  
6 expense: \$29,750. General fund - committee expense,  
7 \$11,550. General fund program expenses, 508,368.50. As  
8 you can see, we balanced.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.  
10 Continuing on. General fund -- now she's got it where I  
11 can reach it or it can reach me, whatever. General fund  
12 reserves and restricted summary. General fund reserves,  
13 287,730.94. Americanism essay, 58,238.85. California  
14 disaster, 45,340.97. Auxiliary News, 34,348.19. Display  
15 case, \$3,093. National candidate, 500. Total general  
16 fund restricted, 141,521.01. Total general fund reserve,  
17 146,209.93.

18 Okay. Welfare funds. We'll go to page 7 now.  
19 Is there any questions on that page?

20 (No response.)

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.  
22 PF44501, 61,000. PF44502, 12,000. Interest income  
23 restricted, \$50. Poppy production fund income, \$72,350.  
24 Excuse me. 73,250. Okay. Poppy Donations, \$200. I'm  
25 sorry I missed one. Poppy production fund income,

1 \$73,250.

2 PF64500 - poppy fund expenses. 64501 - poppy  
3 postage - poppy production manager, \$2,200. 64502, \$1200.  
4 66503 -- no, I've got to do 63 first. Okay. 503 --  
5 that's right. I can't see very well. I have to get some  
6 new glasses after they finish surgery on my eyes --  
7 \$6,100. 64504, \$40,000. 64505, 18,000. 64506, 200.  
8 64507, 175. 64508, \$20. Okay. Total is \$67,895. We're  
9 under \$5,355.

10 (Applause.)

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: We're  
12 under. All right. Poppy fund reserve we have \$15,692.48.  
13 Welfare fund/VA&R. 48501, \$20,000. WF48502, 300.  
14 WF48503, 13,000. 48504, 700. Any questions?

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: I just  
16 have a quick comment, please. Michelle Soares, District  
17 28, Unit 694. I was noticing the difference in the  
18 poppies last year versus this year for the ordering and  
19 the labor costs, which is what goes to the veterans,  
20 ladies. For every poppy you don't order, you're taking  
21 money out of the veteran's pocket. We have to step it up.  
22 It was a big business. It was like \$11,000 poppy orders  
23 that went from this year to that year. That's crazy. We  
24 have to do better.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Thank

1 you. Okay. 48505, 8,000. 48510, there's nothing. So  
2 welfare fund/VA&R, 42,000. Welfare fund expenses.  
3 Administrative fees, 5,000. TFA cases, 15,100. Patient  
4 welfare fund, 1200. VAMC tours, 1900. Gift shop/patient  
5 remembrance, 1300.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Thousand.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: 13,000.  
8 Excuse me. 68506, 2700. 68507, 2,500. 68509, 400.  
9 68510, 200. We have no creative arts and miscellaneous.  
10 So our welfare fund expenses are \$42,000. Welfare fund  
11 reserve is 78,734 -- no. No. Okay. I'm sorry. Welfare  
12 fund reserve is 112,566.55.

13 48620, nothing. 48621 is 7,500. Any questions?  
14 (No response.)

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.  
16 48622, 300. Total 7,800. Now we'll go to Children &  
17 Youth. 68601, 1,875. 68602, 5,775. 68603, 150. For a  
18 total of \$7,800. 48730, Welfare fund - education. 48731,  
19 7500. 48732, 300. 48733, 2,000. 48734, 1500. 48736,  
20 5,000. It's \$16,300 total.

21 Okay. Now we go to page 10. Okay. 68701,  
22 1,875. 68702, 8,885. 68704 - poppy seals, 500. 68705,  
23 150. No awards. And of course the -- okay. 68700  
24 expenses, \$16,300.

25 48840, nothing. 48841, \$8,100. 44842, 300.

1 48843, 8,400. 68801, \$1625. 68802, \$6,175. 68803, 100.  
2 68800, 500. For a total of \$8,400. Questions?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. On page 10, poppy  
4 distribution fund, the actual for '13-'14 was 326. The  
5 actual for '14-'15 is \$23.38.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Which  
7 line item?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: WF48842, poppy  
9 distribution.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: 300.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Those  
12 numbers are through the 11th. We haven't -- so all the  
13 actuals are through May the 11th. We're just closing  
14 books.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: And  
17 Poppy Month wasn't until May, so --

18 48500, 42,000. 48620, 7,800. 48700, 16,300.  
19 48840, 8,400. And the total income amount, 74,500.  
20 Expenses. 68500, 42,000. 68600, 7,800. 68700, 16,300.  
21 68800, 8,400. For a total of \$74,500. It's balanced.

22 (Applause.)

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.

24 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:  
25 It's just for information only.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: We've got a  
2 summary of welfare accounts.

3 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER SIMMONS: Yes. Cynthia  
4 Simmons, Unit 365, District 22. I just want -- just for  
5 personal of my mind clarification, the current budget as  
6 presented would include whether we move to the Sanger  
7 location or back to San Francisco?

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: We have --  
9 we have reserves in there for a move.

10 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER SIMMONS: Okay. For either  
11 location?

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yes.

13 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER SIMMONS: Thank you.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: We have  
15 15,000 reserved for income and 15,000 reserved for  
16 expenses. And we do have other reserves if needed. Any  
17 other questions there?

18 (No response.)

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: The summary  
20 of welfare as of March 31st was 112,566.55. Children &  
21 Youth reserve, 32,161.87. Education reserve, 41,350.98.  
22 Past Presidents Parley reserve is 43,648.25. The total of  
23 welfare reserves are 229,727.65.

24 The next pages are for informational purposes  
25 only. These are where they ask us to put in a copy of the

1 Girls State budget and also the Juniors budget. So we  
2 will not be going over those, but those are for your  
3 information.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
6 job, ladies.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Madam  
8 President, I move the acceptance of this budget.

9 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
10 Second.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved  
12 and seconded to accept the budget as read. Is there any  
13 discussion here?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Discussion?

16 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Yes.

17 Remove the word "parking."

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Remove the word  
19 "parking."

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I just  
21 said, Madam President, I move to accept the budget as  
22 read.

23 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
24 Second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved

1 and seconded to accept the budget as read. All in favor?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Approved. Good  
6 job, ladies.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Madam  
8 President, may we approach your station?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, you can.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I did  
11 not make a supplement because the budget takes long enough  
12 and there's really no supplement to do on the budget. The  
13 budget is our supplement.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: They worked so  
15 hard and look what happens when you put your mind behind  
16 it. Very good. Thank you, Ruby and Susie, and everybody.  
17 You worked really hard and thank you. You did a fabulous  
18 job.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: It makes  
20 a difference when everything is done in the office like it  
21 should be and you have a good office staff to work with.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Madam Secretary,  
24 will you please read the minutes of the Post Executive  
25 Committee Meeting. Sorry. From the DEC in Bakersfield as

1 the -- Thursday, yeah. Thursday. Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Any  
3 particular order?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: DEC first.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ladies,  
6 these minutes have been online for six months, but to get  
7 them in the record, Madam President, would you prefer that  
8 I read them or have them given to the court reporter to  
9 include in the proceedings without reading? I so move.  
10 They are online, have been online for six months. So I  
11 will -- I will make sure that I give them to the court  
12 reporter to include in the proceedings.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

14

15 READING OF MINUTES

16

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Minutes  
18 from the Department Executive Meeting, Ontario,  
19 California, June 25th, 2015. Motion was made and  
20 withdrawn to remove Tredway Unit 0149 from probation. The  
21 following actions were moved by the respective District  
22 President or Past Department Terry Mikesell, seconded, and  
23 carried.

24 Hooper Unit 415, District 1, remain on probation.

25 George A. Thompson Unit 544, District 1, surrendered.



1 Eagle Lake Unit 162, District 3, remain on probation.

2 Benicia Unit 101, District 5, remain on probation.

3 Konocti Unit 437, District 5, removed from probation.

4 Sharpe General Depot Unit 632, District 11, surrendered.

5 Smith-Bolter Unit 58, District 12, surrendered.

6 Dos Palos Unit 86, District 12, surrendered. Rex Ish Unit

7 88, District 12, surrendered. Willow Glen Unit 318,

8 District 13, placed on probation. Mission City Unit 564,

9 District 13, remain on probation.

10 Madera Unit 11, District 14, placed on probation.

11 Lemoore Unit 100, District 14, remain on probation. East

12 Bakersfield Unit 682, District 15, remain on probation.

13 La Puente Unit 75, District 18, placed on probation.

14 Alhambra Unit 139, District 18, removed from probation.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 Monterey Park Unit 397, District 18, removed from

18 probation. City of Paramount Unit 134, District 19,

19 remained on probation. Verdugo Hills Unit 288, District

20 20, surrendered. Lynn Mort Unit 200, District 21, placed

21 on probation. San Gorgonio Pass Unit 482, District 21,

22 remain on probation.

23 San Jacinto Unit 848, District 21, placed on

24 probation. South Gate Unit 335, District 23, remained on

25 probation. Sammy Davis Jr. Unit 784, placed on probation.

1 Guy Winton Morris Unit 710, District 25, remains on  
2 probation. Hesperia Unit 725, District 25, remained on  
3 probation. Boron Unit 636, District 27, remain on  
4 probation. Santa Ana Unit 131, District 29, placed on  
5 probation. Imperial Valley Unit 597, District 30, placed  
6 on probation.

7 Moved by finance chairman Geri Fitzpatrick and  
8 seconded and carried to approve a 50 cent an hour raise  
9 for the Department Members Clerk and a dollar raise for  
10 the Department Bookkeeper.

11 It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve  
12 the Electronic Communications, Internet, and Social Media  
13 Policy Guidelines.

14 Pilar Reyes reported the American Legion  
15 Department of California voted at their March DEC meeting  
16 to relocate from San Francisco to Sanger, California. In  
17 April approximately five Auxiliary members along with the  
18 Department President Harriet visited Sanger and had a tour  
19 and thorough scrutiny of the vacant building that used to  
20 be Westamerica.

21 The building is huge and covers almost a city  
22 block with ample parking place and can house the whole  
23 Legion family and other Auxiliary groups tied with the  
24 American Legion. At this convention the Legion will vote  
25 on a resolution to reject and declare null and void the

1 action of the Legion at their March DEC meeting to approve  
2 a contract for purchase of vacant building at Sanger.  
3 Whatever decision the Legion makes will affect the  
4 Auxiliary.

5 There are two options for the Legion to choose to  
6 make the decision. The Legion will move to Sanger or they  
7 will stay in San Francisco. The Legion's decision will  
8 affect the Auxiliary. If the Legion decides to move to  
9 Sanger, then we will vote to stay in San Francisco and  
10 there is nothing to vote on.

11 That concludes the minutes of this report, your  
12 Executive Meeting, Madam President. And I move for their  
13 acceptance.

14 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved  
16 and seconded to accept the minutes of the DEC report. Is  
17 there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Hearing none,  
20 all in favor?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

25 Thank you, Ruby.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
2 We talked about -- we heard from the incoming Commander of  
3 the American Legion that they're going to Sanger. There  
4 is a lot -- the Past Department Presidents had their  
5 dinner and we've come to a consensus to make a  
6 recommendation to our body, which seems to me a very  
7 logical decision, and that would be in the best interests  
8 of the Auxiliary to follow. And that is it's uncertain,  
9 number one, when that building is going to be renovated,  
10 if it's going to take six months, if it's going to take a  
11 year. Therefore, we have to be out of our office on 13th  
12 Street. We were set to move the 21st through the 23rd.  
13 Rent will not be paid after the 1st of September. We have  
14 the option to both going to the War Memorial Building and  
15 Sanger. And both are basically the same offer.

16 The unfortunate part is the imposition of the  
17 move to Sanger and uncertainty of when that building is  
18 going to be available. Our feeling as a consensus is the  
19 Auxiliary needs to move back to the War Memorial Building  
20 temporarily and wait to see what's going to happen with  
21 Sanger.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: None of  
24 us in this room -- I think we all agree we need to keep  
25 our American Legion family together. We want to do that,

1 but we have to do what's best for the Auxiliary. We need  
2 to operate. And if we did go to Sanger at this point, we  
3 would have to move from 13th Street into modular trailers  
4 or some sort of temporary lodging which could be worse  
5 than what we're in right now.

6 But anyway, it's just -- it just makes sense. We  
7 have office space, beautiful office space waiting for us  
8 at the War Memorial Building. We won't lose any  
9 employees, and let's just wait until the dust settles,  
10 then make another decision in a year.

11 (Applause.)

12 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: There's  
14 discussion.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
16 President, I don't think we need a motion. We've got to  
17 go someplace, but I will move that we stay in San  
18 Francisco, move back to the War Memorial Building  
19 temporarily until we -- until we see how it works in  
20 Sanger, and then make -- relook at this in a year.

21 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
22 Second it.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's been  
24 moved and seconded that we temporarily relocate back to  
25 the War Memorial Building in San Francisco. Is there any

1 discussion?

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President, Wendy  
3 O'Brien, District 6, Unit 521. I agree with staying  
4 temporarily at the War Memorial. We are a family; we do  
5 need to stay together. However, if we move to Sanger in  
6 August when we're going to have to make a move anyway,  
7 we're going to lose our office staff. If we stay and  
8 revisit this in a year, then the Legion will have more of  
9 the knowledge of when everything is going to be complete.  
10 Instead of us moving to Sanger in six weeks, losing all  
11 our staff and our staff having to -- we're going to have  
12 to struggle to find them. We're going to be in temporary  
13 housing anyway.

14 So I agree with staying for a year, revisiting  
15 it, and then deciding after we have more knowledge of  
16 what's happening in Sanger. That's my understanding.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes. Thank you,  
18 Wendy.

19 (Applause.)

20 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:  
21 Madam President, Past Department President Linda Fercho,  
22 Unit 741, District 16. I'm not in disagreement, but I  
23 have a question on the finance part. If we were to go  
24 with the Legion to Sanger, my question is would they be  
25 paying for us to move or do we pay for ourselves? That's

1 my first question. That's one question.

2 Second question is are we going to have enough  
3 funds to move twice, temporarily to San Francisco and then  
4 should we decide to move from San Francisco to Sanger.  
5 Just a question for the finance.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The way I  
7 understand that, Linda, is that we're going to have to  
8 move twice anyways and it is a different budget. But we  
9 do have to move twice because we're going to be moving  
10 into -- if we were to move to Sanger, we would have to  
11 move into temporary quarters, and then when we move to  
12 back -- you know, into the Sanger building remodeled,  
13 we'll have to move again.

14 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:  
15 I know, but is the Legion providing --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: No, no.

17 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:  
18 -- the trailers at Sanger for the temporary? We know  
19 that?

20 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
21 Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We do know that?

23 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:

24 We know that? We know that they're not providing for us  
25 anything temporary at Sanger? Because that really is a --

1 I mean --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I agree.

3 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:  
4 It's just a thought. Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
6 Okay. Terry Mikesell, District 2. Pilar, Diane, and I  
7 toured Sanger. We saw the temporary buildings in Sanger,  
8 and it was suggested to us at that time, nothing in  
9 writing, that we rent one of these little office spaces  
10 that are very nice across the road. Then we also rent a  
11 -- one of these containers and put our stuff in it, a  
12 container in the parking lot at the new facility.

13 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER MANNO: Gigi Manno, District  
14 22. Ruby, I will help you again, volunteer my time at no  
15 cost to help you box anything you need.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, Gigi.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: How  
18 about next Monday at 8:00 a.m.?

19 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Madam President,  
20 Past Department President Anita Biggs. What do we have in  
21 writing from the American Legion?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Not a thing.

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Okay. So we have to  
24 operate on what we know and what we have before us and not  
25 speculate and not assume and not accept suggestions as to



1 where we'll be housed. We don't know what the situation  
2 is going to be. And once we finish with this debate, we  
3 do need to think about how much we will donate to the War  
4 Memorial Building, so keep that in your hat for just a  
5 second.

6 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April  
7 Kochur, Unit 648. My question -- I know you mentioned --

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you please  
9 speak up. I'm deaf.

10 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Yes.  
11 Sorry. Okay. Do we already have a committee in place to  
12 plan strategically the cost and -- to plan the move? Not  
13 right now that we go to Sanger, but the transitioning that  
14 we're going to go through to get there. I'm just saying  
15 if you have something where -- a committee where you can  
16 strategically plan that, it might help with the flow of  
17 everything.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We actually have  
19 spoken with my advisors about this and they have been  
20 helping kind of plan ahead. The problem is we haven't  
21 gotten anything in writing. We don't really even know how  
22 to proceed because we're waiting for them to give us some  
23 direction and we haven't gotten any. So if we move back,  
24 that would be up to Susie to, you know, develop that  
25 committee. But we still have a year.

1           DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: And that  
2 is why I completely agree with Anita that we need to do  
3 for ourselves at this point until we get something in  
4 writing.

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, thank you.  
6 It's one step at a time. Any other questions?

7           (No response.)

8           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Let's  
9 vote now. All in favor?

10          AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Do I have to  
12 restate the motion? It's been moved and seconded that we  
13 temporarily move to the San Francisco War Memorial  
14 Building and revisit it in a year. All in favor?

15          AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

16          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

17          (No response.)

18          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

19          (Applause.)

20          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
21 Linda Workman, Distinguished Guest Chairman, Mad Hatter,  
22 give your report.

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24                   DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

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1           DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good  
2 morning.

3           AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

4           DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
5 President and delegates, I can't believe that another year  
6 has gone by so quickly. The members of this great  
7 department have shown how crafty they really are. I  
8 started this great year of service escorting our Queen of  
9 Quilts to the podium to be installed as the new Department  
10 President. I have tried my best to assist our Department  
11 President in all of her social functions and be on the  
12 ready to run up and down the aisles whenever she needed  
13 me. I've gotten us to various functions, forgot the  
14 flowers, got lost in the woods, but was always able to  
15 come through without anyone knowing that I made a boo boo.  
16 Madam President, that is being crafty, but I don't think  
17 that's what you had in mind.

18           I'm really not going to know what to do with  
19 myself not being your Distinguished Guest Chairman. It  
20 seems to be in my nature. So if I get up and  
21 automatically start escorting people around, just ignore  
22 me because it's probably my senility. I loved serving you  
23 this year, Madam President, and look forward to our last  
24 social event of the year, the States Dinner at the  
25 National Convention.

1           Normally at this time I would give you my dumb  
2 jokes as words of wisdom, but to end this year I wanted to  
3 share with you a quote that really meant something to  
4 remind us of who we all are.

5           Any time women come together with collective  
6 intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting  
7 down and making a quilt, in the kitchen preparing a meal,  
8 in a club reading the same book, or around the table  
9 playing cards, or planning a birthday party. When women  
10 come together with a collective intention, magic happens.

11           (Applause.)

12           DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Ladies,  
13 you are all magic and you have made this great  
14 organization what it is and will continue to be through  
15 your mentoring and involvement. For leading the way,  
16 encouraging young members to take over our program that  
17 continue to serve our veterans, their families, and our  
18 communities. Thank you for coming together and making  
19 magic happen.

20           Madam President, thank you for allowing me to  
21 serve you this year in your department. It has been an  
22 honor. Oh, wait a minute. I lied. I do have a little  
23 bit of wisdom to share with you.

24           Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of  
25 Purina Dog Chow for my large pet Kico, the wonder dog. He

1 weighs 191 pounds. I was in the checkout line when the  
2 woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What do you think,  
3 I've got an elephant? So because I was -- I'm retired and  
4 I have so little to do, on impulse I told her, no, I  
5 didn't have a dog. I was starting a new Purina diet. I  
6 added that I probably shouldn't because last time I ended  
7 up in the hospital, but I lost 50 pounds before I awoke  
8 from the intensive care ward. I had tubes coming out of  
9 me and IVs in both arms.

10 I told her it was essentially the perfect diet.  
11 Excuse me. And the way it works is that you load your  
12 pockets full of the nuggets and simply when you get  
13 hungry, just pop a couple in your mouth. The food is  
14 nutritional so it completely works well and I was going to  
15 try it again.

16 I have to mention that at this point everybody in  
17 line is listening to me. Well, this lady is horrified and  
18 she asks: If you ended up in intensive care, was it  
19 because the dog food poisoned you? I told her no, I  
20 stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and got hit by a car.

21 (Applause.)

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Needless  
23 to say, I'm not allowed to shop at Costco anymore.

24 Madam President, this concludes my platform  
25 remarks.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very  
3 much. So Ways & Means Karen, are you in the house? I  
4 knew that I seen you. I looked all the way over there.  
5 Could you come up and make your presentation? Thank you.

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7 WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT

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9 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Good morning. I've  
10 been waiting for this. This is my first year as chairman.  
11 Thank you, Madam President, for allowing me to take on  
12 this interesting committee.

13 I would like to introduce my committee members.  
14 The first is Marion Rocha-Carlos, District 16.

15 (Applause.)

16 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Jean  
17 Cooley-Desmeules, District 19.

18 (Applause.)

19 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: And I have some  
20 assistants this convention. Thank goodness. I would have  
21 been lost without them. Lucy Rocha, District 16, District  
22 16, Jessica Jeperson. I know you're dying to hear the  
23 totals we made thanks to you and your generosity. \$7,341.

24 (Applause.)

25 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: It brings the total

1 for the year of Ways & Means to over \$10,000. I will run  
2 through the names very quickly that we drew this morning.  
3 We had 41 items. Thank you those of you who donated.  
4 Districts and Units, we appreciate it. Please keep them  
5 coming.

6 Number 1 basket, Danielle White. Number 2  
7 basket, Jamie Jackson, Unit 310. Number 3 is a basket,  
8 Terry Mikesell. Number 4 is a basket. It says Tammy S.,  
9 so I'm assuming that's Tammy Sollazzo. Basket 5, it says  
10 B. Clark, Unit 262, District 25.

11 Basket 6, Olivia Jackson, District 6. Thank you.  
12 Yes, if that person is not here, please have someone in  
13 the district pick it up. I'm not taking anything home.  
14 Basket number 7, Diane DeLashmit. Basket 8, I think this  
15 says Little Donna, District 18. Basket number 9. Excuse  
16 me for the name. Mary Cortier. Thank you.

17 Basket 10, Joy Saunders, District 7. Basket 11,  
18 Liz Jones. Basket 12, Terry Mikesell. Basket 13, Marian  
19 Oxen. Basket 14, there was no name on the ticket. It's a  
20 white ticket and the number is 7322598. Last three  
21 numbers --

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: That's her over there.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: You got Basket 14.  
24 Basket 15 is Peggy Frecks, F-R-E-C-K-S, Unit 710, District  
25 25. If I'm not -- you know, some of the writing wasn't --

1 okay. Okay. Basket 16, Carol Fuqua. Basket 17, Mary  
2 Adame. Basket 18, the last name on it was Heiniss,  
3 H-E-I-N-I-S-S. Very good. Thank you. Basket 19, Connie  
4 Biegers, District 16.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: She always wins.

6 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Okay. Number 20  
7 was the down purse Kathy Medina, District 19. Basket 21,  
8 Jackie Thomas. She's District 16. Item number 22 is a  
9 purse. Lucy Rocha, District 16. I didn't pull the  
10 tickets so don't -- don't accuse me of anything.

11 Item number 23 is the purse, Sue Becker, District  
12 25. Number 24 is a basket. Rosie Parra, Unit 348. Item  
13 number 25 is a basket. Mary Adame. 25, yeah. Item 26 is  
14 the picture of the child with the flag. Carol Rombone.  
15 Item 28 is the red, white, and blue pillow. Andrea  
16 McDonald, District 14. Item 29 are the two red, white,  
17 and blue pillows. Peggy, District 16.

18 Item 30 is another pillow, Linda Farris, Farris.  
19 Sorry. It's two. Thank you. Item 31 is a basket. It  
20 says Emily District 10.

21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Oh, I can get  
22 it.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Okay. The Raggedy  
24 Ann Doll. It goes to -- it's a first name only. April,  
25 District 22. Very nice. Folding chair red, white, and



1 blue. Deanna Johnson, District 25. There she is.

2 Okay. Beach towel, Marion Rocha-Carlos, District  
3 16. The lawn blanket with the case goes to Susan Peters,  
4 District 10. Pillow and blanket matching quilted item,  
5 Diane Milack, District 25. The large mesh wreath, the  
6 red, white, and blue wreath went to Kathleen, District 25.  
7 The smaller wreath is Sue Becker, District 25.

8 The poppy wreath went to Estella Avina. There  
9 she is. The handcart, push cart, Janie B., District 7.  
10 There she is. Very good. And final item, number 41, is a  
11 basket. There's no name on the ticket. 7322718. Last  
12 three numbers 718. Is that you, Alzora? Alzora Carter.

13 (Applause.)

14 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: All right. Now the  
15 one you're waiting for. 50/50 made \$600. Your take home  
16 will be 300, all twenties. Madam President, may I  
17 approach?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, please.  
19 It's all me, ladies.

20 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I'll keep it  
21 stirred.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Watch it. It's  
23 not yours.

24 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Sorry. No name on  
25 the bag. The ticket number is 953702.

1 DISTRICT 16 MEMBER ROCHA: It's me.

2 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: It's Lucy Rocha.

3 (Applause.)

4 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Thank you, Madam  
5 President. I appreciate your appointment and I'm looking  
6 forward to being Ways & Means next year for President  
7 Susie Tozier.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. You  
9 did an amazing job. Thank you.

10 Okay. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal,  
11 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort a  
12 Past Department Gopher to the stage, Peter Douglas. Thank  
13 you.

14 (Processional.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Where's  
16 my husband?

17 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: Good morning,  
18 ladies.

19 EVERYONE: Good morning.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I represent the  
21 Past Department Gophers. The others were cowards and  
22 didn't want to come over. I'm sorry to interrupt, but I  
23 do have to go back and vote.

24 But, Madam President, on behalf of the gophers,  
25 we'd like to present a small token of our appreciation for

1 your year and your special project.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 Whoo-hoo. Go ahead and say it.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: \$265.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I did hear your  
7 financial report. Can I borrow about a thousand? That's  
8 the question. So --

9 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: No. That was an  
10 answer.

11 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:  
12 That's why we have a balanced budget.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: Yes, I know. I  
14 want a shout out to go Easton, Sue Becker and Linda  
15 Fercho. Easton is in Pennsylvania where I was born. When  
16 you see your husband, tell him there's a few items that he  
17 must walk three steps behind you at all times.

18 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:  
19 Your husband, Susie.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: He's not going  
21 to do it.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: He's not going  
23 to do it? Well, the other gophers will step up for you.  
24 I recognize that. We talked about it at the dinner.

25 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Mine will.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT DOUGLAS: Also, he is only to  
2 speak when he's spoken to. So a few other things that Mr.  
3 Park was supposed to write down, but you see he's not  
4 here. And I thank you very much. So the rest of the  
5 gophers when Norm is not available or willing to step  
6 up --

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: And you're  
8 moving away.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I am.  
10 Arlington, Texas.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We're sorry  
12 you're going.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: Thank you very  
14 much, Madam President. Thank you for allowing me to come  
15 and make a presentation.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You're welcome.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I can't get to  
18 everybody. Okay.

19 (Applause.)

20 (Processional.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I will have my  
22 Advisory Chairman now -- it's easier for her to go here.

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24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

25

1           ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Hello  
2 everybody. Are you having a good time? Good, good. I'm  
3 too short so I have to bring this down.

4           Madam President, it will be short and sweet. I  
5 won't say much, but -- okay. On behalf of the Master --  
6 what are we?

7           DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
8 Patterns.

9           ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: -- patterns,  
10 we would like to thank you for making our job so easy.  
11 You hadn't needed much advice because you are really doing  
12 a great, great job. But any time you need our advice, we  
13 are always there to avail ourselves or whatever we can do  
14 to the best of our ability. And so you haven't needed us  
15 to advise, but you're doing such a great job, Madam  
16 President. We would like to thank you for this  
17 appointment. It's fun and I think Terry might have a lot  
18 to say. Terry.

19           DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
20 Well, at the start of this year Harriet wore miniskirts.  
21 Well, when you're on her Advisory, you pull her skirt, she  
22 got done, all her skirts were clear down on her ankle.  
23 Good job. Thank you for the appointment.

24           ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Margaret  
25 Quinones is part of the Advisory Committee, and we're

1 sorry she couldn't make it today because of her heart, but  
2 she is part of us and whatever we did. Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay.

4 (Applause.)

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6 RESOLUTIONS

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8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam  
9 President. I believe I have two helpers for Resolutions  
10 this morning. The Convention Committee on Resolutions met  
11 on June 25th, 2015 in the Redwood Room in the Ontario  
12 Airport Hotel, Ontario, California at 11:00 a.m. There is  
13 no statistical report for this program.

14 Lois Cornish, District 22, was appointed  
15 secretary, Sandra Kurkoske, District 25, was appointed  
16 Chaplain, and Yvonne Mack, District 16, was appointed  
17 Sergeant-At-Arms.

18 The committee agreed on the appointments.  
19 Sergeant-At-Arms Yvonne passed out the packets to the  
20 delegates which included a copy of the department code and  
21 a copy of the resolution form. Chaplain Sandra offered  
22 prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
23 Secretary Lois called the role and 15 delegates answered  
24 the call. There were no guests.

25 The next order of business was the reading of the

1 code. The delegates were told that this would probably be  
2 the shortest code that they would have read all day. We  
3 only have two paragraphs. After the second code was read,  
4 there was discussion on changing the wording to be more  
5 precise in the word "identification."

6 The committee proposed the following change to  
7 Code No. 2. The code now reads: "Member or members  
8 submitting a resolution shall sign the resolution with  
9 proper identification. When a resolution is submitted and  
10 passed by a Unit Or District, the resolution shall be  
11 signed by the President and Secretary."

12 The proposed change would read: "Member or  
13 members submitting a resolution shall sign the resolution  
14 with their name and membership number. When a resolution  
15 is submitted and passed by a Unit or District, the  
16 resolution shall be signed by the President and  
17 Secretary."

18 By consent of the committee I move for the change  
19 to Code No. 2.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The proposed  
21 change would read: "Member or members submitting a  
22 resolution shall sign the resolution with their name and  
23 membership number. When a resolution is submitted and  
24 passed by a Unit or District, the resolution shall be  
25 signed by the President and Secretary."

1 Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam  
9 President. The committee members then looked at the  
10 official resolution form and proposed a change. The form  
11 at the top of the page now reads: "Submitted by," and  
12 then a line for the author, then the box for the district  
13 number and the next line for the subject of the  
14 resolution.

15 The proposed change would be: Submitted by, name  
16 of author and membership number, then unit/district box,  
17 and then the subject line.

18 By consent of the committee I move for the  
19 acceptance of this change to the form.

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The proposed  
22 change would be: Submitted by, name of author, and  
23 membership number. Then unit/district box, then the  
24 subject line.

25 Is there any discussion?



1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

7 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you. The  
8 next order of business was to relate to the committee that  
9 one resolution had been received by the Department Office.  
10 This was regarding Girls State. At the close of our  
11 meeting we had not heard from the committee whether it had  
12 passed or been rejected. Later in the day I did hear from  
13 the Girls State Chairman Linda that it had been rejected.

14 Discussion took place on how and when someone  
15 would go about writing a resolution, and various ideas  
16 came forth. Delegates talked about not being afraid to  
17 voice an opinion or concern, and if a resolution would  
18 solve the issues, then to go forward and write one.

19 Courtesy resolutions were discussed and the  
20 delegates agreed that they would be read on the floor  
21 before the close of business on Sunday. As there was no  
22 further business to discuss, the Chaplain read a closing  
23 prayer and the meeting adjourned at 11:50.

24 Madam President, this concludes my committee  
25 report, and I thank you for this opportunity to serve the

1 Department. Thank you for appointing Susie Baker,  
2 District 28, and Becky Bullard, District 19, to help me  
3 with the reading of the courtesy resolutions. May we go  
4 forward with those resolutions?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Of course you  
6 may.

7 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Some of us are  
8 short. Whereas, Chairman Diane DeLashmit and Co-Chairman  
9 Ilona Thomas and their committee have done an outstanding  
10 job of providing our comfort and enjoyment during this  
11 Department Convention; and whereas, District President  
12 Gabriele Rowland and the members of District 25 have  
13 extended their warm and gracious hospitality and made all  
14 of us feel welcome; now therefore be it resolved that we  
15 express our sincere appreciation to Diane and her  
16 committee for being such wonderful hosts and for making  
17 this a successful convention.

18 And be it further resolved that a copy of this  
19 resolution be sent to President Gabriele Roland and Diane  
20 DeLashmit and Ilona Thomas.

21 (Applause.)

22 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Whereas, the  
23 management of the staff at the Ontario Airport Hotel in  
24 Ontario, California have been gracious. And whereas, they  
25 made our stay most comfortable and enjoyable; and

1 therefore be it resolved that we express our gratitude for  
2 their outstanding service and cooperation.

3 And be it further resolved that a letter of  
4 appreciation be sent to the -- to Mike Legere, Hotel  
5 Director of Sales and Marketing, and Mary O'Haren,  
6 Conference Planning Director at the Ontario Airport Hotel.

7 (Applause.)

8 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Whereas, Mayor  
9 Paul Leon from the City of Ontario, California took time  
10 out of his busy schedule to bring greetings to President  
11 Harriet and our members; now therefore it be resolved that  
12 we express our gratitude to Mayor Leon for his presence at  
13 this department concession -- I think it's convention,  
14 isn't it? Okay. Convention. And be it further resolved  
15 that copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Leon and  
16 to the City of Ontario.

17 (Applause.)

18 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Whereas, Maya  
19 Novicki served as Honor Junior President and is  
20 representing the Juniors of our Department with grace and  
21 dignity. And whereas, she has attended this Department  
22 Convention to bring greetings on behalf of the Juniors of  
23 the Department of California, to the President Department  
24 Harriet and its members and guests assembled here;  
25 therefore be it resolved that we convey to Maya our

1 appreciation and our pride in her service to our great  
2 organization. And be it further resolved that a copy of  
3 this resolution be sent to Maya Novicki.

4 (Applause.)

5 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Whereas, a number  
6 of Distinguished Guests found time in their busy schedule  
7 to attend our Department Convention to bring greetings.  
8 And whereas, it was an honor to welcome them and hear  
9 their informative remarks; and therefore be it resolved  
10 that we express our appreciation with a round of applause  
11 to the following for their attendance at this convention.

12 And be it further resolved that a copy of this  
13 resolution be mailed to each and that a copy be sent to  
14 the American Legion Department Office. Michael Fox, Sons  
15 of the Legion, Department Commander.

16 (Applause.)

17 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: James Adames,  
18 President American Legion Riders.

19 (Applause.)

20 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Gabriele Rowland,  
21 District 25 President American Legion Auxiliary.

22 (Applause.)

23 District 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Paul Cox, Chairman  
24 of the War Memorial Commission.

25 (Applause.)

1           DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Whereas, throughout  
2 the years the Past Department Presidents continue to  
3 serve, to participate in, and to support the programs of  
4 the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.  
5 And whereas, they have shared their valuable knowledge and  
6 counsel and they have added much by their presence at this  
7 Department Convention; now therefore be it resolved that  
8 we express our appreciation to the Past Department  
9 Presidents for their dedication and continued service to  
10 our organization by giving them a standing ovation to show  
11 our gratitude and love.

12                   (Applause.)

13           RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Whereas, the  
14 leadership and talent of a number of our members have been  
15 recognized by the National Organization and they are  
16 currently serving the American Legion Auxiliary in various  
17 programs. We ask that they rise, remain standing until  
18 all have been called; and now therefore be it be resolved  
19 that we express our appreciation at this Ontario  
20 Convention to the following for the honor and prestige  
21 which they have brought to the Department of California  
22 this year.

23                   Nancy Brown-Park, Past National President, Past  
24 Presidents Parley Chairman, Long Range Strategic Planning  
25 Committee Member. Anita Biggs, National Membership

1 Chairman. Linda Fercho, National Western Division Girls  
2 Nation Chairman. Linda Workman, National Western Division  
3 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman. Diane  
4 DeLashmit, National Western Division Leadership Chairman.  
5 Melanie Taylor, National Centennial Committee Member. And  
6 LuAnn Capazzi, National Public Relations Committee Member.

7 (Applause.)

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Who did I miss?  
9 My bad. Kendall Madsen, Strategic Centennial Committee.

10 (Applause.)

11 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Be it further  
12 resolved that a copy of this resolution, with amendments,  
13 be forwarded to each of the above National  
14 representatives.

15 Whereas, the American Legion Department  
16 Commander, Janet Wilson, has graciously taken time out of  
17 her busy schedule to join us at this convention, the  
18 American Legion Auxiliary. Whereas, her cooperation in  
19 working together to mend the bond with the California  
20 Legion family and further the programs of our  
21 organizations; now therefore it be resolved that we  
22 express our appreciation to Commander Wilson for her  
23 cooperation and courtesies to our Department President  
24 during their travels throughout the department and for her  
25 presence at this Ontario Convention.

1           And be it further resolved that a copy of this  
2 resolution be sent to the Department Commander and to the  
3 Department Office of the American Legion.

4           (Applause.)

5           RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Madam President,  
6 would you please join me at this podium and would the vice  
7 president assume the chair. Whereas -- there you are.  
8 Oh.

9           Whereas, Department President Harriet Clendenin  
10 has shown her capable leadership and friendliness as she  
11 represented our great organization throughout the  
12 Department of California and at National Headquarters.  
13 And whereas her motto C.R.A.F.T.S., Creating Relationships  
14 Assisting Families Through Service, enabled our members to  
15 focus on their priorities and inspired them to use their  
16 unique crafting abilities as they worked our programs into  
17 beautiful quilts of service and devotion to our veterans  
18 and their families, their community involvement, and to  
19 our youth.

20           And whereas, the calm decisiveness and grace with  
21 which President Harriet presented herself at each official  
22 visit as well as the challenges she met throughout her  
23 travels; now therefore be it resolved that the members and  
24 guests assembled at this Ontario Convention express their  
25 appreciation and love to the Department President Harriet

1 with a standing ovation for her dedication to the American  
2 Legion Auxiliary and a job well done.

3 (Applause.)

4 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: And be it further  
5 resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to  
6 President Harriet and her unit. God bless you.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so  
8 much.

9 (Applause.)

10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam  
11 President, for this appointment. And I will fix those two  
12 resolutions.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very  
14 much, LuAnn. Everybody be seated.

15 Okay. Okay. We will now have the presentations  
16 of the Past Department Presidents. Norma, I didn't know  
17 you were out there too.

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DUVALL: No, I had to get a  
19 ride back to his convention.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I should have  
21 asked if you were all in the room.

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23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS PRESENTATIONS

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25 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: For



1 Linda's Workmen and Park's Patriots, will you all please  
2 stand? On behalf of Linda's Workmen and Park's Patriots,  
3 \$20 will go to the Past Department President Junior  
4 Scholarship and \$200 to the Department Furniture Fund.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I just want  
7 to say something really quick before you -- can I just --  
8 I want to say -- this is a personal comment as a Past  
9 National President. Linda is what we're all here today  
10 for. And, Linda, when we send you on your way -- Linda  
11 next year is our candidate for Western Division Vice  
12 President. So she will represent the Western Division  
13 from California. And we want to wish you the best of  
14 luck. It's going to be awesome, but not everybody will be  
15 at National Convention to experience it.

16 So, Linda, my buddy, good luck to you.

17 (Applause.)

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: It's still  
19 morning. Good morning. I don't know how many of Bev's  
20 Stars or Madeline's Miracle Workers or Linda's Racers are  
21 in the room, but if you are in the room, stand up. Well,  
22 I'll tell you, we had just five members attend our  
23 luncheon, but we had some very, very generous donations  
24 just from the five of us.

25 So we are presenting \$300 for the Department

1 Office furniture replacement and \$30 for the Junior  
2 Scholarship Fund. It was really great and the donations  
3 were really wonderful.

4 I want to take just a second, a little privilege  
5 here. I've got my book from 25 years ago, and I'd like to  
6 kind of talk about the chairmanship that I appointed, the  
7 chairmen that I appointed. And it just goes to show that  
8 you can't beat California women; you really can't.

9 Let me find them okay. Twenty-five years ago  
10 there was a lady called Judy Lloyd. She was my Children &  
11 Youth. And then there was another silly little girl  
12 called Linda Workman who was my Community Service  
13 Chairman.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: And then I  
16 don't know how many of you knew Gwen, Gwen Monson. She  
17 was my Education Chairman.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Let's see.  
20 Oh, my gosh. And a mouthy, mouthy lady called Ruby was my  
21 Junior Conference Director.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Pat Sweeney  
24 was our Leadership Chairman, and Geri Jeske was  
25 Membership. Willie Burke was Veterans Affairs & Rehab.

1 But I've got to say, a special place in the heart for  
2 Nancy Brown-Park.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Nancy was  
5 Girls State Director and did a wonderful, wonderful job  
6 there. I think I was the first one to invite Girls State  
7 to my DEC in Ontario, and she brought me the counselors  
8 too, didn't you, and set up a table with all kinds of  
9 things about Girls State which I thought was a fantastic  
10 idea. I still have the gray sweatshirt hoodie that says  
11 Girls State.

12 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Bev had just  
13 gotten married. So when she came to visit with her  
14 husband, we had the honeymoon suite for them.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: I want you to  
17 know they gave me a surprise shower. And I was young. I  
18 said, "The Western Division Vice President is waiting for  
19 us to meet for lunch." And they kept taking me somewhere  
20 else. But mind you, we had a wedding shower. But thank  
21 you. And thank you, ladies.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Don't  
24 you believe Bev about me being loud. You know that that's  
25 not true. I know you know. Goldie's Golden Links,

1 Gerry's Cards, Margaret's Dreamcatchers, Ruby's Allstars,  
2 Shelby's Actresses, and Pilar's Musicians. And we have  
3 one guest, Bonnie's Princesses. We are donating \$313 to  
4 the Department VA&R program in memory of Sue Hooker and  
5 Pat Sweeney, \$125 to Junior Conference, and \$50 to Child  
6 Welfare. Thank you, ladies.

7 (Applause.)

8 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay. We  
9 have donations from all the Past Department Presidents of  
10 \$100 that we collected in our dinner. And we are -- thank  
11 you. We have giving to VA&R in memory of Sue Hooker, and  
12 it's an amount of \$25. We're giving \$25 to Child Welfare  
13 Foundation in memory of Pat Sweeney, and \$50 to ALA  
14 Department of California for office furniture fund. Okay.  
15 Total of \$100. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Are any of  
18 Virginia's Engineers in the room? Please stand. That was  
19 well over 25 years ago. Judy Lloyd -- Judy Lloyd Editor's  
20 in the room? Okay. And Diane DeLashmit's Circus Acts.  
21 We were monkeying around, you know. Yeah, two of them are  
22 here.

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Excuse me.  
24 She's the Fortune Teller.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: And the

1 Fortune Teller. All right. We've got more money here.  
2 Well, that's good. That's good. Okay. Well, before I  
3 open this envelope, we're donating \$32 to the Junior  
4 Scholarship Fund, \$144 to the VA&R program, and \$144 for  
5 the Department President's Special Project. And that's --  
6 let's see how much we're going to add to that.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: \$5.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. So  
9 that adds up to \$325. The \$5 -- I was supposed to do 10  
10 percent, 40 percent, 50 percent, so I'll have to refigure  
11 this. But anyway, we'll just go with 32, 144, and 144.  
12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:  
15 Tight quarters up here. May I have any of Margie's Magic  
16 Chefs stand. Are there any of Ronnie's Roses here?  
17 Melanie's Balloon Pilots and Sue's Lighthouses. In Sue  
18 Hooker's memory we are donating a total of \$425. \$300 to  
19 the VA&R fund, \$115 to the Department Office Furniture  
20 Fund, and \$10 to the Junior Scholarship Fund. Thank you,  
21 ladies.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOBS: So I have  
24 brought something. Do we have any of Bonnie's Princesses  
25 or Sandy's Colonels in the house? Thank you, ladies.

1 Thank you very much. And I know Bonnie can't be with us  
2 this week. She has scheduled a family party and she's not  
3 going to be here. But in that vein, we would like to  
4 have -- we have a total of \$262 collected and we would  
5 like \$85 to go to the new furniture for our Department  
6 Office and \$177 VA&R in honor of Sue and Pat. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Are any of my  
9 Ships Captains in the room this morning? Oh, good. We  
10 are going to donate \$35 to the Junior Scholarship, \$100 to  
11 VA&R for TFA, Harriet's special project, \$50 to the  
12 Department Office Furniture Fund, and \$75 to the Past  
13 Presidents Parley Nurses' Scholarship for a total of \$260.  
14 Thank you, ladies.

15 (Applause.)

16 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:  
17 Okay. We've decided we're going to pal up together  
18 because we're the Queens. We want to see if there's any  
19 Rodeo Queens or Caribbean Queens in the room. And we  
20 have -- you have the money? Okay. We have \$245, and we  
21 decided to have \$20 go in donation for the Junior  
22 Auxiliary Scholarship and \$235 for TFA for veterans.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CUCCARO: Madam  
25 President, I believe there are still some Performers and

1 Penguins in the room. Thank you. The Peachy Performers  
2 and the Classy Penguins are donating \$10 for the junior  
3 scholarship and \$65 for the office furniture. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

6 Okay. Would Terry's Treasures please stand up? And I  
7 know there's a lot of you in the room. Thank you, ladies.

8 Okay. Terry's Treasures are donating \$10 to the Junior  
9 Presidents Scholarship -- Past Department Presidents  
10 Scholarship, whatever that is, and \$190 to President  
11 Harriet's Special Project TFA or VA&R. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Our newest group,

14 the Dream Team Captains, could you all please stand? We  
15 had a great crew, great lunch. Thank you, ladies, for

16 being generous. We are donating \$10 to the Department  
17 Junior Scholarship Fund. We are donating \$90 to Junior  
18 Conference, \$100 to Education Scholarships, \$200 to the  
19 Office Furniture Fund, and \$200 to the VA&R TFA. And

20 we'll do that in memory of Sue Hooker and Pat Sweeney. A  
21 total of \$600 donated by the group.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Thank you all.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I have a little  
25 presentation to make, but in the meantime could the

1 ladies -- will the ladies who are going to be taking back  
2 the flags, except for District 15 and the Department  
3 Colors meet in the back and start lining up.

4 Ruby, will you help me with this?

5 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Madam President, if I  
6 can have -- Tami Bell, District 29, Unit 716. I'm over  
7 here.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh.

9 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: If I may inquire,  
10 Madam President, as to how much you have estimated you  
11 have raised for TFA this year.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I'm going to say  
13 about \$18,000.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: And that's an  
17 estimate. Would you please come and --

18 DISTRICT 25 MEMBER: Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

20 DISTRICT 25 MEMBER: My name is (inaudible),  
21 District 25. I just talked to my fellow unit member Donna  
22 Scott. She is in San Antonio Hospital. They took x-rays  
23 and they did an MRI or CT and they find she has a  
24 fractured pelvic. And they are going to transfer her  
25 probably tomorrow to Orange County, a hospital in Orange



1 County, but they're admitting her right now.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you for  
3 the update. We will all keep her in our prayers.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Notes  
5 are starting. All books must be picked up at the close of  
6 this session. At the close of convention, please ask all  
7 district presidents to remove their signs from the poles  
8 and take them home with them.

9 Displays and books need to be picked up today or  
10 they will be disposed of. Also if anyone has seen a clear  
11 plastic tote with red and blue handles, it belongs to the  
12 decorating committee. Please return to District 25.

13 If anyone wants to still order 2015 convention  
14 shirts, contact Carol Fuqua on stage. Cost will be \$26  
15 per shirt which includes shipping costs. The shirts will  
16 be mailed in a few weeks. Thank you for your support,  
17 25th District, 2015 Convention Committee.

18 We have -- is it we have one dinner for 25th  
19 District? Oh, they have one prize. Oh, okay, okay.  
20 Yeah, there's a prize here, number 14. Ticket number --  
21 green ticket 1177359. No one has picked up. Anyone got  
22 that ticket, green ticket? Ticket number 1177359. Are  
23 you going to raffle it again?

24 We've got a lost jacket. It's a nice jacket. Is  
25 it a large? Okay.

1           NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:  
2     We have the winner over here.

3           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:    The  
4     number is 1177359.   Okay.   All right.   Would all the  
5     Department President's Club Members please come and start  
6     forming a line here so that your card and your charm can  
7     be presented to you by your department president.   Melanie  
8     Taylor, Maria Lopez, Wendy O'Brien, Kathie Martinez, Linda  
9     Workman, Brenda Wardrip, Madeline Lee, Terry Mikesell,  
10    Tammy Sollazzo, Anita Biggs, Diane DeLashmit.

11           Newark Unit 837, District 10; South Bay Unit 184,  
12    District 20; JB Clark Unit 149, District 22; Bradley  
13    Keefler Unit 138, District 30; San Fernando Unit 176,  
14    District 20.   If you signed up for the President's Club  
15    and were not called, please see me after -- after the  
16    close of the session.

17           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN:   Okay.   Susie  
18    would like to give instructions for your installation  
19    while we take care of this business.

20           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER:   We will start  
21    the installation after -- it will take about 30 minutes.  
22    About 30 minutes after the close of the session.

23           Okay.   We will have the installation.   All First,  
24    Second, District President, everybody will be outside, and  
25    line up according to the signs that they have.   And there

1 will be a DEC after, so plan on staying for that for those  
2 officers and chairmen.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Is there  
4 anything further?

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
6 President, Diane DeLashmit, Convention Chairman. The  
7 resolution was read for Kathy, Ilona, and myself, but we  
8 were the three that did everything. And I just want to  
9 recognize (inaudible). She did a fantastic job.

10 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I just wanted to  
11 quickly say thank you because all of you will not get to  
12 National Convention. From the bottom of my heart as the  
13 National Membership Chairman for this great country to be  
14 from California is such a privilege. And I'm so proud  
15 that you are leading the way with my vision for female  
16 veterans which is called, "I Am A Female Veteran." I  
17 wanted to do it on the unit level, I wanted to do it on  
18 the department level. I was told no both times, but when  
19 I went to the National organization and asked could we  
20 please honor female veterans, they said yes and they  
21 increased the budget --

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: -- from \$12,000 to  
24 \$70,000 to cover the awards for this year alone.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: California is in the  
2 lead at 168 last count. And I am very proud of you. I  
3 know that you can make goal. I know it's within each one  
4 of you. There is money to be earned. And we fought hard  
5 to get that money. So please, please go back out and get  
6 those 2015 members. You can do that. So please. I  
7 brought three with me; right, Terry?

8 So thank you ladies and thank you so much for  
9 being in my heart.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you for  
12 coming to the 96th Convention. This has been a wonderful  
13 convention and you all did a fantastic job this weekend.  
14 Thank you, members, for my exciting year to service to  
15 veterans.

16 Will the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal please  
17 retire the colors.

18 (Processional.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We will now  
20 recesses for -- did you say 30 minutes, Susie?

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thirty minutes,  
23 at which time we will reconvene for the installation of  
24 2015-2016 officers.

25 (Recess from 11:59 a.m. to 12:51 p.m.)

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2                   INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2015-2016  
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4                   INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: It is my pleasure  
5 to present the installing team. The Distinguished Guest  
6 Chairman is Linda Workman and she's out there getting  
7 everybody ready. Our Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms is Sharon  
8 Moore. Our Honorary Marshal is Debbie Fletcher. Honorary  
9 Chaplain is June Coatney. The Honorary Musician is Sandy  
10 Patterson. District 22 Color Bearers are Lois Cornish and  
11 Jolina Freeman. And San Diego Unit 6 Color Bearers are  
12 Sarah Tozier and Maggie Muck.

13                   We will now proceed with the installation of  
14 Department Officers for the 2015-2016. Honorary  
15 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest  
16 Chairman, please escort the Department Chairmen.

17                   (ProceSSIONAL.)

18                   INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
19 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest  
20 Chairman, please escort the District Second Vice  
21 Presidents.

22                   (ProceSSIONAL.)

23                   INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
24 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest  
25 Chairman, please escort the District First Vice

1 Presidents.

2 (Processional.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
4 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest  
5 Chairman, please escort the District Presidents.

6 (Processional.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
8 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest  
9 Chairman, please escort the following: Musician Kathy  
10 Smith, Sergeant-At-Arms Tracy Varnell, Marshal Elizabeth  
11 Doidge, Historian Susie Morgan, and Chaplain Susan Baker.

12 (Processional.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Linda, do you want  
14 to go back out with them? Your name wasn't called.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: There's one in  
16 every group.

17 (Processional.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Don't get too  
19 comfy out there though. Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and  
20 Marshal, along with the Distinguished Guest Chairman,  
21 please escort the Junior Member of Finance Elect Linda  
22 Hayes.

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: You get a second  
25 try. You can remain standing unless you want to do the up

1 and down thing. Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and  
2 Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please  
3 escort the Department Vice President Elect Wendy O'Brien.

4 (Processional.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Color Bearers with  
6 the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal and the  
7 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please present the colors of  
8 District 22 and San Diego Unit 6.

9 (Processional.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
11 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest  
12 Chairman, please escort the Department President Elect  
13 Susie Tozier escorted by her sister Anita Collins.

14 (Processional.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: The installation  
16 of our newly elected -- the installation of our newly  
17 elected appointed officers is one of the most important  
18 and impressive ceremonies of our department convention.  
19 As we begin this transition from one administration to  
20 another, we wish to express our appreciation to the  
21 retiring department and district officers for their  
22 outstanding contributions to the amazing history of the  
23 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: As we turn from

1 the memories of the successful year we have just  
2 completed, let us all look forward with renewed dedication  
3 and enthusiasm to another year of achievement by our new  
4 Department and District Officers as we honor and serve our  
5 veterans, their families, and our country.

6 We congratulate our new officers and wish for  
7 them a year filled with success and growth of our Legion  
8 family that will help produce our one million members by  
9 our 100th anniversary in 2019.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District Vice  
12 Presidents, District Presidents, and Department Officers,  
13 please rise.

14 My fellow members, you have been chosen to  
15 fulfill the various offices of the American Legion  
16 Auxiliary Department of California. You will I know  
17 vindicate the trust that has been reposed in you and  
18 fulfill in every way the obligations what that trust  
19 entails. You will familiarize yourself with the duties of  
20 your respective offices as given in the Department Bylaws.  
21 Always remember that the welfare and success of the  
22 administration depends upon you, and upon your shoulders  
23 rests the burden of preserving the integrity of the  
24 American Legion Auxiliary.

25 You must protect its good name before the people



1 of the United States and at all times endeavor to have  
2 them understand its policies and purpose. Always remember  
3 the color and spirit of the American Legion Auxiliary.  
4 There is no rank among us, for each serves as the equal of  
5 her fellow members and all stride towards the same goal,  
6 which is the realization in the life of the republic of  
7 the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

8 Please raise your right hand and repeat after me  
9 giving your name where I give mine. I, Diane DeLashmit,  
10 promise to perform faithfully.

11 (Response.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: All the duties of  
13 the office.

14 (Response.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: I am about to  
16 assume.

17 (Response.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And I further  
19 pledge.

20 (Response.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: That I am not a  
22 member of.

23 (Response.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And do not  
25 subscribe to.

1 (Response.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: The principles of  
3 any group opposed to our form of government.

4 (Response.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District Second  
6 Vice Presidents, please rise. She's going back as a  
7 retrainee. It's not a demotion.

8 Into your helpful hands is placed the  
9 responsibility of assisting the First Vice Presidents in  
10 all their duties. The cooperation and spirit with which  
11 you fulfill your responsibility will contribute much to  
12 the success of this year's accomplishments.  
13 Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District First  
16 Vice Presidents, please rise. You are assuming a -- oh,  
17 I'm sorry. To you is given the active cooperation with  
18 the president for the continued development of your  
19 district programs. In the absence of the president, you  
20 will be prepared to assume the duties of her office. This  
21 year can be a rewarding learning experience for you and  
22 prepare you for future goals. Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District  
25 Presidents, please rise. You are assuming a tremendous

1 responsibility in leading the day-to-day activities of the  
2 units in your district as a deputy to the Department  
3 President. You are the most important member of the  
4 official family, for you represent the link between the  
5 members of this great department and the Department  
6 President.

7 With full confidence in your abilities you have  
8 been chosen by your district to fill this important  
9 position. May your year of service as a special agent of  
10 growth be a happy, exciting, and rewarding adventure for  
11 you and your district. Congratulations.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Sergeant-At-Arms  
14 Tracy Varnell and Marshal Elizabeth Doidge. You will have  
15 the very special honor this year of carrying the flag of  
16 our country and the banner of the Department of  
17 California. The love and respect with which you carry out  
18 these duties will inspire the membership.

19 In addition, you are responsible for order at all  
20 department meetings and such other duties as may be  
21 assigned to you by the Department President.  
22 Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Musician Kathy  
25 Smith.

1 (Applause.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Yours is an  
3 enviable position in the official family, for your music  
4 will set the tone and beauty of our ceremonies and bring  
5 life to our meetings. Your willingness to share your  
6 talent as the musician is a source of joy for all of us.  
7 Congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Sergeant-At --  
10 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal -- are you up here?  
11 Okay. Please escort LuAnn Capazzi, Past Department  
12 President, to this station.

13 (Processional.)

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI:  
15 Parliamentarian Deanne DeLashmit, your duty is to advise  
16 the Department President on procedural matters in the  
17 deliberations of this department. The benefit of your  
18 experience and wise counsel will be a great asset to her  
19 in the performance of her duties. Congratulations.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Historian Susie  
22 Morgan.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To you is given  
25 the rather awesome responsibility of compiling the history

1 of this administration. Many memorable accomplishments  
2 will occur this year and your official record will  
3 preserve those moments of growth in our organization.  
4 Congratulations.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Chaplain Susan  
7 Baker.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: You have been  
10 asked to serve as the spiritual leader of this department.  
11 The love and empathy with which you perform the duties of  
12 your office will do much to help lighten the sorrows that  
13 may fall upon our members. You will have the opportunity  
14 of offering prayers that will be uplifting to us and to  
15 assist our members to develop a sense of inner strength  
16 gained from God's blessings. Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Junior Member of  
19 Finance Linda Hayes.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Let's see. You  
22 are entering a three-year term on a very important  
23 committee of this department. Study carefully your  
24 responsibilities as outlined in the bylaws and policies.  
25 Always remember that you were elected by the membership to

1 represent their best interests. We know you will consider  
2 well your duties and enjoy your service on this committee.  
3 Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
6 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort the Department  
7 Vice President Elect Wendy O'Brien to the podium.

8 (Processional.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Wendy, as the  
10 Department Vice President you will be the Department  
11 President's right hand. Her left too. She may call on  
12 you for counsel or to represent her at special occasions.  
13 You should be prepared to do so as well as assuming the  
14 duties of her office if the need should arise. Your  
15 enthusiasm and cooperation will add much to the success of  
16 this administration.

17 May this year be a rewarding and learning  
18 experience and help prepare you for future goals. I'm not  
19 sure what those are. I've got to figure out -- I'll put  
20 the pin over your heart. Your badge as Department Vice  
21 President.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you  
24 very much.

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Will the Honorary

1 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal please escort Wendy back to  
2 her seat.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Don't go away.  
5 You guys can just stay up here. Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms  
6 and Marshal, please escort Past Department President from  
7 Montana, but she is one of our ladies now, Midge Farrar,  
8 along with the Department President Elect Susie Tozier to  
9 the podium.

10 (Processional.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FARRAR: Great trust  
12 has been reposed in you by your election to the highest  
13 office within the Department of California. I charge you  
14 to carry constantly in your mind the obligation which is  
15 yours, that of upholding the four great principles  
16 expressed in the preamble of the constitution: justice,  
17 freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

18 As Department President you have the great  
19 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the  
20 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the  
21 members to fulfil this challenge. We have faith in your  
22 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify  
23 the qualities of leadership that the members expect from  
24 their Department President. You will be the spokesperson  
25 for all of us to the public. Our members will look to you

1 for guidance, inspiration, and understanding.

2 Susie, we know that you will continue to use your  
3 talents, your strengths, and your love of the American  
4 Legion Auxiliary to the best interests of all members.  
5 Your leadership will inspire our members to achieve goals  
6 never before thought possible in all of our programs.

7 Your theme of Growing the Legion Family for  
8 Veterans will inspire us to reach for higher goals in  
9 membership and programs for our most important mission,  
10 our veteran, military, and their families.  
11 Congratulations and best wishes.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FARRAR: Susie, I would  
14 like to say something to you. Do all the good you can by  
15 all the means you can in all the places you can in all the  
16 ways you can to all the people you can as long as ever you  
17 can.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
21 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, will you please escort Midge  
22 back to her seat.

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Sergeant-At-Arms  
25 and Marshal, please escort Anita Collins, Susie's sister,



1 to the podium. And I'm not sure where she went.

2 (Processional.)

3 MS. COLLINS: Susie, it is an honor and a  
4 privilege to pin over your heart the insignia of the  
5 American Legion Auxiliary. Do I have to start over?

6 Susie, it is an honor and privilege to pin over  
7 your heart the insignia of the American Legion Auxiliary  
8 Department of President. I know that you will wear it  
9 with a great deal of pride uniting our members in service,  
10 ideals, and commitment, leading us in another successful  
11 year of service, not self.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
14 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort, a very long  
15 walk for our Junior Department Past President Harriet  
16 Clendenin and Past Department President LuAnn Capazzi.

17 (Processional.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: We have to add at  
19 least a bit of excitement.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Harriet, it  
21 gives me a great deal of pride -- I know you've been  
22 waiting for this moment for a while. I won't get smart.  
23 Harriet, on behalf of all the Past Department Presidents  
24 of the Department of California, it is with a great deal  
25 of pride that I put your ribbons on you, that you have

1 allowed me the pleasure of doing it. I got it backwards.  
2 She doesn't have her pin on, so they fooled me.

3 On behalf of the Past Department Presidents, that  
4 ribbon is filled with memories of your year, your  
5 successes. And on behalf of all of them, I welcome you to  
6 the Past Department Presidents of California.

7 (Applause.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And it takes us a  
9 long time to figure out we're supposed to be escorted.

10 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please  
11 bring Past Department President Terry Mikesell to the  
12 stand.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Terry is  
14 worse than me.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You got that  
16 right.

17 (Processional.)

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Harriet, it  
19 gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to pin  
20 Harriet with her Past Department Presidents pin.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Harriet, you  
23 have come to the close of your year as president of the  
24 Department of California American Legion Auxiliary. Your  
25 theme Creating Relationships Assisting Families Through

1 Service, C.R.A.F.T.S., inspired all of us to make this a  
2 great year for our department. It has been a tremendous  
3 experience for you and you can be very proud of what has  
4 been accomplished under your leadership. As you retire  
5 from this office, be assured that you take with you the  
6 love and respect of all of our members.

7 We thank you for taking the time out in your busy  
8 life to serve as our president. May you have many happy  
9 memories of your year as Department President.

10 Congratulations for a job well done.

11 (Applause.)

12 (Processional.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
14 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort LuAnn Capazzi  
15 and Susie Tozier, our Department President, to the stand.

16 (Processional.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Susie, it  
18 gives me great honor to present your sash as Office as  
19 Department of California President. Wear it with pride  
20 and know that we love you, we are here to support you, and  
21 I know we are going to have a wonderful year ahead.

22 Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary  
25 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort our Past

1 Department President LuAnn Capazzi and our Newly Installed  
2 President Susie Tozier to their seats.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: This thing keeps  
5 moving. Will all the newly installed officers please  
6 rise.

7 Members and guests, I present to you the new  
8 officers of the Department of California for the  
9 2015-2016.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: My fellow members,  
12 I share in the pride with you who you have chosen to guide  
13 our organization this coming year. They have been charged  
14 with serious responsibilities and in turn I charge you  
15 likewise.

16 Will all members of the American Legion Auxiliary  
17 Department of California please rise. Raise your right  
18 hand and repeat after me. I solemnly promise.

19 (Response.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To renew my pledge  
21 and service.

22 (Response.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To the American  
24 Legion Auxiliary.

25 (Response.)

1           INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT:   And to give  
2 wholehearted support.

3           (Response.)

4           INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT:   To these  
5 department officers.

6           (Response.)

7           INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT:   The Honorary  
8 Chaplain will offer prayer.   No.   Honorary.   That's you.

9           HONORARY CHAPLAIN COATNEY:   Dear Heavenly Father,  
10 thank you for -- thank you not just for this special day,  
11 but every day.   As we gather for this installation, give  
12 us the use of your gift of peace and understanding that  
13 Susie may approach matters she must handle.   May you watch  
14 over and guide her for the betterment of our American  
15 Legion Auxiliary.   Always keep true to the principle on  
16 which the American Legion will stand.   We ask this in your  
17 name.   Amen.

18           AUDIENCE MEMBERS:   Amen.

19           INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT:   Honorary  
20 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, would you please bring  
21 forward our Newly Installed Department President.

22           (Processional.)

23           INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT:   Madam Department  
24 President, I present you with this gavel, your symbol of  
25 authority.   May you use it with discretion and always in

1 the best interest of this department. One tap of the  
2 gavel will seat the membership.

3 Madam Department President Susie Tozier, may I be  
4 the first to congratulate you as our Department President.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: I wish for you a  
7 most productive year filled with tremendous growth in  
8 membership, increased participation in veteran and  
9 military family activities, your true leadership in our  
10 department at all levels and strengthen in all our  
11 programs.

12 Your mother Lorraine Maxie, a dual member, a very  
13 good friend of mine for 20, maybe 30 years, was the first  
14 to encourage me to go through the chairs. So we have a  
15 long-standing relationship. Your mother and your father I  
16 know would be very, very proud of you and your  
17 accomplishments to get to this day and wish for you a very  
18 successful year as I do.

19 My fellow members, I present to you our 2015-2016  
20 Department President Susie Tozier.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: It's all in  
23 the wrist. I want to thank you for allowing me to be your  
24 Department President. Little did I know --

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: Little did I  
2 know that that ten-year-old Junior would one day be  
3 Department President. And my parents are here.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: And my friend  
6 Phyllis Holmberg is here with me in my heart because she  
7 waited for it.

8 I want to thank my sister Anita for driving down  
9 from Salt Lake City, Utah to escort me.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: We're both 29  
12 years old. My theme is Growing the Legion Family For  
13 Veterans. My pin shows the symbol of the Legion, the  
14 Auxiliary, the SAL, and the Legion Riders. We're all a  
15 team. We're going to work together as a team and we're  
16 going to build our membership so that this organization  
17 can stay and be here for the future of the world. We have  
18 now other organizations that have sprouted up, but we have  
19 been around since forever and we're going to be around  
20 forever.

21 So let us all work together, mentor our Juniors  
22 or SALs, and let them count on being the future of our  
23 organization. Because we're wonderful. We are a  
24 wonderful, great team. And teamwork is the thing. You  
25 can't do it by yourself. It takes a team to accomplish

1 all the stuff we do. And I tell you right now, we do an  
2 awful lot. People may not think we do a lot, but once you  
3 start putting the pieces together, we are a wonderful  
4 group of family. And that's the way we should be even in  
5 the future.

6 So that's my theme and that's where I want to go.  
7 And we are going to make the million members. Right,  
8 Anita?

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: I want to  
11 congratulate the First Vice, Second Vice, and District  
12 Presidents. You are part of the team. You are down in  
13 the trenches helping and measuring the units and the  
14 future leaders of your areas. So keep up the good work  
15 and I know you're going to have a wonderful successful  
16 year. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Would you like for  
19 me to introduce them or would you like to introduce your  
20 officers? I guess I get to do it.

21 Okay. Let me see if I can remember who we just  
22 listed off. Of course our Department President Susie  
23 Tozier.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Department



1 Vice President Wendy O'Brien.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Junior Member  
4 of Finance Linda Hayes.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Sergeant --  
7 I'm sorry. Our Chaplain is Susie Baker.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Historian is Susan  
10 Morgan.

11 (Applause.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Musician is  
13 Kathy Smith.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our  
16 Sergeant-At-Arms is Tracy Varnell.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And our Marshal --  
19 I'm not sure how this is going to work next year -- is  
20 going to be is Elizabeth Doidge.

21 (Applause.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And I'm the  
23 Parliamentarian again.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And I am really

1 looking for a replacement. I guess we're going to  
2 introduce the chairmen at the DEC meeting that follows  
3 this because I don't know who's who. Are there any  
4 presentations? I believe we have one from District 22.

5 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER: This is a little something  
6 from Unit 6 for Susie. Hope you have a great year.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FARRAR: Susie, I  
9 congratulate you on this California Department President.  
10 San Diego Unit 6 will loan it to the Department of  
11 California for one year, but will need it back so you can  
12 flip burgers on bingo night.

13 (Applause.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: I would like to  
15 also present District Presidents, First Vice Presidents,  
16 and Second Vice Presidents. And please excuse me if I  
17 don't say your name correctly.

18 District 1, Marialice Clanclini. And she is not  
19 here. District 2, Judy Henderson, I don't think was here.  
20 District 3 Lola Ramey.

21 (Applause.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Can we hold our  
23 applause until they've all been introduced, please.

24 District 4, Barbara La Doucer. District 5, Sandy  
25 Paxton. And you can stand. Remain standing until they've

1 all been introduced. District 6, Maria Lopez. District  
2 7, Bonnie Chavoya. District 8, Tammy Manini. District 9,  
3 Helaine Rios. District 10, Gweniviere Woody. District  
4 11, Beverly Villines. District 12, Anne Kelley. District  
5 13, Jennifer Fanucchi. District 14, Ellen McClurg.  
6 District 15, Dee Ann Graham. District 16, Tracy Varnell.  
7 District 17, Rachel Yee. District 18, Malinda Sinclair.  
8 District 19, Diana Livas. District 20, Roberta Estes.  
9 District 21, Judy Bendzala. District 22, April Kochur.  
10 District 23, Phyllis Meyi. District 24, Ruth Hackney.  
11 District 25, Tamara Duran. District 26, Dolly Vitangeli.  
12 District 27, Vicky Goodchild. District 28, Susan Baker.  
13 District 29, Cheryl Neiffer. District 30, Kim Vincent.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Vice presidents  
16 are Doris Pickney. That's District 1. District 2, Pat  
17 Carey. District 3, Rosemarie Bejeck. District 4, Elsa  
18 Johnson. District 5, Norma Harrison. District 6, Ramona  
19 Tafoya. District 7, Linda Harmon. District 8, Kathleen  
20 Sullivan. District 9, Rosemarie Moreno. District 10,  
21 Dorothy Castillo. District 11, Charlene Marthei.  
22 District 12, Donna Sturm. District 13, CeCe Harvey.  
23 District 14, Sandy Urban. District 15, Zana Chaney. And  
24 I know some of these people have left to go to Girls State  
25 so that's why they're not here.

1           District 16, Terry Oclaray. District 18 -- I'm  
2       sorry. 17 is Cindy Wong. District 18, Gail Pauliot.  
3       District 19, Nancy Rayner. District 20, Ann Philcox.  
4       District 21, Susan Romero. District 22, Donna Smith.  
5       District 23, Patricia Patrick. District 24, Delores  
6       Artis. District 25, Maria Teresa Teri Granado. District  
7       26, Arlene Muller. District 27, Joyce Curwick. District  
8       28, Karol Adams. District 29, Cindy Mayfield. And  
9       District 30, Karen Marquardt.

10           (Applause.)

11           INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And we'll probably  
12       have fewer for District Second Vice. District 1, Pat  
13       Lindley. District 2, Anita Ray. District 3, Wendy  
14       Jacobs. District 4, Jean Edson. District 5, Wenonah  
15       Angier. District 6, Sherry Watson. District 7, Peggy  
16       Vogele. District 8, Teresa Canonizado. District 9,  
17       Wendelin Geltz. District 10, Susan Peters. District 11  
18       is Kirsten Anderson. District 12, Ann McCauley. District  
19       13, Patricia Leonardo. District 14, Geni Lefler. How are  
20       we saying it? Geni.

21           District 15, Harriet Clendenin. District 16,  
22       Stephanie Reid. District 17, Annie Chao. District 18,  
23       Patty Ramos. Sorry. Betty Ramos. District 19, Becky  
24       Bullard. District 20, Nancy Heinich. District 21, Cathy  
25       McCoy. District 22, Maureen Giacalone. I have to do it

1 visually.

2 District 23 is Raychelle Trimble. District 24,  
3 Beatriz Huppert. District 25, Patricia (Patti) -- this  
4 is Galatioto. District 26, Leslie Tozzini. District 27,  
5 Norma Billings. District 28, Mary Concepcion. District  
6 29, Jean -- I think it's supposed to be Dudbeck. And  
7 District 30, JoAnn Likens.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Thank you all.  
10 We're looking forward to a fabulous year with all of your  
11 support.

12 At this time we're having to change things just a  
13 little bit. Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and  
14 Marshal please present our Junior Past President Harriet  
15 Clendenin to close her convention, and then take our Newly  
16 Installed Department President to her chair.

17 We have some special guests that have been  
18 waiting a little bit, but they're really her guests, so  
19 that's --

20 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the  
21 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished  
22 Guest Chairman, please escort the newly elected SAL, Sons  
23 of the American Legion California Incoming Commanders.

24 (Processional.)

25 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You can

1 hug the girls later. Hi, I'm Harriet.

2 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Hi, Harriet. Robert Kelly,  
3 Jr.

4 SAL COMMANDER AID DESMEULES: I guess they want  
5 me to talk. I would like to introduce to the podium at  
6 this time our Newly Elected Commander Robert Kelly.

7 (Applause.)

8 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Good afternoon, Ladies,  
9 Auxiliary Members. It's a great honor to be able to come  
10 over here and just give a big welcome, a big hello and a  
11 thank you for inviting me over. Gil Desmeules is the  
12 Commander's aid. He introduced me. I have here to my  
13 right my Senior Vice Commander Tomidan Jordan.

14 (Applause.)

15 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Next to him I have my Third  
16 Area Vice Commander David Smith, Sr.

17 (Applause.)

18 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: And to my left here in  
19 front of me I have my Fifth Area Vice Commander Jim  
20 Fisher.

21 (Applause.)

22 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: You're a rock star here,  
23 Jim. And next to Jim Fisher is my Sixth Area Vice  
24 Commander Art Carlos.

25 (Applause.)

1           VICE COMMANDER SMITH: I want to hang out with  
2 the rock star.

3           SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Yeah. And next to him is  
4 one of my District Officers Robert Edwards. Sorry.

5           (Applause.)

6           SAL COMMANDER KELLY: I have to say I've been a  
7 little under the weather this whole convention, so please  
8 forgive me for not putting on a great show or song and  
9 dance, being from the Hollywood post. But it's always a  
10 pleasure. I've had a great relationship with the  
11 Auxiliary over the years. I'm a dual member also, was in  
12 the 16th District, now I'm in the 24th. And there's a lot  
13 of ladies here that I see from both these districts and  
14 many others from different areas.

15           I want to do everything I can to work closely  
16 with you ladies. As we are the backbone to the American  
17 Legion, I believe you ladies are the backbone to the Sons.

18           (Applause.)

19           SAL COMMANDER KELLY: So thank you for giving me  
20 this opportunity to come before you, and again I thank you  
21 from the bottom of my heart.

22           (Applause.)

23           JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: May we  
24 introduce you to our newly installed Department President  
25 Susie Tozier.

1 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Pleasure. I'll be looking  
2 forward to seeing you.

3 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I don't  
4 know if that's a good thing or bad thing. Thank you very  
5 much, Gentlemen, and we wish you the best of success next  
6 year.

7 (Applause.)

8 (Processional.)

9 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Is there  
10 any further business to come before this convention? If  
11 not, Vella Myers, my Master Comforter Department Chaplain,  
12 will offer prayer.

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Let us pray.  
14 Merciful Father, we understand that you have gathered one  
15 of our sister members into your loving embrace today, a  
16 lady who will be missed. Her name is Shirley Brown. We  
17 hope that you will keep her in your loving embrace and  
18 keep her safe.

19 Father, your great wisdom has guided us these  
20 last days. And as we go our separate ways, be with us as  
21 we make our way to our homes and hope that we arrive there  
22 safely and swiftly. Bless us always with thy goodness and  
23 thy grace. Amen.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

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5 I, Karen A. Andasola, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 96th Annual  
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 28, 2015, at the time  
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of  
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California  
13 96th Annual Convention members were written down by me in  
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my  
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct  
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19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for  
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