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4 SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019; 8:40 A.M.

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7 CALL TO ORDER

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Good
10 morning. I just wanted to say that we have some voting
11 today still, so if you have any visitors, they have to be
12 in the back of the room.

13 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please close the doors.
14 This session is reconvened. Our Department Chaplain will
15 offer prayer.

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17 INVOCATION

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19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Let us pray. Dear
20 Lord, we seek our help with our affairs today. Bless this
21 convention with your divine intelligence and help us to be
22 the best at our own decisions and devices, opinions, yet
23 we pray to amend our differences to all. We ask these
24 things in your name. Amen.

25 DELEGATES: Amen.

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1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SCOTT: And, yes, I will pay
2 my \$5 fee.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you for your
4 donation, Donna.

5 We'll have the Department Secretary do the roll
6 call and then we'll have the District Presidents up next.

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8 ROLL CALL

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10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Hello. Diane
11 has asked somebody from the delegation to please come up
12 and talk to her about getting us a podium.

13 On that happy note, President Joan Cannon.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Vice President
16 Kathie Martinez.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Sunshine is
18 here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Secretary
20 Harriet is here. Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: NEC Loretta
23 Marsh.

24 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILWOMAN MARSH: Present.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Past National

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1 President Nancy Brown-Park. Absent. Chaplain Donna
2 Smith.

3 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Amen.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Historian Jean
5 Cooley-Desmeules.

6 HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Don't forget to tag
7 me on the Facebook page.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Parliamentarian
9 Diane DeLashmit.

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The Aster is really
11 pooped today. Let's see in a few more hours. That's my
12 flower is the Aster.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Sergeant-at-Arms
14 Rosemary Weber.

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WEBER: Thanks for the
16 appointment. I'm ready to go.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Assistant
18 Sergeant-at-Arms Cece Harvey.

19 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HARVEY: Present,
20 present.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance
22 Committee Chairman Brenda Preston.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance
25 Committee One Year Marsha Romano.

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ROMANO: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance
3 Committee Two Year Kae Orcutt.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ORCUTT: Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Advisory
6 Commission Committee Chairman Anita Biggs.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,
8 Harriet.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.
10 Committee Member Linda Fercho.

11 COMMITTEE MEMBER FERCHO: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.
13 Committee Member Terry Mikesell.

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: She's present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Americanism Tami
16 Bell.

17 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Auxiliary
19 Emergency Fund is here. Children & Youth Gloria Williams.

20 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.
22 Community Service Glenda Schultz.

23 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Constitution &
25 Bylaws Kim Vincent. She's excused. Credentials Sharon

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1 Moore.

2 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

4 Distinguished Guest Linda Workman.

5 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: These
6 shoes ain't made for walking.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Editor Geni
8 Lefler.

9 DEPARTMENT EDITOR LEFLER: Good morning, Harriet.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

11 Convention Commission Chairman Anita Biggs.

12 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good
13 morning again, Harriet.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Two Year Member
15 Wendy O'Brien.

16 CONVENTION COMMISSION 2Y O'BRIEN: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Three Year
18 Member Linda Fercho.

19 CONVENTION COMMISSION 3Y FERCHO: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Education Tamra
21 Duron.

22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Elections Rachel
24 Carnelison-Baltad.

25 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CARNELISON-BALTAD: I'm still

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1 here. Good morning.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Girls State
3 Chairman Tammy Sollazzo. Excused. Girls State Director
4 Elissa Kirkland. She's excused. Junior Activities
5 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO:
7 Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Junior
9 Conference Director Mindy Sinclair.

10 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Leadership LuAnn
12 Capazzi.

13 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Legislative
15 Loretta Marsh.

16 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Membership
18 Kathie Martinez.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yes, but I'm
20 fading fast.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 1
22 Terry Mikesell.

23 SUPPORT AREA 1 MIKESELL: Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 2
25 Dolly Rios.

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1 SUPPORT AREA 2 RIOS: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

3 Support Area 3 Deborah Straight. Did I see her?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She's here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 4
6 Becky Bullard.

7 SUPPORT AREA 4 CHAIRMAN BULLARD: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 5
9 Debbie Fletcher.

10 SUPPORT AREA 5 FLETCHER: Good morning, Harriet.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.
12 Support Area 6 Geri Adams.

13 SUPPORT AREA 6 ADAMS: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Music Nancy
15 Heinisch.

16 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I heard her.
18 National Security Ann Philcox.

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Gladiolas
20 are fading fast.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Past Presidents
22 Parley Susie Tozier.

23 PPP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Poppy Tracy
25 Varnell-Fercho.

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1 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Public Relations
3 Deloris Artis.

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: The poppies are
5 ready to go home.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Resolutions
7 Melanie Taylor.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I'm here. I'm so
9 tired, I couldn't think of anything witty.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Rules Donna
11 Scott.

12 RULES CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: VA&R Dee Ann
14 Graham.

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Ways & Means
17 Marion Rocha-Carlos.

18 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: I'm doing it
19 back here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Committee Member
21 Jeri Johnson.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER JOHNSON: I'm here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Committee Member
24 Leslie Vondra.

25 COMMITTEE MEMBER VONDRA: Here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Personal Page
2 Marcia Munroe.

3 PERSONAL PAGE MUNROE: Present.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Personal Page
5 Grace Huston.

6 PERSONAL PAGE HUSTON: Present.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 1
8 Alison is excused. District 2, excused. District 3 Lola
9 is excused. District 4 Jean Edson. Jean Edson? I think
10 she's excused. District 5 Lynn Jewell.

11 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Presently present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 6
13 Glenda.

14 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President. The
15 Sensational District 6 is here to brighten your day.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 7
18 Joanne Shope.

19 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Madam President. We
20 work for our veterans [inaudible].

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 8
22 Teresa Canonizado.

23 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:
24 Good morning, Madam President. District 8 is here again.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 9 Dolly

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1 Rios.

2 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 10 Liz
4 Parshall.

5 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. You
6 are the sunshine that brightens the room.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 11
9 Deborah Straight.

10 DISTRICT 11: Good morning, Madam President.
11 It's been a great year and it's almost over.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 12
13 Victoria Ferreira-Allen.

14 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President Joan
15 and Madam Secretary.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 13 Cece
18 Harvey.

19 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President. To
20 the veterans of our nation we salute you with this
21 [inaudible] and make it clear your story will live on.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 14 Geni
24 Lefler.

25 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Good morning.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 15 Dee
2 Ann Graham.

3 DISTRICT 15: We're here. Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 16
5 Glenda Powell.

6 DISTRICT 16: We're District 16 and our
7 reputation isn't jaded, so now we are homebound so to all
8 we'll see you around.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 17
11 Yvonne Sarcedo.

12 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDO: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.
14 District 18 Patricia Martinez.

15 DISTRICT 18: The [inaudible] is blooming ready,
16 Madam President.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 19 Jean
18 Cooley.

19 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 20
21 Mahala Beery.

22 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.
23 District 20 is here. We've done all we could, we learned
24 what we can. We're ready to go and prepare for the new
25 year. We wish you well and may all your garden be in full

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1 bloom.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 21
4 Cathleen McCoy.

5 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 22
8 Susie Tozier.

9 DISTRICT 22: District 22 Sunflowers are wilted
10 and we're going home.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 23
12 Valerie Hill.

13 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 24
16 Deloris Artis.

17 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 25 Cyd
20 Kintzer.

21 DISTRICT 25: It's one to plant a garden to see
22 the flowers grow. As members we work our programs and we
23 reap what we sow. We follow your direction and now we
24 hear is true, it's time to wish you great success in
25 everything you do. Bye, Madam President.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 26
3 Peggy Toye.

4 DISTRICT 26: We're heading home for veterans and
5 their families.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 27
7 Norma Billings.

8 DISTRICT 7: (Waving.)

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: They're waving.
10 District 28 Molly Smith.

11 DISTRICT 28: We are set to be leaving and we'll
12 miss you as we go our way to tiptoe through the poppies
13 once more. Bye Madam President, Madam Secretary. And a
14 fond farewell to our wonderful Kim Vincent. District 28
15 will miss you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 29
18 Carol Borgman.

19 DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 30 Kim
22 Vincent.

23 DISTRICT 30: Good morning, Madam President.
24 Until next year.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. The reps

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1 and deps. Fresno VA Sandra Dowell.

2 HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Livermore Grace
4 Huston.

5 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Loma Linda is
7 not here. Long Beach Pat Alvarez.

8 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Harriet.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.
10 Los Angeles Earlean Paige.

11 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: She's here. Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Nevada Bonnie.
13 Mather Jennifer Turner.

14 HOSPITAL REP TURNER: Good morning, Harriet.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Palo Alto Connie
16 Raya. San Diego Susie Tozier

17 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Cal Vet Homes.
19 Barstow Cal Vet Angie Acosta.

20 HOSPITAL REP ACOSTA: Back to work tomorrow.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: The Fresno Cal
22 Vet Rosalie Taylor.

23 HOSPITAL REP TAYLOR: Good morning, Harriet.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Lancaster.
25 She's excused. Redding Terry Mikesell.

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1 HOSPITAL REP MIKESELL: She checked out.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Ventura Madeline
3 Lee. Madeline? Thank you. West LA Deloris Artis.

4 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yountville Peggy
6 Grabski is excused. Chula Vista Lois.

7 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Madam President,
9 that concludes your roll call.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All right. We're
11 going to get started this morning with my advisory team
12 that we didn't get to yesterday. Our chairman, Anita
13 Biggs, Terry Mikesell, and Linda Fercho.

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15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,
18 Madam President. Since our midyear meeting, your Red
19 Roses have done our best to help tend to your garden.
20 While some might consider us thorns, all roses have thorns
21 which we may have to use to protect you, Madam President,
22 our California Beauty Rose.

23 It has been a pleasure to watch your garden grow
24 as we continue to serve veterans. Thank you for your most
25 capable leadership of planting and harvesting for this

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1 department. Let us leave you with this bit of advice: As
2 an anonymous person once said: The rose is a flower of
3 love. Pink roses are for love, hopeful and expectant.
4 White roses are for your love, dead or forsaken. But the
5 red roses, ahh, the red roses are for love triumphant.
6 What a triumphant year.

7 We wish for you a very successful convention
8 with -- well, it's almost over now and you did have one.
9 And you have had blooming reports.

10 Would any of our other thorns -- I mean roses
11 like to say a few words?

12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MIKESELL: As stated earlier,
13 she's checked out.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: Madam President,
15 thank you. It's been a great year. I've had so much fun.
16 I think I just have laughed myself to pieces.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Madam
18 President, if you don't mind, we would like to approach
19 your station. We really appreciate this appointment.
20 This concludes our advisory, but we do have some beautiful
21 lit roses for you.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you. How
24 pretty. Okay. I have a note. District 18 ordered four
25 corsages and they were told they were delivered to our

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1 district. Kathie Martinez only received one. Went back
2 to the person with the corsages, she told me people might
3 have taken them. I would like to request that the unknown
4 people send them to District 18 or pay for them. District
5 18, Room 261. So if you got some corsages in error,
6 apparently three, four, they only received one. So if
7 there's three corsages out there who aren't supposed to be
8 yours, see them, please.

9 Okay. Now we'll have our Finance team come up
10 and do the budget. And hopefully you all brought your
11 budgets back from yesterday.

12
13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Good
16 morning. The convention committee on Finance met on June
17 27th, 2019 in the Dolcettio Room of the Ontario Airport
18 Hotel, Ontario, California. Linda Workman was appointed
19 secretary, Wendy O'Brien offered prayer, and Anita Biggs
20 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district
21 delegates answered roll call. There were two visitors.

22 We started out by going over the six resolutions.
23 Resolution No. 1: Whereas, members have been paying a
24 dollar assessment for a department publication that has
25 not been forthcoming for several years, and whereas, if

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1 such a publication does come forth in the future, that
2 publication will be placed on our website or sent by email
3 where there is minimal cost, and whereas, additional
4 funding is necessary to offset the general fund, and
5 whereas, there would be no additional cost to our members.

6 Therefore, be it resolved that the dollar
7 assessment under Dues and Assessments on page 31, item 1a
8 of the Department Standing Rules be redirected to the
9 general fund for administrative costs, and be it further
10 resolved that money currently in this restricted account
11 be redirected to the general fund and that the allowance
12 for the Editor be administered through the general fund,
13 and be it further resolved that prior increases be
14 included under dues and assessments.

15 Page 31, Item 1 would read: "1. The National
16 per capita dues for senior members shall include a
17 complementary subscription to the American Legion
18 Auxiliary National Magazine. A. Per capita tax shall be
19 paid in advance annually. The national senior per capita
20 dues shall be \$12. Department senior per capita dues
21 shall be \$10, and national junior dues are \$2.50, and
22 department junior dues are \$1.50. B. As provided in the
23 Department Bylaws, modification to the Department per
24 capita dues for senior and junior members shall require a
25 two-thirds vote in the affirmation by the Department

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1 Convention delegates. 2018."

2 This resolution was motioned by Terry Mikesell
3 and seconded by Anita Biggs and passed.

4 Resolution No. 2: Whereas convention costs are
5 rising, and whereas we have not had an increase in
6 delegate fees since 2010, and whereas our membership is
7 declining causing a loss of revenue. Therefore it be
8 resolved that an increase of \$10 be effective with the
9 2020 convention making the delegate fees \$30, and be it
10 further resolved that Department Standing Rule under Dues
11 and Assessments number 5, page 32 now read: "All units in
12 good standing shall pay a registration fee of \$30 per
13 delegate. Fee shall cover full voting strength of the
14 unit prior to the district pre-convention caucus."

15 This resolution was debated and the \$30 amount
16 after discussion was motioned by Terry Mikesell and
17 seconded by Wendy O'Brien and passed.

18 Resolution No. 3 --

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Brenda, we need
20 to make a motion after each one.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: So do I --

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: So if you can
23 just go back to --

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: I make a
25 motion. Oh, I move that you accept Resolution No. 2.

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1 Should I read it first?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. It has been
3 moved that we accept Resolution No. 2: Whereas convention
4 costs are rising, and whereas we have not had an increase
5 in delegate fees since 2010, and whereas our membership is
6 declining causing a loss of revenue. Therefore be it
7 resolved that an increase of \$10 be effective with the
8 2020 convention making the delegate fees \$30, and be it
9 further resolved that Department Standing Rule under Dues
10 and Assessments number 5, page 32 now read: "All units in
11 good standing shall pay a registration fee of not to
12 exceed \$30 per delegate. Fee shall cover full voting
13 strength of the unit prior to the district pre-convention
14 caucus."

15 Is there any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
18 in favor say aye.

19 DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say
21 no.

22 DELEGATES: No.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Passed. Go
24 back to No. 1, please, Brenda.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: I make a

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1 motion -- oh, by committee that the Resolution No. 1 be
2 accepted.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved
4 to adopt Resolution No. 1: Whereas members have been
5 paying a \$1 assessment for department publication that has
6 not been forthcoming for several years, and whereas if
7 such a publication does come forth in the future, that
8 publication will be placed on our website or sent by email
9 where there is minimal cost, and whereas additional
10 funding is necessary to offset the general fund, and
11 whereas there would be no additional cost to our members.

12 Therefore be it resolved that the \$1 assessment
13 fee under Dues and Assessment on page 31, item 1a of the
14 Department Standing Rules be redirected to the general
15 fund for administrative costs, and be it further resolved
16 that money currently in this restricted account be
17 redirected to the general fund and that the allowance for
18 the editor be administered through the general fund, and
19 be it further resolved that prior increases be included
20 under Dues and Assessment page 31, item 1 would read:
21 "Number 1. The national per capita dues for senior
22 members shall include a complimentary subscription to the
23 American Legion Auxiliary National Magazine. A. Per
24 capita tax should be paid in advance annually. The
25 national senior per capita dues shall be \$12, department

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1 senior per capita dues shall be \$10, and national juniors
2 dues are \$2.50 and department junior dues are \$1.50. B.
3 As provided in the Department Bylaws modification to the
4 Department per capita dues for senior and junior members
5 shall require a two-thirds vote in the affirmative by the
6 department convention delegates. 2018."

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
10 in favor say aye.

11 DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

13 DELEGATES: No.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay.

16 Resolution No. 3: Whereas many members assumed that the
17 delegates fees for the annual convention are supporting
18 the convention, however the fees have been going into the
19 general fund, and whereas conventions have become very
20 expensive where more funding necessary, and whereas our
21 members need to be made more aware of actual income and
22 cost of putting on a convention. Therefore, be it
23 resolved that the delegate fees be placed in a restricted
24 account to be used for convention expenses and that it be
25 further resolved that the restricted account be

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1 established starting with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

2 This resolution was debated, and then Linda
3 Workman made the motion and Anita Biggs seconded and
4 passed.

5 Under the direction of the committee I make the
6 motion -- no. I move that we accept this resolution.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has moved to
8 accept Resolution No. 3: Whereas many members assumed
9 that the delegates fees for the annual convention are
10 supporting the convention, however the fees have been
11 going into the general fund, and whereas conventions have
12 become very expensive where more funding necessary, and
13 whereas our members need to be made more aware of actual
14 income and cost of putting on a convention. Therefore, be
15 it resolved that the delegate fees be placed in a
16 restricted account to be used for convention expenses and
17 that it be further resolved that the restricted account be
18 established starting with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, all
22 those in favor say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Resolution
3 No. 4: Whereas, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department
4 of California Honor and Salute Our Active Duty
5 Servicewomen, and whereas, the expenses in travel, lodging
6 and food that some sponsoring units absorb, and whereas,
7 when an honoree travels to National Convention, her
8 expenses are paid by the National organization, and
9 whereas more units may submit nominations if they were
10 compensated for expenses, and whereas, there are adequate
11 funds in the Americanism account.

12 Therefore be it resolved that the expenses to
13 support our Past Presidents Parley Salute to Active Duty
14 Servicewomen when in attendance be taken from the
15 Americanism fund at 50 cents per mile, or airfare if
16 applicable, one night lodging if applicable, and food
17 expenses incurred in addition to the Past Presidents
18 Parley luncheon. And be it further resolved that this
19 will begin with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

20 This was debated and finally it was decided to
21 refer to the Americanism committee for code change.
22 Motion made by Terry Mikesell and seconded by Linda
23 Workman.

24 I make a motion that -- at the direction of the
25 committee, I make a motion that this -- that we accept

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1 this resolution as read.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Resolution
3 No. 4: Whereas, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department
4 of California Honor and Salute Our Active Duty
5 Servicewomen, and whereas, the expenses in travel, lodging
6 and food that some sponsoring units absorb, and whereas,
7 when an honoree travels to National Convention, her
8 expenses are paid by the National organization, and
9 whereas more units may submit nominations if they were
10 compensated for expenses, and whereas, there are adequate
11 funds in the Americanism account.

12 Therefore be it resolved that the expenses to
13 support our Past Presidents Parley Salute to Active Duty
14 Servicewomen when in attendance be taken from the
15 Americanism fund at 50 cents per mile, or airfare if
16 applicable, one night lodging if applicable, and food
17 expenses incurred in addition to the Past Presidents
18 Parley luncheon. And be it further resolved that this
19 will begin with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

20 Is there any discussion? Chair recognizes
21 Americanism Chairman Tami Bell.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Madam President, Tami
23 Bell, Americanism Chairman Department of California,
24 District 19, Unit 496. We do have a change in this
25 proposed code. Shall I read what we have proposed? I

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1 don't know how to do that.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: What was her
3 question?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She has a change to
5 this resolution in the Americanism.

6 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: We did change this in
7 our preconvention meeting. The very final paragraph,
8 "Therefore it be resolved the expenses to support our Past
9 Presidents Parley Salute to Active Duty Servicewomen when
10 in attendance at department convention be taken from the
11 Americanism fund at 50 cents per mile, or airfare if
12 applicable, one night lodging if applicable, and food
13 expenses incurred in addition to the Past Presidents
14 Parley luncheon not to exceed \$500 per
15 servicewoman-electee."

16 I move to accept this change. I move to amend
17 the motion on the floor.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Since it's a
19 resolution, we're thinking about it for a minute.

20 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You may amend the
22 resolution. You may make a resolution. If you just
23 repeat it for all of us.

24 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: "Therefore it be
25 resolved the expenses to support our Past Presidents

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1 Parley Salute to Active Duty Servicewomen, when in
2 attendance at department convention, be taken from the
3 Americanism fund at 50 cents per mile, or airfare if
4 applicable, one night lodging if applicable, and food
5 expenses incurred in addition to the Past Presidents
6 Parley luncheon not to exceed \$500 per
7 servicewoman-electee."

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is there any
9 discussion?

10 PERSONAL PAGE MUNROE: Second.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: There's a motion to
12 amendment Resolution No. 4, and the amendment is: "Not to
13 exceed \$500 per servicewoman-electee." Any further
14 discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
17 in favor say aye.

18 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Now we're going to
22 do the motion. We have a motion on the floor for
23 Resolution No. -- looking at the original, we think
24 there's something else that you changed. You did. There
25 is --

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1 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: "At department
2 convention" was also added after the "50 cents per mile."
3 "At department convention." I do have that in my
4 typewritten, yes, ma'am.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So you added
6 that to the code change?

7 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Would you like for me
8 to reread it again?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would. Read the
10 whole thing.

11 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. Starting at
12 the very top?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No. Just the,
14 "Therefore be it resolved."

15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: "Therefore it be
16 resolved the expenses to support our Past Presidents
17 Parley Salute to Active Duty Servicewomen, when in
18 attendance at department convention, be taken from the
19 Americanism fund at 50 cents per mile, or airfare if
20 applicable, one night lodging if applicable, and food
21 expenses incurred in addition to the Past Presidents
22 Parley luncheon not to exceed \$500 per
23 servicewoman-electee."

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So an
25 amendment to the amendment. The amendment now is "at

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1 department convention." Any discussion?

2 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE: Yes. Is this on?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have to turn it
4 on.

5 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE: [Inaudible] District 13,
6 Unit 419. I think you may need at the end "selected and
7 attending."

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have "in
9 attendance" up at the second line.

10 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE: It is in the second line?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes. "When in
12 attendance at the department convention." But thank you.
13 That would be a very important thing.

14 Ruby Kapsalis as Department Treasurer the Chair
15 recognizes.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department
17 President, Ruby Kapsalis, Unit 591, District 28. I have
18 -- I have a question. Are we just addressing the
19 department and not the national organization?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: This is for the
21 department.

22 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Any other
24 discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So on the
2 amendment to the amendment, we are adding "at department
3 convention." Any further discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
6 in favor say aye.

7 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're going to vote
11 on the entire motion.

12 Okay. Now we're going to Resolution No. 4 as
13 amended. Let me take a drink of water. "Whereas, the
14 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of California Honor
15 and Salute Our Active Duty Servicewomen, and whereas,
16 there are expenses in travel, lodging, and food that some
17 sponsored units absorb, and whereas, when an honoree
18 travels to National Convention her expenses are paid by
19 the National organization, and whereas more units may
20 submit nominations if they were compensation for expenses,
21 and whereas there are adequate funds in the Americanism
22 account. Therefore be it resolved, the expenses to
23 support our Past Presidents Parley Salute to Active Duty
24 Servicewomen when in attendance at the department
25 convention be taken from the Americanism fund at 50 cents

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1 per mile, or airfare if applicable, one night lodging if
2 applicable, and food expenses incurred in addition to the
3 Past Presidents Parley luncheon not to exceed \$500 per
4 servicewoman-electee."

5 Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
8 in favor say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Resolution passed.

13 Thank you.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Resolution
15 No. 5. On review of the Freedom Award it was decided
16 after debate that we needed more information and detail,
17 therefore, we rejected it.

18 Do I need to make a motion on that one?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay.

21 Resolution No. 6 did not apply to the Finance Committee.
22 No action needed by our committee.

23 We then read the budget and there were some
24 changes made. Linda Workman made a motion and Anita
25 seconded to accept the amended budget. Department code

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1 was discussed and Melanie Taylor stated that they had gone
2 through it this past year. Department Code Finance was
3 read. There was just a major -- or a housekeeping item on
4 number 4 to read "Department Secretary or Treasurer."
5 Meeting was closed with prayer by Wendy O'Brien and
6 adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

7 Madam President, may I read my regular report for
8 the Finance Committee?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Thank you.

11 Hello to all the beautiful flowers in the garden. We hope
12 that you were all busy this past 12 hours holding
13 fundraisers and spreading the --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: They can't hear you
15 in the back.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: We hope that
17 you were all busy this past 12 months holding fundraisers
18 and spreading the word about membership. Your Finance
19 Committee has also been busy these past 12 months. First
20 we attended all three of the workshops: Clovis, Rio
21 Linda, and Pasadena.

22 Second, we attended the audit meeting held
23 October 31st up in San Francisco. Third, we attended the
24 DEC in Modesto. Fourth, we reviewed the bank statements
25 and credit card statements monthly and our reserve

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1 accounts quarterly. Fifth, we attended the budget meeting
2 held in San Francisco in May. Second -- or sixth, Ruby
3 and I attended the Department Treasurer Organizational
4 Effectiveness Training held at American Legion Auxiliary
5 National Headquarters in February. This trip was paid by
6 National and we got the opportunity to meet and exchange
7 ideas with other state treasurers and finance chairmen.

8 Seventh, at the budget meeting, which was held on
9 May 17th through the 19th at the department office,
10 everything went very smoothly and we were able to get
11 through the budget in pretty good time. Thanks in part to
12 the Finance Committee, the Department Treasurer, the
13 Department Secretary, and to Vice President Kathie
14 Martinez who all worked hard to complete the task.

15 At the workshops we addressed the need to work on
16 our membership, getting the inactives back into activity,
17 recruit new members, and keep our current members. This
18 helps our general fund which allows us to meet our general
19 fund expenses.

20 Thank you for your support and trust in us. We
21 are working hard to deserve your trust. Any questions
22 please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours in service,
23 the Finance Committee: Brenda Preston, Martha Romano, and
24 Kae Orcutt.

25 Madam President, may we now begin reading the

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1 budget?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, please.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Good morning.

4 We'll start with the first page, General Fund - Program
5 Income. 42408 Online Dues, proposed 45,000. 42409
6 Americanism Donations, 6,000. 42410 Dues Membership we
7 adjusted to include the changes in membership and we noted
8 that in the budget meeting notes. So that reflects our
9 total memberships times the amount for each member, so the
10 total is 382,795. That's what we're projecting. Next one
11 is 42411 Dues, 10,000. 42412 Auxiliary News Assessment,
12 17,684. 42413 Postage Income, 2700.

13 Down to Ways & Means 42415, \$3,000. 42416
14 Current Department President Pins, 6,000. 42417 Donations
15 - In Loving Tribute, 1,600. 42418 Donations - President
16 Club, 600. 42420 Admin Income - Other Accounts, 11,700.
17 42422 Fidelity Bond, 1,065. 42423 Delegate - Fees
18 Convention. We projected that the \$30 increase would
19 potentially not be approved so we did not want to just
20 adjust, and so we made a notation that 21,000 proposal is
21 based on a -- sorry -- increase and we noted on the side
22 an increase of \$30 with amount to 25,200. I've gone ahead
23 and adjusted it to the 30 fees and we'll get to the
24 balance on the bottom because it was approved. So you'll
25 need to note that when I get there. Okay? So it's -- the

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1 amount you'll need to adjust it from the 21,000 to 25,200
2 which is noted on the side.

3 42424 Income/Reimbursement From National, 1,000.
4 42425 Department Convention Proceedings, 350. 42426
5 California Disaster Fund, 7,000. 42449 Live Units, 4,000.
6 42453 Department President Special Project, 15,000. 42460
7 Department Convention Banquet, 8,000. 42461 Department
8 PPP Luncheon, 5,000. Those two are just to offset what
9 we're projecting if everyone buys tickets hopefully.

10 42462 Midyear/DEC Meals, 4,500. 42477 National
11 Convention Income, 3,000. And we're down to 42490 General
12 Fund Miscellaneous Account, 1,500. So your new General
13 Fund - Program Income, instead of the 558,494, we are
14 adding 4,200 to reflect the change in delegate dues from
15 25 to 30 and the new amount would be 562,694. 562,694.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madam
17 President, Susie Tozier, District 22. GF42478 should have
18 \$500 a year and there should be a reserve amount of 2,000
19 for that line. That is for the national president
20 campaign and it was put in the year -- about three or four
21 years ago as a mandatory line.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: This is income
23 or --

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Oh, I'm sorry.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Just a reminder,

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1 there's a line --

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Sorry. I'm in
3 the ozone. This flower is wilted.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: All right. We are
5 all wilting.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President,
7 Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President. Let's see.
8 I'm District 25 and Unit 299. I just want to make a
9 comment about 42412 Auxiliary News Assessment. We just
10 voted in Finance on the finance thing to accept the
11 resolution to really no longer have that. It still has to
12 come into play in the Constitution & Bylaws, but that
13 really is going to end up -- if it's approved for
14 Constitution & Bylaws, it would be part of the per capita
15 so that would no longer be.

16 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Madam
17 President, Kathy Newlen, District 21, Unit 500. Could she
18 please reread the total that she had before any changes?
19 Because to me, I thought I heard a different amount than
20 what was printed.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So you want the
22 original amount?

23 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Yes,
24 what was the --

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: I read it as it's

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1 printed, so 558,494.

2 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Okay.

3 Now what about according to the --

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: So you add 4,200
5 and it's 562,694.

6 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Okay.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Okay. Sorry. Any
8 more questions on income?

9 DISTRICT 16 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WRIGHT-SCOTT:
10 Yvonne Wright-Scott, District 16, Unit 125. Item number
11 42410 up in the margin, the budget meeting it says \$21
12 senior. Is not the per capita going to be 22?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I think it's the
14 dollar -- it's the dollar that we added for the assessment
15 and we passed it in resolution.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Currently
17 when you submit the \$22 amount, it includes the \$1
18 assessment. The per capita is only 21. \$1 goes to the
19 News assessment, and that's why we do that.

20 DISTRICT 16 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WRIGHT-SCOTT:
21 Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Madam
23 Vice President.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: And the additional
25 dollar, so that would be included in the 42412 that

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1 additional dollar.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Okay. Are we ready
3 for expenses?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We're going
5 over expenses in case you didn't hear that.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: 62401 Salary,
7 \$97,600. Turn the page over to page 2. 62402 Payroll
8 Taxes SDI and UI, 9,760. 62403 Insurance (Social Security
9 and Medicare), \$6500. 62404 Supplies, \$3,000. 62405
10 Postage, Mailing Service, 2,000. 62406 Telephone,
11 Telecommunications, 3,100. 62407 Computer
12 License/Website, \$450. 62408 Employee Transportation
13 Allowance, 2,000. 62409 Workers' Compensation Insurance,
14 1,600. 62410 Equipment Rental and Maintenance, 20,400.
15 62412 Fidelity Bond, that's the dishonesty insurance,
16 \$1,100. 62414, \$3,000. Finance Committee. Sorry. 62415
17 Accounting and Audit, 11,600. 62416 Payroll Services,
18 2,300. Auxiliary -- 62417 Auxiliary News Editor, \$50.
19 62419 Finance Chair, \$50. 62420 Filing Fees & FTB Fees,
20 \$200. 62422 Bank Fees and Return Checks, \$500. 62423 New
21 Computer/Office Equipment, 1,000. 62424 Management Fees
22 Sierra Financial, 1,800. 62426 Charitable Trusts, \$150.
23 For a total of the General Fund - Administrative Expenses
24 of \$168,160. Any questions on that section of expenses?

25 (No response.)

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Good because I have
2 no answers.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: I just wanted to
4 comment on the first expense on the salary, I just -- so
5 that you're aware, we did adjust that to reflect the
6 previous increase to the employee of 25 cents hour. So
7 I'm not sure if everyone remembers at the beginning of the
8 convention we did approve that, so that's already in that
9 number already.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay.
11 General Fund - Other Admin Expense. Starting off with
12 62429 Relocation/Movers Job Advertising, \$75. 62431
13 National Dues --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm sorry to
15 interrupt. I thought we were on -- did you start in
16 General Fund Other Admin? I'm sorry. I got mixed up.
17 Sorry. Go ahead. I apologize.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: That's okay.
19 National Dues, 216,918. 62432 Department President Pins,
20 2,000. 62434 Ways & Means, \$50. 62437, 15,000. 62439 --
21 oops, that's blank. Sorry. 62441 Membership PUFL, \$2200.
22 Live Unit -- 62442 Live Units, 4,000. 62443 Temporary
23 Admin Staff Expense, blank. Okay. 62444 Online Dues,
24 38,000. 62446 ALWMC is 2400. 62447 General Fund
25 Miscellaneous, \$400. For a total General Fund Other

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1 Administrative Expense of \$281,043. Any questions?

2 DELEGATE: I'm in the back 40. I can't hear you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You need to speak
4 up. The people in the back can't hear you.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay. Total
6 62400 General Fund Administrative Expenses is 449,203.

7 Now we'll begin the 62450 General Fund - Executive

8 Expense. 62451 Department President gets 7500. 62452

9 Department Vice President gets \$200. 62453 District

10 Presidents gets \$4760. 62454 Training and Program

11 Workshops gets 4500. 62455 Parliamentarian gets \$25. 62

12 -- sorry. I do that. 62456 Authorized Travel is \$2,000.

13 62457 Executive Committee Meeting is \$18,000. 62458

14 Distinguished Guests gets 400. 62459 Secretary Travel

15 Allowance or Secretary/Treasurer travel allowance, sorry,

16 1500. 62460 Past President Department Pin is 500. 62461

17 National Candidates Reserve is 500. 62462 National

18 President's visit is 1500. 62466 Music, \$25. For a total

19 of the GF 62450 General Fund Executive Expense is \$41,410.

20 Any questions?

21 (No response.)

22 FINANCE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay. GF62470 General
23 Fund - Convention Expense. Sorry.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: All right. Here we
25 go. This is a reminder, also we voted to change on the

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1 convention expenses in this user account so we're going to
2 adjust that later.

3 Moving forward, we are back at the bottom of page
4 3 General Fund - Convention. So 62471 Department
5 Convention includes mileage, 15,000. 62472 Department
6 Convention Proceedings, 1,000. 62473 Convention Reporter,
7 4,300. 62474 Convention Commission Chair, 200. And the
8 top of the page 4, 62475 Convention Chair - Department,
9 \$150. 62476 ALA Convention Commission, 4,000. 62477
10 National Convention, 5,000. For a grand total on General
11 Fund 62470 Convention Expenses, 29,650. Any questions on
12 that?

13 (No response.)

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Okay. Moving right
15 along, General Fund. 62480 General Fund Committee/Chair
16 Expense. 62481 Auxiliary Emergency Fund - Chair, \$50.
17 62482 Americanism -Chair, 75. 62483 Constitution & Bylaws
18 - Chair, 225. 62484 Chaplain Memorial Program - Chair,
19 300. 62485 Community Service - Chair, 50. 62486
20 Historian - Chair, 375. 62487 Junior Activities - Chair,
21 \$50. 62488 Leadership - Chair, 150. 62489 Legislative -
22 Chair \$125. 62490 American Legion Auxiliary, this covers
23 the trip to Washington D.C.'s conference, 500. 62491
24 Membership - Chair, 350. 62492 Membership Promotion.
25 This also covers -- for 500 covers the party. 62495

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1 National Security - Chair, 100. 62497 Public Relations -
2 Chair, \$50. 62498 Public Relations Press Book, \$50.
3 62499 Ways & Means - Chair, \$50. 62597 California Disaster
4 Fund, 2,500. 62598 Americanism Essay Awards and Grants,
5 62,200. I'm sorry. 6,200. I wish we had 62 to give
6 away. 62599 Americanism Administrative Fee, 1,451.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'd like to go back
8 to GF62491 Membership - Chair. I thought I heard you say
9 850.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: 350. Sorry.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Sorry. Too fast.

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President,
14 Diane DeLashmit. I don't know what it is, I just want to
15 go back. I'm a little slow this morning. Back to the
16 convention because it's so on my mind. This general fund
17 for convention expenses, I'm not seeing anything here for
18 the local chairman. And it might be -- I mean for the
19 chairman, yes, but 62476 says ALA Convention Commission
20 \$4,000. I'm not seeing anything here for the money that
21 goes to the group that's putting it on. We had \$2500 last
22 year so I'm kind of thinking that's where it is, but it's
23 not the commission. It's the money that we used to give
24 to the Legion, and since we're doing it pretty much
25 ourselves, it would be giving it to the Auxiliary for a

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1 couple years. So I'm not quite understanding that.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I think it gets --

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: It should be --

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam

6 President, Anita Biggs, Past Department President 23rd

7 District, Unit 252. Initially this was giving money to

8 the American Legion for our convention. It was given to

9 the American Legion Convention Commission. So it was AL.

10 In our haste I know we just put an "AL" there, but I think

11 we should strike "commission" and just make it ALA

12 convention to go to the convention expenses or you should

13 say "ALA Convention Expenses."

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: So when we're at

15 committee, the line item originally read "AL Convention

16 Commission," so in committee we changed it to "ALA," but

17 we did not change the rest of it.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: So that's exactly

20 what it was.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Take the word

22 "commission" out. Do I need to make a motion?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Well, go ahead.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam

25 President, I move that we amend the budget line item

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1 GF62476 to read, "ALA Convention Expenses."

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved
4 and seconded that we change the budget line item GF62476
5 from "ALA Convention Commission" to GF62476 "ALA
6 Convention Expenses." Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
9 in favor say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No say -- opposed
12 say no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.
15 The Chair recognizes Susan Baker.

16 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE BAKER: Madam President,
17 Susan Baker, Unit 694 District 28. Under "Committee/Chair
18 Expenses," I see no line for Education.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Because it's --

20 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE BAKER: Are we lacking
21 funds?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No, they're in a
23 different location.

24 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE BAKER: I can't find them in
25 another location.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Under Welfare.

2 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE BAKER: Oh, okay. Thank
3 you.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Education is in a
5 separate category and so is Children & Youth. They're
6 each under Welfare and have a separate category.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: We'll get to it.
8 It's further along. So we're still at the top of page 4.
9 I'll proceed with the total. So the grand total just as a
10 reminder for Convention General Fund Convention Expense
11 was 29,650. Are there any other questions on that
12 section?

13 (No response.)

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Nope. Okay. We'll
15 move right along with General Fund 62480. No, I read that
16 part already. All right.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You didn't get to
18 the totals because I interrupted you on the totals.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Yes. Okay. So the
20 total for the General Fund 62480 Committee/Chair Expenses
21 is 13,151. Are there any questions on that, on the
22 chairs?

23 (No response.)

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Okay. The Summary
25 of General Fund Expense is 533,414. That's 533,414.

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Okay. I'm going to
2 go to --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Can you put --

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Madam President, I
5 don't want to touch it because you know what happens.
6 Okay.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madam
8 President, Susie Tozier, District 22, Unit 255. Under the
9 National Candidates' Reserve, the word "constant" needs to
10 be taken out of there. The National Candidates' Reserve
11 should have now \$2,000 in that account because it's been
12 four years. So it is not a constant of \$500 just sitting
13 there. We have built up \$2,000 in that account, so the
14 reserve accounts are not a constant figure.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where are you?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Page 5.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We haven't gotten
18 to page 5 yet.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: They just read
20 the top part of it.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No, we haven't
22 finished page 4. In a minute, Susie. We're at the very
23 bottom of the general fund expenses, the grand totals, and
24 then we'll be on page 5.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Are we ready?

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1 General Fund Administrative Expense, \$168,160. General
2 Fund - Other Administrative Expense, 281,043. General
3 Fund - Executive Expense, 41,410. General Fund -
4 Convention Expense, 29,650.

5 Now we go to page 5. General Fund - Committee
6 Expense, 13,151. General Fund Program Expense, 533,414.
7 General Fund - Program Expense, this is the one where we
8 changed the total from 558,494 to 562,694.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And that is income,
10 not expense.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Yes. And the
12 over/under is now 29,280.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: 29,280?

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Right. Okay. We
15 go to Summary of General Fund Reserves and Restricted.
16 General Fund Reserves, 423,633.83. Americanism Essay,
17 130,069.10. California Disaster, 106,420.17. Auxiliary
18 News, \$59,139. Display Case, \$3,093. National Candidate,
19 \$500. Total General Fund Restricted, 299,221.27.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Now I
21 can talk about it. Susie Tozier again. Okay. First, the
22 Auxiliary News line should be moved up to the general fund
23 reserves because we no longer have the Auxiliary News. We
24 voted at the first part, it's gone. Okay. But the
25 National Candidate Reserve is not a constant figure of

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1 \$500 every year. You add the \$500. We didn't use that
2 this year and for last year, so now it's \$2,000, not \$500.
3 There is not a constant on there. It increases. If you
4 don't use that money on the line, it increases the reserve
5 on that line. Do you understand? So that \$500 now should
6 be 2,000.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: I move we change
8 the National Candidate from 500 to 2,000.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes. It
10 should be 2,000 now. And then just take the Auxiliary
11 News line and now move it since we voted, we couldn't do
12 it before, into the general fund reserves. So that number
13 should be zero.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Which one?

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The Auxiliary
16 News line now that we're no longer getting that.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We'll move that
18 after we have the vote because we haven't approved the
19 budget.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I know, but
21 this is part of the corrections.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes. Thank you.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: So these totals are
24 going to change then. If we're going to change the total
25 General Fund Restricted, they're going to have a change

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1 and I can't do it in my head up here. So total General
2 Fund Reserves, \$124,412.56.

3 Now we go to the Poppy Production Fund Income.
4 PF44501 Poppy Orders, \$54,500. Poppy Production, 44502,
5 \$5,000. 44504, Poppy Donations, \$500. 44505, Poppy Fund
6 Miscellaneous, 500. And the total for the Poppy
7 Production Fund Income is \$60,500.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay. Poppy
9 Production Fund Expense, 64501. Poppy Production -- oh.
10 Postage Poppy Production Manager is \$1,000. 64503
11 Administrative Fee, 5,000. 64504 Poppy Production Labor
12 is 28,500. 64505 Poppy Production Poppy Kits, 25,625.
13 64506 Poppy Awards, 200. 64507 Poppy Chair, 175. Total
14 Poppy Production Fund Expense, 60,500. Over and under,
15 zero.

16 Moving on, anybody have any questions before we
17 move on?

18 (No response.)

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay.
20 Moving on to 48500 Welfare Fund VAR income. 48501 VAR
21 Donations/Unit Income, 19,500. 48502 Poppy Proceeds
22 Distribution, 200. 48503 Donations/Gifts Patient
23 Remembrance, sorry, 13,000. 48504 Interest Income -
24 Restricted, zero. 48505 VAR TFA is \$10,000. 48510
25 Welfare Income Miscellaneous, \$100. 48500 Welfare

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1 Fund/VAR - Other is blank. Welfare Fund Total 48500 is
2 42,800. Okay. Any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Moving onto
5 48 -- or 48500 Welfare Fund VAR expense. 68501
6 Administrative Fee, 5640. 68502 TFA Cases, 10,000. 68503
7 Patient Welfare Funds, 1200. 68504 VAMC Tours is 1900.
8 68505 Gift Shop Patient Remembrance is 13,000. 68506
9 Hospital Representative Allowance Midyear Meeting, \$2500.
10 68509 Chairman, \$400. 68510 Bank Fees/Service Charges,
11 \$300. 68515 Miscellaneous, blank. For total of 68500
12 Welfare Fund VAR Expense of 34,940. Any -- and that's an
13 over -- under of \$7860. Any questions?

14 (No response.)

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay. Next
16 one is onto Children & Youth Income 68 -- or 48621
17 Children & Youth Donations/Unit Income, 7600. 48622 Poppy
18 Fund Distribution, blank. 48623 Interest Income -
19 Restricted is blank, therefore the Children & Youth income
20 is 7600.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Welfare Fund
22 Children & Youth Expense. Moving from income to expense.
23 So 68601 Administrative Expense, 1906. 68602 TFA/Welfare
24 Cases, 5,544. 68603 Chairman, 150, for a total of welfare
25 of 7600. Children & Youth, 7,600. We're breaking even.

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1 Okay. Right along to Welfare Fund Education
2 Income. Welfare Fund 48731 Education Donations/Income,
3 8,600. 48732 Poppy 10 Percent Distribution, 1,000. 48733
4 Income - Poppy Seals, 1,100. 48736 Connie Settle Memorial
5 Scholarship, 5,000. 48730 Welfare Fund - Education -
6 Other, 25, for a Total Welfare, Fund 15,725.

7 Moving on to expense for Welfare Fund on
8 Education. 68701 Administrative Fee, 21,175 -- I'm sorry.
9 2175. That's 2175. Yeah, I'm getting excited. I'm
10 hoping for more money. 68702 Scholarships - General,
11 13,000. And this is to come from reserves if needed.
12 68704 Poppy Seals, 300. 68705 Chairman, 150. 68703
13 Connie Settles Memorial Scholarships, 5,000. And we noted
14 how much money is remaining for the next several years for
15 your information. So the total for Welfare Fund 68700
16 Welfare Fund Education Expense is 20,625. We will be over
17 projection by 4,900 based on our intake on income. That
18 doesn't cover by reserves if we are going over as
19 projected. Any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: No
22 questions. Okay.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y1 ORCUTT: Okay. Moving right
24 along, 48840 Welfare Funds/Past Presidents Parley income.
25 48841 PPP Donations Unit Income, \$8400. 48842 Poppy Fund

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1 Distribution, \$300, for a total of Welfare Funds PP Parley
2 income of 8,700.

3 Welfare Fund PP Parley Expense. 68801
4 Administrative Fee, \$2100. 68802 Nurse Scholarships,
5 \$6,000. 68800 Welfare Fund -- oh, back up. 68803
6 Chairman, \$100. 68800 Welfare Fund PPP Luncheon Awards,
7 500, for a Total Welfare Fund PP Parley Expense of 8700.
8 And no over and under. Okay.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay. We're
10 getting into the summary. Welfare Programs Summary of
11 Income 44500 -- pardon.

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Nothing about
13 you.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: 60,500 for
15 the Poppy Production. Welfare Fund is 48500, 42,800.
16 48620 Children & Youth, that's 7600. 48700 Education,
17 that's 15,725. 48840 Welfare Funds/Past Presidents Parley
18 Income, 8700, making thea total Welfare Income Accounts of
19 136,000 -- 135 -- sorry. I've got a shadow looking down
20 on my paper, so sometimes -- 135,325.

21 Okay. Summary of Expenses 64500 Poppy Production
22 Fund is 60,500. 68500 Welfare Fund VAR is 34,940. 68600
23 Welfare Fund Children & Youth is 7600. 68700 Welfare Fund
24 Education Expense, 20,625. 68800 Welfare Fund Past
25 Presidents Parley Expense, 8700, for a total Welfare

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1 Expense of 132,365. And we're under by 2960.

2 Okay. And then the account Welfare Reserves.
3 Veterans, Affairs & Rehabilitation is \$198,965.51.
4 Children & Youth is 56,847.29. Education is 73,089.37.
5 Past Presidents Parley is 77,149.89. Poppy Fund is
6 111,542.84, for a Total Welfare Reserves of 517,594.91.
7 And we are done.

8 (Applause.)

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Madam --
10 oops, we're not done.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Diane.

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President,
13 Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President, District 25,
14 Unit 299. Since we have voted to fund the lady -- the
15 active duty servicewomen, should we not be putting that in
16 the budget?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Because the only
19 thing I see for Americanism is the Chairman's \$75. I'm
20 sure there's some other expenses here for their awards.
21 I'm not sure just where it would fit, but we're -- it has
22 something to do with Americanism. That's where we're
23 taking the money from so it needs to be put in the budget.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah.

25 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I think we have to

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1 put something in there.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah, it's going to
3 be under Americanism, Salute to Americanism.

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, in the
5 general fund.

6 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Madam President, it
7 should be somewhere around GF62598. That's where the
8 awards and grants are.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: So, Madam President,
11 I move to amend this budget to add Americanism Salute to
12 Active Servicewomen, to add \$2500. That would be the max
13 that we would pay. So that's \$500 for a person of each
14 branch of the service. Not that we would use that every
15 year, but that would be the max, \$2500.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Diane, can
17 we have the account number?

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah, at this point
19 we're still looking to see where to add it.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: 62598.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We think it should
22 be 62598 Americanism Essay Awards/Grants. And it would be
23 slash Active Duty Servicewomen -- no?

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
25 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President,

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1 District 5, Unit 293. This is going to require a new line
2 item in the budget specifically earmarked for the Salute
3 to Active Duty Servicewomen in the amount of \$2500. That
4 would work. Yeah, I move that we add a new line item
5 under GF62596 right underneath Ways & Means Chair that
6 would be \$2500 for the Salute to Active Duty
7 Servicewomen -- that is page 4. You see GF62499 and then
8 62597? It would be in between those two line items and it
9 would be labeled General Fund 62596.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Put it as 62 --

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah, Salute
12 to Active Duty Servicewomen.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: How about just
14 62900?

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah, we
16 could, yeah. Okay.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. The
18 Finance Committee Martha just stated that this might be a
19 taken line on her computer. That might be already taken,
20 so she has to look at her computer to say. Madam
21 President, so if we do -- 62600 would be available as an
22 additional line; right, Martha?

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE Y2 ROMANO: Yeah.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So GF6200 --

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: 600.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: 62600.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. So,
3 Madam President, I move to amend to add that line item
4 number to GF62600 Salute to Active Duty Servicewomen in
5 the amount of \$2500.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madam
10 President?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Linda
13 Workman, Past Department President, District 9. Can we
14 just say to -- don't give it an account number and we can
15 figure out what the account number is. Why do we assign
16 the account number? I think that would be up to Ruby and
17 our accounting people. Just say we add that line item
18 named this.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is that a
20 problem, Ruby?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I think it has to
22 be --

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
24 President, I will amend again the amendment for the third
25 time to show a line item to be determined by the

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1 Department Treasurer and the Finance Committee with
2 reference to the Salute to Active Duty Servicewomen in the
3 amount of \$2500.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So for the
6 third amendment, third amendment is to let the Finance
7 Committee create the proper line item. Any other
8 discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those in favor say
11 aye.

12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. For the
18 whole -- for the whole amendment, the amended amendment --
19 the amended amendment, we will add a new line -- the
20 Finance Committee will add a new line item under GF62480
21 General Fund -- Committee/Chair Expense to add a Salute to
22 Active Duty Servicewomen \$2500. Any other discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
25 in favor say aye.

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1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Passes.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: I'd like to
6 make --

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm sorry. Tami,
8 do you have --

9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: I have a question.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

11 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Madam President,
12 going back to page 6 of 8, Welfare Fund 68502, the Long
13 Beach Medical Center has been working very closely with
14 the counselors and working very closely with the past
15 three years Department VA&R Chairman, I would like to
16 understand the rationale of why we are lowering the TFA
17 cases so drastically especially in Southern California and
18 Orange County. Knowing that the VA&R of the last three
19 years have seen increase especially in the TFA that we
20 have submitted, I would just like to know the rationale of
21 why it has been lowered so much and I urge you to raise it
22 back up to the 10,896.27 for 2018-2019.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Well, first if I
24 may, you know that the Children & Youth -- if the TFA come
25 with children, they go to the Children & Youth.

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1 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And of course
3 they're supposed to go to everyone's needs, but they can
4 go over this 10,000 with the financing Department
5 President's approval, but I can't answer as to why they
6 get 10,000. I think that's just obviously a set amount,
7 just a ballpark.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Terry
9 Mikesell, District 2. The figure on here is the actuals,
10 13,567.80. So far we only received -- it's based on what
11 we get in. So it's \$10,000. It's not written in stone.
12 If we need more, we've got more, but if you don't donate,
13 you can't give out.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Does that answer
15 your question?

16 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: I urge everyone to
17 please donate to the TFA Fund.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Okay. I
19 move that we -- or I make a motion that we approve this
20 budget as amended.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved
23 and seconded that we approve the amended budget. Any
24 discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All in favor, say
2 aye.

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.
5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have your
7 2019-2020 budget.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have some
10 guests. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms with the Assistant
11 Sergeant-at-Arms and our Distinguished Guest Chairman
12 please escort our guests.

13 (Processional.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would like to
15 introduce Jim Fischer, our Sons of American Legion
16 Commander.

17 JUNIOR PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER FISCHER:
18 Thank you very much, Madam President. I have one award.
19 Is Sandy here? Okay. Sandy Tollefson, Unit 83 Merced.
20 Are you here?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She was here. We
22 saw her this morning. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and
23 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Sandy to the
24 station.

25 (Processional.)

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1 JUNIOR PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER FISCHER:

2 The Sons of the American Legion Attachment of California
3 presents this award to our Auxiliary Member Sandy
4 Tollefson, Auxiliary Unit 83, Merced in appreciation and
5 service to the American Legion family, your hard work is
6 much appreciated. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER FISCHER:

9 Thank you. Thank you very much. And now I would like to
10 introduce our new Sons Detachment of California, Commander
11 Philip "Tiny" Stuart.

12 (Applause.)

13 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Good
14 morning, ladies. It's my honor to be the new Detachment
15 Commander. It's my honor to serve you ladies in whatever
16 we can do to help support you. I'm proud to be a member
17 of this organization and what it all stands for. I'm
18 going to make my speech brief because I want to introduce
19 my new officers, or most of my new officers. Starting at
20 the right, our Senior Vice Commander James Fischer -- I
21 mean, excuse me, James Eubanks.

22 (Applause.)

23 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Yeah,
24 yeah, yeah. Next to him is our Junior Vice Commander
25 David Smith.

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1 (Applause.)

2 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Next is
3 our Finance Officer Larry Erwin.

4 (Applause.)

5 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Our
6 Chaplain Hank Elder.

7 (Applause.)

8 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Our
9 Sergeant-at-Arms Tim Salcedo.

10 (Applause.)

11 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Our Area
12 3 Vice Commander Ken Sutton.

13 (Applause.)

14 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Our Area
15 4 Commander Gil Desmeules.

16 (Applause.)

17 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: And our
18 Area 5 Commander John Cane.

19 (Applause.)

20 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: And also
21 where is my Historian at? Right here. My grandson,
22 Brandon Stuart.

23 (Applause.)

24 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: I
25 figured, you guys, I don't have much hair and it's gray

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1 and he's shorter than I am and he's got the hair and it's
2 colored. I figured I needed somebody who gave a little
3 bit of youthfulness to this organization. And so I'm very
4 proud of him being a part of this organization and I'm
5 very proud of him for stepping up and being my Historian.

6 (Applause.)

7 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER-ELECT STUART: Now I
8 would like to turn it back over to our Junior Past
9 Detachment Commander Jim Fischer to introduce his -- our
10 next guest.

11 (Applause.)

12 JUNIOR PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER FISCHER:
13 This is going to be my last time I get to address you
14 ladies. Thank you. Thank you very, very much. You made
15 my year great. I really want to thank the 25th District
16 and Unit 422.

17 (Applause.)

18 JUNIOR PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER FISCHER:
19 Now I'd like to introduce our second leading candidate for
20 National Commander Sons of the American Legion, which
21 means at the end of August he will be our leading
22 candidate for National Commander, Mr. Michael Fox.

23 (Applause.)

24 SAL NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOX: David, I told you
25 they love you more. Ladies, thank you. Thank you. I

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1 really appreciate it. First and foremost, there's some
2 ladies over here that have been by my side for the last 39
3 years and always supported me from. The 6th District,
4 Unit 521, ladies, thank you so much.

5 (Applause.)

6 SAL NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOX: Just getting to this
7 point right now would not have happened without them.
8 There's a few things that are coming your way, and first
9 I'd like to thank every one of you that helped support me
10 this weekend with the raffle that was going on and also
11 some of the Fox Squad merchandise. When I say, "Fox Squad
12 merchandise," that's what it is.

13 One of the things we're not doing very well as a
14 Legion Family is we're not branding ourselves. We're not
15 getting outside our four walls. Well, I can guarantee you
16 that's going to change because starting right here this
17 weekend, you're going to start seeing posts on Facebook.
18 And I need your help. Tag me every time on your Facebook
19 posts #SALstrong. That's going to help me in my
20 endeavors. Okay. That's going to get the word out to the
21 general public. It's going to get them to start asking
22 questions. And that's what we need to do, we need to get
23 them to ask questions.

24 I heard somebody bring up please donate. Right.
25 We need to get in the pockets of all the corporate donors

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1 that are in California. We need to hit Silicon Valley.
2 And we can fund any program we want to with one check from
3 these corporate donors. We need to let them know what we
4 do and we can get it done.

5 At National Convention we have several
6 detachments show up in some Dickies shirts or some polos
7 and they match, you know. I think they look good.
8 They're familiar. In California we're going to take it
9 one step further. You see these Hawaiian looking shirts
10 around. We are branding these shirts anywhere from 100 to
11 \$120. We were able to secure a corporate account with
12 Reyn Spooner similar to the one that we have now, but it's
13 going to say, "California Legion Family."

14 (Applause.)

15 SAL NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOX: Even though I am a
16 member of the Sons, I belong to this family and it's all
17 of us. It's going to take all of us over the next 14
18 months to put California back on the map at National, and
19 you guys all have a key role in that. I need every one of
20 your guys' help. So anything you can do to help support
21 me along the way is greatly appreciated, greatly
22 appreciated.

23 Thank you, ladies, for your time. It's -- oh, so
24 there is a special lady that came into my life a couple
25 years ago and she's changed everything for the better.

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1 She's been by my side through thick and thin. Crystal.

2 (Applause.)

3 SAL NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOX: I can tell you it
4 would never happen without your support. Thank you,
5 honey. I love you.

6 (Applause.)

7 SAL NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOX: And, ladies, thank
8 you so much for everything you do for all of the squadrons
9 throughout this state. It's greatly appreciated.

10 Madam President, I have one thing for you. I
11 want to give you one of my challenge points as a reminder
12 of what the Auxiliary means to me.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It's really cute.
14 He's got his Fox on it.

15 (Applause.)

16 SAL NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOX: Thank you.

17 JUNIOR PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER FISCHER: I
18 thought it was my last time. Now it is my last time. At
19 the Commander's ball last night I was told to bring the
20 pins, so I will be outside with those pins. I did
21 remember. Thank you so much, Joan. It's been a great
22 year.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Thank
25 you all. Thank you all and congratulations to the

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1 2019-2020 Sons of the American Legion.

2 (Processional.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Thank you.
4 We've got one other small thing in the Ways & Means and
5 then we're done. Don't be too happy. Okay. We did have
6 one Constitution & Bylaws resolution that we could not
7 work on until the budget is done and Kim, unfortunately
8 for those of you who don't know because she always trains
9 the California delegates, but she also is moving to
10 Oklahoma in case you haven't heard. So we'll keep her in
11 our prayers for their safe movement from California. They
12 bought a five-acre ranch and she's looking forward to
13 this. And as always in her quests to help veterans is
14 looking into equine therapy for veterans in need. So I'm
15 sure we'll have -- and I'll be knocking on her door seeing
16 how she's doing, but watch on Facebook and she's going to
17 keep us updated. Diane.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: When you write a
19 resolution, that just doesn't usually go one place and
20 several of them went -- had to go to Finance first to make
21 sure that we have the money to do it. And then it goes to
22 the committee before it actually goes to resolution. I'm
23 trying to find -- I'm doing this for Kim and I'm -- if
24 somebody can give me the copy of the Resolution 1 and 2.
25 Resolution 1 and 2. And we've already voted on these that

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1 -- from finance, but now we have to change, thank you, the
2 Constitution & Bylaws.

3 So the first one is: "Whereas members have been
4 paying \$1 assessment for a department publication that has
5 been forthcoming for several years, and whereas if such a
6 publication does come forth if" -- I'm sorry. "Whereas if
7 such a publication does go forward for the future, that
8 publication will be placed on our website or sent by email
9 where there is minimal cost, and whereas additional
10 funding is necessary to offset the general fund, and
11 whereas there would be no additional cost to our members.
12 Therefore, be it resolved that the \$1 assessment under
13 Duties and Assessments on page 31, Item 1a of the
14 Department Standing Rules be redirected to the general
15 fund for administrative costs, and be it further resolved
16 that money currently in this restricted account be
17 redirected to the general fund and that the allowance of
18 the Editor be administered through the general fund, and
19 be it further resolved that prior increases be included
20 under Dues and Assessment page 31, Item 1 would read: 1.
21 In the National per capita dues for senior members shall
22 include a complimentary subscription to the American
23 Legion Auxiliary National Magazine. A. Per capita shall
24 be paid in advance annually. The National Senior per
25 capita dues should be \$12. Department senior per capita

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1 dues shall be \$10, and National Junior dues are \$2.50 and
2 Department Junior dues are \$1.50. B. As provided in the
3 Department Bylaws modification to the department per
4 capita dues for senior and junior members shall require a
5 two-thirds vote in the affirmative the Department
6 Convention delegates."

7 By direction of the Constitution & Bylaws
8 preconvention committee, it was changed to: "The National
9 per capita dues for senior members shall include a
10 complimentary subscription to the American Legion
11 Auxiliary National Magazine. A. Per capita tax shall be
12 paid in advance annually. The National Senior per capita
13 dues shall be \$12. Department Senior per capita dues
14 shall be \$10, and National Junior dues are \$2.50 and
15 Department Junior dues are \$1.50 cents." I move this
16 acceptance.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Resolution No. 1
19 it has been moved and seconded to have the constitution --

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: All we're doing is
21 changing the Constitution & Bylaws taking the assessment
22 out, the News Assessment and adding \$1 to the per capita.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: As stated. Any
24 discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those in favor, say
2 aye.

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

5 (No response.)

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. Thank you.
7 Okay. Now we have Resolution No. 2: "Whereas convention
8 costs are rising, and whereas we have not had an increase
9 in delegate fees since 2010, and whereas our members is
10 declining causing a loss of revenue, therefore be it
11 resolved that an increase of \$10 be effective with the
12 2020 convention making the delegate fee \$30, and be it
13 further resolved that Department Standing Rule under Dues
14 and Assessment number 5, page 32 now read: All units in
15 good standing shall pay an administrative fee of \$30 per
16 delegate. Fees shall cover full voting strength prior to
17 the district pre-convention caucus."

18 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
19 move for this change.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Resolution No. 2
21 Constitution & Bylaws to be changed to read: "Further
22 resolved that Department Standing Rule under Dues and
23 Assessment number 5, page 32 will now read: All units in
24 good standing shall pay a registration fee not to exceed
25 \$30 per delegate. Fee shall cover full voting strength of

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1 the unit prior to the district pre-convention caucus."

2 Any discussion?

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes. The "not to
4 exceed" was not in there.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Oh, sorry.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It was just \$30.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Excuse me. "All
8 units in good standing shall pay a registration fee of
9 \$30." Any discussion? Further discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
12 in favor say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

15 (No response.)

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We're going
19 to have Ways & Means come up and do their report and the
20 50/50.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You know what,
23 Marion, I'm very sorry. I forgot about our new charters,
24 the most exciting part of the day.

25 First off, we have a name change. Okay. Unit

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1 299, they had a name change. It was Chino and now they
2 will be known as Elmer C. Jertberg. Is anybody here from
3 Unit 299? Jertberg.

4 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That name may seem
5 very strange, but I have to tell you this was a man that
6 was really incredible. He was at -- he was a World War I
7 veteran. He was at the Paris conference in 1919 when they
8 formed the American Legion. He was our very first
9 commander of our post.

10 (Applause.)

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: He was my mentor, he
12 and his wife. They both died in like 1980 something, but
13 they were incredible people and so we're very honored to
14 have his name.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're going to get
16 it. Jertberg. Okay. This is a new charter for Temple
17 City Unit 279, District 18.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Mindy Sinclair.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: They're hard to get
22 in and out. Another new charter, Unit 951 Fellowship
23 District 21.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Bonnie is the new

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1 president and she is here to accept her new charter.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Would all the new
4 members for this unit please stand up?

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you for
7 joining us. That's really something. Commander Palmer,
8 are you here? Is he here? Commander Palmer, would you
9 like to say a few words? With the baby. Commander Palmer
10 and child, please come up and join us.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMANDER PALMER: I will talk. Good morning,
13 ladies. And because I know she's been telling me to keep
14 it really short, I will, Kathie. But yeah, I want to
15 thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to be here
16 to accept our charter. Just shortly over a year ago
17 myself and a couple areas and local community leaders
18 decided that we wanted to come together and just pursue a
19 different mission which was taking care of our homeless
20 issue out in Riverside County as well as being an active
21 advocate for those in need.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMANDER PALMER: Just letting you know this is
24 my daughter, Glory. She put on her charter member
25 Auxiliary pin and she said: Look, Daddy. I'm in the

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1 American Legion." But, yeah, I want to thank Robin for
2 stepping up and being able to take the reigns on starting
3 our brand-new Auxiliary unit. And I don't even know what
4 to say, but they're really good people and I'm -- we're
5 adjusting. But, yeah, thank you so much. Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 (Processional.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Next we have a new
9 unit in Southern California, Unit 23 William Lee Netzer.
10 It says N-E-T-Z-E-R. It's Netzer. Who's coming up here?

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Congratulations.
13 Another one from District 14 Fresno -- it's from Fresno,
14 Charlie Waters Post 4.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And the new
17 president of Unit 4 is Lisa Martina.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have one in
20 District 1. They're not here so we will be mailing it to
21 them, but it's Unit 274 Arcadia. And let me tell you if
22 you ever need to go to Arcadia, it is a beautiful area if
23 you haven't been there. Humboldt County, it's just
24 gorgeous.

25 We do have some donations from the Past

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1 Department Presidents to make. Congratulations to all of
2 your units and thank you for being here at the convention.
3 Looking forward to seeing you at some of our activities.

4 Okay. They are setting themselves up by age.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Let me get in
6 the way back.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So now we know the
8 secret.

9 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on, Odette.
10 You've got to come up here. I don't want to be first.
11 That means I'm the oldest.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here comes our
14 elder.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CUCCARO: Madam
16 President, it gives me a great deal of pleasure that
17 Odette's Peachy Performers and Gwen's Classy Penguins give
18 \$20 for the Junior Scholarship Fund and \$150 for the TFA
19 Fund.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CUCCARO: And I want to
22 thank the 18th District who came to lunch and donated
23 because there are no more Peaches and we have one
24 Performer and three Classy Penguins. So we're starting to
25 lose a lot of our mentors and I don't know how much

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1 longer, but thank you everybody that donated. And I think
2 Arlene Barton and Judy Sharpel, they are -- and Andrea
3 Tapachi are the three presidents, District Presidents from
4 Gwen Monson's year. Thank you, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. And
6 thank you for coming up here and being supportive.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Would all
8 the Ruby's Allstars, Shelby's Actresses, Harriet's
9 Crafters, Pilar's Musicians and Ronnie's Roses please
10 stand. These ladies are donating \$5 to the Junior
11 Conference Scholarship, \$100 to the Children & Youth TFA,
12 \$100 to VA&R, \$100 to Education.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you for your
15 generosity.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Do we have
17 any Linda's Workmen still in the crowd? Hey, Lois, you're
18 still here. Yeah. The Workmen are donating \$10 to the
19 Past Department President' Junior Scholarship and \$100 to
20 the Girls State Fund for flags at their check-in station.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Are there
24 any Gandy's Engineers? That was from the '80s.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Me.

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1 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: There she is, down in
2 front, Linda. Also Judy Lloyd's Editors. We've got one
3 over here, one back there. Okay. And Diane's Circus
4 Acts. We had a bumper crop, yeah. And our newly elected
5 department president is also a Circus Act. We're going to
6 put it -- we would like to make our donations in memory of
7 Doris Hoorvdeer who was the 24th District Editor who
8 passed away this past year, and they're donating \$10 to
9 the Junior Past Department Presidents Scholarship, \$145 to
10 the Education Fund, and \$145 to the VA&R Fund, a total of
11 \$300. Thank you -- oh, we had -- oh, never mind. I'm
12 losing my mind this morning, so --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Are any of Bev's
16 Stars here? And Madeline's Love Princesses? We are
17 donating \$100 to TFA and \$50 to Girls State.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Do we have any
21 of Sue's Lighthouses and Melanie's Hot Air Balloonists?
22 Thank you. We are donating \$50 to the VA&R TFA Fund and
23 \$50 to Education Scholarships for a total of \$100.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I brought

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1 my partner in crime with me. We've been joined at the hip
2 since we were President and Vice President. Do we have
3 any of Bonnie's Prom Princesses out there? Okay. And,
4 yes, Ms. Anita Biggs, boy, did she go far, man. Okay. So
5 we have \$95 for the TFA VA&R, and one of my Princesses
6 wanted me to donate \$10 to Junior Activities, Deloris
7 Artis. So we have a total of \$95 for -- no. I'm sorry.
8 \$105 for that. And then do we have any of Sandy's
9 Colonels out there? Yes. So we have \$90 for TFA VA&R and
10 another \$10 for Junior Activities also from Deloris Artis
11 for a total of \$100. Thank you, ladies.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Okay. Do we
14 have any of Pat Sweeney's Country Charmers out there? I
15 see you raising. Come on, stand up. Yay. Okay. And any
16 of my Ship's Captains out there? There they are. Ahoy.
17 Okay. We would like to donate to the Children & Youth TFA
18 Fund \$50, to the Education Scholarship Fund \$50, and to
19 VA&R TFA \$55 for a total of \$155. Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Terry's
23 Treasures please stand. Oh, yeah, the Treasures are
24 donating \$20 to the Junior Scholarship and \$200 to the
25 VA&R TFA for a total of \$220. Thank you, ladies, for your

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1 generosity.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.

4 Anita's Dream Team Captains, stand up. She's our
5 secretary. On behalf of the Dream Team we are donating
6 \$200 to VA&R TFA, \$100 to Children & Youth TFA, \$55 to the
7 Junior Scholarship, \$100 to the Past Presidents Parley
8 Scholarship, and \$50 to Education for a total of \$505.
9 Thank you, ladies.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Do we
12 have any of Loretta Marsh's Superheros out there? All
13 right. Linda Fercho's Rodeo Queens? Right here. Linda
14 is on official duty, so -- Wendy O'Brien's Ship Captains?
15 Come on. And Susie Tozier's Farmers? All right. These
16 groups, we collected \$566 which will go \$50 to Junior
17 Conference, \$80 to Junior Scholarships, and \$436 to the
18 Department VA&R TFA Fund.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: They saved
22 the best for last. Are there any Past Department
23 Presidents in the house? At our recent meeting we
24 collected money and \$100 is going to VA&R TFA in memory of
25 Veronica Spence and Mildred Braquet and \$50 to Junior

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1 Scholarships from the Past Department Presidents. Thank
2 you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. All
4 right. I do want to acknowledge those of you that donated
5 to the President's Club. It's \$25 and helps -- it helps
6 support the President driving through the state. So I
7 just wanted to acknowledge you guys. Thank you to Unit
8 619, District 22 who even gave \$50 instead of 25. So
9 thank you very much.

10 Our Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis, thank you. Ellen
11 McClurg, thank you. ALA Unit 217, District 13, thank you.
12 Unit 295, District 29, thank you. Harriet Clendenin,
13 thank you. Dee Ann Graham, thank you. Deborah Butler,
14 thank you. Unit 419, District 13, thank you. Unit 11,
15 District 14, thank you. Unit 176, District 20, thank you.
16 Danielle Pantanella, thank you. Unit 247 District 18,
17 thank you. Unit 79 District 21, thank you. Unit 739
18 District 21, thank you. Unit 589 District 28, thank you.
19 And Ms. Anita Biggs, thank you. Thank you all. This
20 helps to pay the costs of the President.

21 Okay. One more little thing. If we can have our
22 Department Secretary read our DEC minutes. Ways &
23 Means -- well, that's after that. I forgot she's got to
24 read some minutes for us. So, Harriet, would you read
25 your minutes?

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1 READING OF DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Absolutely.
4 Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Madam President Joan on
5 June 27th, 2019. The following actions were taken by the
6 respective District Presidents in the absence of the
7 District President. Past Department President Melanie
8 Taylor made the motion for District 1, 3, and 27.

9 District 1 Willits Unit, surrendered. District 3
10 Indian Valley Unit 568, revoke. District 4 Chico Unit 17,
11 placed on probation. District 8 San Francisco Unit 1,
12 removed from probation. Samuel Patterson, Sr. Unit 198,
13 placed on probation. General Hunter Liggett First Army
14 Unit 510, placed on probation. District 10 Naval Supply
15 Unit 695, revoke. Rizal Unit 598, surrender. District 14
16 State Senate Unit 111 -- I'm sorry. Unit 511, remain on
17 probation.

18 District 16 Templeton Unit 220, surrender.
19 District 18 Monterey Park Unit 397, remain on probation.
20 District 19 City of Paramount Unit 134, remain on
21 probation. Montebello Unit 272, remain on probation.
22 District 22 San Diego Unit 6, surrender. Dewitt C.
23 Mitchell Unit 201, placed on probation. District 27 Mt.
24 Whitney Unit 265, surrender. District 28 Greenfield
25 Unit -- excuse me -- 635, revoke. District 29 Richard

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1 Nixon Unit 679, placed on probation. Laguna Niguel Unit 1
2 -- excuse me. 281, placed on probation. District 30
3 Quechan Unit 802, placed on probation. Finance Committee
4 moved to give the bookkeeper a 25 cent an hour raise.
5 Motion carried.

6 That's -- that's the minutes, Madam President. I
7 move to accept the minutes as read.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved
10 and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Any
11 discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those
14 in favor say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

19 Now Ways & Means.
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21 WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT
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23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: Good
24 morning, ladies. Thank you, ladies, for your
25 participation in the Department's Ways & Means opportunity

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1 drawing and 50/50. Thank you to the unit and district who
2 recently donated the baskets. It was very appreciated.

3 Thank you, Madam President Joan, for this
4 appointment. It was an honor serving you this year. And
5 on to the 50/50. We brought in \$871.

6 (Applause.)

7 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: So the
8 opportunity winner will win 436 and the Department will
9 receive 435. President Joan, may I approach?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.
11 Wouldn't it funny if I pulled my own tag? I'm going in
12 deep. There's two there. I want the one on the bottom.
13 It's not me. I didn't see anything.

14 DELEGATE: They put the wrong one in.

15 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: It doesn't
16 matter.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'll read the
18 number. Okay? They didn't put their name on it. So if
19 you didn't put your name on it, give you a second to get
20 your tickets out. Is everybody ready with their numbers
21 out? Okay. 0968586. One more time. I'll read it one
22 more time. 0968586. Molly Smith.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Congratulations.

25 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: Madam

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1 President, we have a note to read.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

3 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: We are
4 looking for District 4. We have two prizes for District
5 4.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is there anybody
7 here from District 4? They left.

8 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: Okay. Thank
9 you. And then also we made charm bracelets. If you
10 ordered one, they are ready to be picked up.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So if you
12 ordered -- purchased a charm bracelet, they're ready to be
13 picked up.

14 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Thank
17 you. Diane has some raffle numbers to read off of people
18 who didn't put their names. They also didn't pick their
19 baskets up. So if you're here and you didn't put your
20 names on your tickets and you're not sure, just go check.

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: There is a couple
22 here. Anita Reed, you have a gift over there that you
23 won. Better come. She's from my unit so somebody in my
24 unit can pick that one up. It shows MR District 18 Unit
25 241, whoever that might be.

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1 DELEGATE: We got it.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: So someone pick that
3 up. There's some that only have numbers, no names. So go
4 across the hall here and pick up your gift. There's
5 several so check that out and see if your number is one of
6 them. Thank you.

7 And, you know, ladies, thank you. Thank you,
8 thank you. Your generosity is just outstanding with the
9 monetary donations we received, the amount of baskets. I
10 figured we had about 75 out there and they have about 75,
11 so that's 150 baskets. Give yourself a hand.

12 (Applause.)

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: When we ask for help,
14 you deliver. And also the items for the ditty bags, let
15 me tell you how much all this cost. There was not one
16 thing in the ditty bag that wasn't donated. Those ditty
17 bags did not cost a penny. So thank you. Thank you,
18 ladies.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All right. I
20 just -- I just wanted to remark on two things. This has
21 been a wonderful week for me. I wanted to thank everybody
22 for being so understanding with my voice and my month-long
23 illness. I actually think I'm a little better today. I
24 thought positive reinforcement would be good for me. So I
25 really appreciate it.

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1 So there's just a couple -- and I'm going to say
2 some more thank yous because I know not everyone can stay
3 for installation, but I had some extra special help this
4 year from District 19, Unit 496. Ladies, during the
5 National President's visit, normally you have to submit
6 the request for a visit in advance and they had changed
7 our time, and so at the last minute I had to find a unit
8 in the district willing to take on a National President's
9 visit. And that's a lot of -- that's a lot of work. It's
10 a lot of work and it's just a lot of logistics.

11 So I called to my advisors and I said I need --
12 need a district and someone we know that can take this on
13 quickly, and they all said District 19/496 Lakewood. So
14 that was -- I made the call and they jumped right in and
15 said yes.

16 I did talk about it in my DEC report, but I just
17 wanted to make sure they knew how much I appreciated when
18 they stepped up and hosted us. Because they had hosted
19 National Presidents before. And I can tell you that she
20 was -- our National President Kathy Dungan was blown away
21 at that banquet. She thought it was the most professional
22 dinner. She thought she was in a restaurant it was so
23 well done. And she just couldn't -- you know, I'm sure
24 she thanked you, but she just let me know how special that
25 night was to her.

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1 So I just wanted to give a special thank you to
2 District 19 Lakewood and the District President Jean
3 Cooley-Desmeules for helping out to help with the banquet.
4 It was just incredible. And all the other districts and
5 units that came to help support our visits to Long Beach,
6 the Reps and Deps. And there was a lot of stuff that we
7 did. Tami Bell, thank you. Our Department National
8 President had a wonderful time and it's because of all of
9 you. So thank you very much, Lakewood 496.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And District 19,
12 thank you so much. I didn't really become active until
13 2008 when I retired because I traveled 75 percent of the
14 time in my job. So I've been coming to convention since I
15 retired and coming to convention, except for one year I
16 had to take off, and it's been an experience that I like
17 to repeat every year. It's just something I love to do.
18 And I hope it's all your cup of tea too because you're
19 here too. But I have heard the songs for the song contest
20 and I just want to thank you all for your songs. It was
21 just amazing and it's something I never forget. I just
22 wanted to thank Nicki from Unit 217, District 13 for her
23 beautiful song that she made for me.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I just want you to

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1 know that. Thank you for the copy you gave me so I can
2 keep it. I wish I was a better singer, but I do have
3 friends that do sing so I'm going to make them sing this
4 to me when I get home. So I just wanted to thank you for
5 this. I know this took a lot of work, so thank you,
6 Nicki. It's very well appreciated. Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So we would
9 ask is there any further business to come before this
10 convention?

11 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:
12 Resolutions.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Oh, yes,
14 Resolutions. I was starting to forget about Resolutions.
15 So thank you. And she's done such a wonderful job.

16 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I would
17 never let you forget this.

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19 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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21 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT FERREIRA-ALLEN: Good
22 morning. Whereas, Department Convention Chairman Diane
23 DeLashmit and Co-Chairman Ilona Thomas and their dedicated
24 committee have done an outstanding job generously giving
25 their time to assure our stay during this meeting was both

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1 comfortable and enjoyable, and whereas President Cyd
2 Kintzer and members of District 26 have extended their
3 warm and gracious hospitality and it was all welcomed.
4 Therefore be it resolved that we express our sincere
5 appreciation to Diane, Ilona, and their committee for a
6 job well done and many courtesies and warm hospitality
7 extended during the successful meeting. And be it further
8 resolved that copy of this resolution be sent to Diane
9 DeLashmit and Ilona Thomas.

10 (Applause.)

11 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT FERREIRA-ALLEN: Whereas
12 the Past Department Presidents of the American Legion
13 Auxiliary Department of California have added much by
14 their presence at this department convention meeting, and
15 whereas throughout the years the Past Department
16 Presidents have shared their knowledge, wise counsel, and
17 humor as they continue to serve, participate, and support
18 the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department
19 of California. Now therefore be it resolved that we show
20 our appreciation to the Past Department Presidents for
21 their dedication and continued service to our organization
22 by giving a standing ovation to these dedicated ladies.

23 (Applause.)

24 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT POWELL: Whereas Tyra
25 Haynes serving as the Honorary Junior Department President

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1 extended her warm and friendly message, and whereas this
2 lovely young lady was not only a pleasure to have from our
3 Department of California, but represented our Junior
4 Auxiliary with poise and grace reminding us that the
5 Juniors are our future. Now therefore let it be resolved
6 that we express our sincere appreciation to Tyra for her
7 service and contribution to our great organization, and be
8 it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be
9 given to Tyra Haynes, excuse me, and her unit Pacific
10 Palisades 283, District 14.

11 (Applause.)

12 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT POWELL: Whereas a number
13 of distinguished guests have scheduled their time in order
14 to visit our department convention meeting and it was an
15 honor to help them and hear their friendly and colorful
16 remarks. Now therefore let be resolved that we convey to
17 the following our grateful thanks and sincere appreciation
18 for their attendance this weekend: Mr. Larry Leonardo,
19 the American Legion Department of California Commander,
20 Mr. Larry Van Kuran, the American Legion Department of
21 California National Executive Committeeman, Mr. Jim
22 Fischer, California Commander Sons of the American Legion,
23 Mr. Terry Vasco, Area 5 Vice Commander the American Legion
24 Department of California, Mr. Charles P. Hicks, Jr., 25th
25 District Commander, Mr. Rey Ruiz, American Legion Riders

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1 President.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam
4 President, I'll give my Chairman's report now and then go
5 onto the other resolutions. Madam Department President,
6 the Resolutions Committee met on Thursday, June 27th in
7 the Redwood Room of the Ontario Airport and Conference
8 Center Hotel. By consent of the delegates Joy Saunders of
9 District 7 served as secretary, Denise McFadden of
10 District 25 served as chaplain, and Geni Lefler of
11 District 14 served as sergeant-at-arms. The meeting was
12 opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll
13 call showed 14 delegates and six guests were present.

14 The Resolution code, sample resolution forms and
15 deadlines to submit resolutions along with all six
16 resolutions were handed out. The code was read with the
17 following housekeeping change. Currently code 1 reads:
18 "Resolutions submitted to Department shall be prepared to
19 conform with the rules set forth in Article IV, Section 4
20 of the constitution." This is just a housekeeping change.

21 Code 1 will now read: "Resolutions submitted to
22 Department shall be prepared to conform with the rules set
23 forth in Article V11, Section 2 of the Constitution."
24 This Resolution Committee code is now referenced with the
25 correct article and section numbers shown in our

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1 department constitution.

2 This Chairman reported six resolutions were
3 received prior to convention. Five were forwarded to the
4 Finance Committee, one was forwarded to the Americanism
5 Committee and one was forwarded to the Constitution &
6 Bylaws Committee. Four resolutions were approved by the
7 Finance Committee and forwarded for approval by the
8 convention delegates and one resolution was rejected.

9 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
10 move for the acceptance of this Resolution Committee
11 report. Okay.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes. I'm sorry.

13 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: That's
14 all right. I just wanted to thank Victoria Ferreira-Allen
15 from District 12 and Glenda Powell from District 16 for
16 assisting with the reading of the resolutions. These
17 ladies were great and I appreciate you appointing them.

18 Madam President, thank you for this appointment.
19 It has truly been a pleasure and I have enjoyed being your
20 Resolutions Violet this year. And then I'm going to
21 continue on with my portion of the resolutions.

22 Whereas the Department of California and all of
23 us present here today take pride in our members who have
24 been recognized by the National Organization and who are
25 giving of their time, leadership, and talent and service

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1 to the American Legion Auxiliary. We ask them to stand
2 and remain standing until the list is called. And now
3 therefore be it resolved that we express our thanks and
4 appreciation. Excuse me. I think I'm coming down with
5 what you had. Mrs. Nancy Brown-Park who brought honor to
6 this department by her service as National President and
7 who continues to serve the National Organization as a
8 member of the National Presidents Past Presidents Parley
9 committee and a team member of the Centennial Strategic
10 Plan. Mrs. Melanie Taylor, National Constitution & Bylaws
11 Committee Chairman and Centineal Strategic Plan. Mrs.
12 Loretta Marsh, National Executive Committeewoman. Mrs.
13 Anita Biggs, National ALA Girls Nation Committee Western
14 Division Chairman and Strategic Goal One Champion and
15 future Focus Committee Member. No fighting on the stage,
16 girls.

17 Mrs. Linda Workman, National Children & Youth
18 Committee Western Division Chairman. Mrs. LuAnn Capazzi,
19 National Education Committee Western Division Chairman.
20 Mrs. Linda Fercho, National Veterans Affairs &
21 Rehabilitation Western Division Chairman, Mrs. Maureen
22 O'Brien-Sacco, National Junior Activities Western Division
23 Chairman. And be it further resolved that we thank them
24 for their service and dedication by giving them a big
25 round of applause.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Thank
3 you, ladies. Whereas the Department Commander of the
4 American Legion, Larry Leonardo, has graciously taken from
5 his busy schedule to join us at this Department Convention
6 and whereas his cooperation in working together with our
7 Department President and Auxiliary members reinforces the
8 close relationship of the California American Legion
9 Family and further enhances all the programs of our
10 organization.

11 Now therefore be it resolved that we express to
12 Commander Leonardo our deep appreciation for the kindness
13 and any courtesies that he has extended to our Department
14 President during their travels throughout the department
15 and we thank him for his presence at this Department
16 Convention meeting. And be it further resolved that a
17 copy of his resolution be forwarded to the Department
18 Commander and the American Legion Department Office.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam
21 President, may I assume -- excuse me. May I come to
22 your --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

24 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Okay.
25 Whereas our Department President Joan Cannon has shown

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1 capable leadership as she represents our organization
2 throughout the great state of California, and whereas her
3 theme, "Freedom blooms when veterans are served," has
4 given us the opportunity to watch our flowers bloom as we
5 work our programs to further the mission of service, not
6 self. And whereas she has shown her deep devotion,
7 loyalty, love, and dedication to the veterans that have
8 served and current active duty military that are serving
9 this great wonderful nation.

10 Now therefore be it resolved that the members and
11 guests assembled to this Department Convention meeting
12 express their appreciation and sincere thanks to President
13 Joan for her dedication and service to the American Legion
14 Auxiliary. And be it further resolved that copies of this
15 resolution be given to President Joan and her Unit 246
16 McFall-Grisham District 11.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam
19 President, this concludes my platform remarks.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Okay.
21 Ways & Means wanted me to inform everyone that we raised
22 \$3,717.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're going to have
25 a 30-minute recess before we start the installation. I

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1 wanted to say one thing. If you are a Department
2 Chairman, Officer and you haven't picked up your gift at
3 the wagon over there, please come over. My flag bearers,
4 also please come over and get your gifts. And whatever is
5 not taken, we're going to give it away. Oh, I'm sorry.
6 Flower pedals.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: There are water
8 bottles with the ALA logo still available for \$8 each.
9 Department Officers Or Chairman who will be attending the
10 Clovis workshop, please let Gloria Sinopoli know if you
11 need anything like a table or what have you. Okay.
12 That's it.

13 (Recess from 11:41 a.m. to 12:37 p.m.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I now call the
15 meeting to reconvene. I would like to introduce our
16 Installing Officer Anita Biggs.

17
18 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2019-2020
19

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Madam
21 President. It is my pleasure to introduce the installing
22 team at this time. The Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms is
23 Sharon Moore from District 23.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The Honorary Assistant

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1 Sergeant-At-Arms is Renee Alexander from District 23.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Honorary Chaplain is
4 Pat Alvarez from District 29 and the Honorary Musician is
5 Nancy Heinisch from District 20. The District Color
6 Bearers are the award winning American Legion Auxiliary --
7 I'm sorry. American Legion Family Department of
8 California winners, the Jackie Robinson 252 Color Guard.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: We shall now proceed
11 with the installation of the Department Officers for
12 2019-2020. Would the Distinguished Guest Chairman, along
13 with the Installing Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
14 Sergeant-At-Arms please escort the Department Chairmen to
15 their seats. And if there's a musician in the room, we
16 could use some music. My voice is too hoarse to sing.

17 (Processional.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: No falling, please.
19 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms, Assistant
20 Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
21 please escort the District Second Vice Presidents to their
22 seats.

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
25 Sergeant-At-Arms, the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the

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1 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the District
2 First Vice Presidents to their seats.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
5 Sergeant-At-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with
6 the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort our
7 District Presidents.

8 (Processional.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Please have a seat.
10 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and the Assistant
11 Sergeant-At-Arms along with the Distinguished Guest
12 Chairman please escort the Department Officers to the
13 stage. Parliamentarian Melanie Taylor, Sergeant-at-Arms
14 Deborah Straight, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms Valerie Hill,
15 Historian Jean Cooley-Desmeules, and Chaplain Cece Harvey.

16 (Processional.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
18 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms along with
19 the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the Junior
20 Member of Finance Elect Cathy McCoy.

21 (Processional.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: She's here. We're
23 supposed to have her distinguished by herself. Thank you.
24 Thank you. I didn't quite make it over. You just got
25 right in there.

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1 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and the
2 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest
3 Chairman please escort the Department Vice President Elect
4 Dee Ann Graham to the stage escorted by her husband David.

5 (Processional.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
7 Sergeant-At-Arms with the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms along
8 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman -- I'm sorry. At
9 this time I need you to bring in the colors. Will the
10 Distinguished Guest Chairman with the Jackie Robinson Unit
11 252 Color Guard please present the colors of the 23rd
12 District and Community Unit 46.

13 (Processional.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
15 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the
16 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the Department
17 President Elect Kathie Martinez, Sebastian, and Tristan
18 Barrett.

19 (Processional.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The installation of
21 our newly elected and appointed officers is one of the
22 most important and impressive ceremonies of our department
23 convention. As we begin this transition from one
24 administration to another, we wish to express our
25 appreciation to the retiring department and district

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1 officers for their outstanding contributions to the grand
2 history of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of
3 California.

4 As we turn from the memories of the successful
5 year we have just completed, let us look forward with
6 renewed dedication and enthusiasm to a new year conducted
7 by our new department and district officers as we honor
8 and serve our veterans, their families, and our country.
9 We congratulate our new officers and wish for them a year
10 that will inspire us all.

11 Will the District Vice Presidents, District
12 Presidents, and Department Officers please rise. That's
13 the second, first presidents and all the officers
14 incoming. My fellow members, you have been chosen to fill
15 the various offices of the American Legion Auxiliary
16 Department of California. You will, I know, vindicate the
17 trust that has been reposed in you and fulfill in every
18 way the obligations which that trust entails. You will
19 familiarize yourselves with the duties of your respective
20 offices as given in the department bylaws. Always
21 remember that the welfare and success of this
22 administration depends upon you and upon your shoulders
23 rests the burden of preserving the integrity of the
24 American Legion Auxiliary. You must protect its good name
25 before the people of the United States and at all times

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1 endeavor to have them understand its policy and its
2 purpose. Always remember the tolerant spirit of the
3 American Legion Auxiliary. Allow no distinction of class
4 or creed to appear among our members. There is no rank
5 among us, for each serves as an equal of her fellow
6 members and all strive towards the same goal, which is the
7 realization in the life of the republic of the ideals of
8 justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

9 Please raise your right hand repeat after me
10 giving your name where I give mine. I, Anita Biggs.

11 (Response.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Promise to perform
13 faithfully.

14 (Response.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All of the duties of
16 the office.

17 (Response.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I am about to assume.

19 (Response.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And I further pledge.

21 (Response.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: That I am not a member
23 of.

24 (Response.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And do not subscribe

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1 to.

2 (Response.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The principles of any
4 group.

5 (Response.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Opposed to our form of
7 government.

8 (Response.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You may be seated.
10 And you better say that. Okay. District Second Vice
11 Presidents, please stand. District Second Vice
12 Presidents, you know who you are. Are you in the room?
13 That's right. Stand up, ladies.

14 Into your helpful hands is placed the
15 responsibility of assisting the First Vice Presidents in
16 all their duties. The cooperation and spirit with which
17 you fulfill your responsibilities will contribute much to
18 the success of this year. I congratulate each and every
19 one of you and I know you'll do a superb job. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District First Vice
22 Presidents, please rise. They know who they are. All
23 right. Okay. No, that's okay.

24 To you is given the active cooperation with the
25 President for the continued development of your district

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1 programs. In the absence of the president you will be
2 prepared to assume the duties of her office. This year
3 can be a rewarding learning experience for you and prepare
4 you for future goals. I congratulate each and every one
5 of you with the excitement that you're going to be in your
6 district doing the work. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Let's see how fast
9 they get up. District Presidents, please rise. Excited
10 and ready to go.

11 Young ladies, you are assuming a tremendous
12 responsibility in leading the day-to-day activities of the
13 units in your district as a deputy to the Department
14 President. You are the most important member of the
15 executive board, for you represent the link between the
16 members of this great department and the Department
17 President. With full confidence in your abilities you
18 have been chosen by your district to fulfill this
19 important position. May your year of service as the
20 District Presidents and Department Freedom Fighters be a
21 happy, exciting, and rewarding adventure for you and your
22 district. Congratulations to each and every one of you.
23 And many of them have been this before so I know that you
24 know what to do. So congratulations.

25 (Applause.)

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1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Parliamentarian
2 Melanie Taylor. Melanie, your duty is to advise the
3 Department President on procedural matters and
4 deliberations in this department. The benefit of your
5 experience and wise counsel will be a great asset to her
6 in performance of her duty. We know she's in good jobs.
7 Congratulations, Melanie.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the
10 Sergeant-at-Arms Deborah Straight and Assistant
11 Sergeant-At-Arms Valerie Hill please rise. You will have
12 the very special honor this year of carrying the flag of
13 our country and the banner of the Department of
14 California. The love and respect with which you carry out
15 these duties will inspire the membership. In addition you
16 are responsible for order, order, at all department
17 meetings and such other duties as they be assigned to you
18 by the Department President. I know you both are going to
19 do a fantastic job. Congratulations.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Historian Jean
22 Cooley-Desmeules. I don't have to give you your charge;
23 you already know. Right?

24 To you is given the rather awesome responsibility
25 of compiling the history of this administration. Many

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1 memorable accomplishments will occur this year and your
2 official record will preserve those golden moments for you
3 to follow. You always do a fantastic job. We know you'll
4 do it again. Congratulations.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Don't be scared, Cece.
7 Chaplain Cecelia Harvey, please rise. You have been asked
8 to serve as the spiritual leader of this department. The
9 love and empathy with which you perform the duties of your
10 office will do much to help lighten the sorrows that may
11 fall upon our members. You will have the opportunity of
12 offering prayers that will be uplifting to us and to
13 assist our members to develop a sense of inner strength
14 gained from God's blessings. Congratulations, Cece. I
15 know you're going to do fabulous.

16 (Applause.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Junior Member of
18 Finance Elect Cathleen McCoy. Sorry you didn't get your
19 own little walk up, but it's okay. You're amongst the
20 crowd of women who are good friends. You are entering a
21 three-year term of a very important committee of this
22 department. Study carefully your responsibilities as
23 outlined in the bylaws and policies. Always remember that
24 you were elected by the membership to represent their best
25 interests. We know you will consider all your duties and

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1 enjoy your service on this committee. Congratulations,
2 Cathy. We know you're going to do great.

3 (Applause.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
5 Sergeant-at-Arms -- will the Sergeant-at-Arms and the
6 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please come to the stage. What
7 do you want to do, Linda? What you trying to do, child?
8 You're trying to do something. I don't know what it is.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I don't know.

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I need you to escort
11 someone. You're going to need to stay up here for a
12 minute. I think Linda wants to do something too. I don't
13 know what it is.

14 INSTALLING OFFICER FERCHO: I don't know.

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
16 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal escort the Department Vice
17 President Elect Dee Ann Graham and her daughter Alyssa
18 Kennedy for her pinning ceremony and Past Department
19 President Harriet Clendenin to give her her charge. So
20 you've got to get Dee Ann and you've got to get Harriet.
21 You've got to collect them all. You go get that one, you
22 go get those two.

23 Dee Ann's daughter and Unit 26 member Alyssa
24 Kennedy will present the pen to her mom and Harriet will
25 give the charge.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Dee Ann,
2 you will be her right hand. The President will call on
3 you for counsel or to represent her on specific occasions.
4 You should be prepared to do so, as well as assuming the
5 duties of her office should the need arise. Your
6 enthusiasm and cooperation will add much to the success of
7 this administration. May this year be a rewarding and
8 learning experience and help prepare you for your future
9 goals. Congratulations.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: It's a photo opp.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Well, since they've
14 already taken their seats, there's no need to escort them
15 back. Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
16 Sergeant-At-Arms please come back. Don't leave. You have
17 things to do. The Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
18 Sergeant-At-Arms, please escort the Department President
19 Elect Kathie Martinez and Past Department President Joan
20 Cannon to the podium. Diane DeLashmit will give the
21 charge to Kathie.

22 (Processional.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Let Diane -- you go
24 over there.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Kathie,

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1 great trust has been reposed in you by the election to the
2 highest office within the Department of California. I
3 charge you to carry it constantly in your mind the
4 obligation which yours that of upholding the four great
5 principles expressed in the preamble to the Constitution
6 of the American Legion Auxiliary: justice, freedom,
7 democracy, and loyalty.

8 As Department President you will have the great
9 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the
10 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the
11 members to fulfill these ob- -- this challenge. We -- my
12 eyes are -- no, it's the print.

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: It's too big.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: No, it's
15 blurry. We have faith in your ability and integrity. We
16 know that you will express the qualities of leadership
17 that the members expect from the Department President.
18 You will be the spokesperson for all of us to the public.
19 Our members will look to you for guidance, inspiration,
20 and understanding. Okay. Typo.

21 Kathie, we know that you will continue to use
22 your talents and strength and your love of the American
23 Legion Auxiliary in the best interests of all of our
24 members. Your leadership will inspire our members to
25 achieve goals never before thought possible in all of our

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1 travels -- all of your travels. Congratulations and best
2 wishes for your administration.

3 (Applause.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Will you
5 stay here? The Sergeant-at-Arms, Honorary
6 Sergeant-At-Arms, and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please
7 escort Past 23rd District President Kathie's daughter
8 Heather Martinez and Past Department President Odette
9 Curraco to the podium. Heather will present the pin and
10 Odette will present the Past Department President to
11 Kathie. Heather.

12 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You know
13 I can't see the first word; right?

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You have to wing it
15 too like Diane.

16 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Oh, cool.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CURRACO: You don't
18 have to say her name. You can say what you want to.

19 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Do I
20 really have to?

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Yes.

22 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You made
23 it. You did it. You're here. I never thought I would
24 see you here. Nana thought she would see you here. You
25 made it out of all of us. You're going to have a

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1 wonderful year. It's going to flourish. You're going to
2 have so much fun. And let's make it fun for all. Yeah,
3 because I'm going to make it fun too.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And Odette Curraco
6 will present her president ribbon.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CURRACO: The badge of
8 the Department President. Use it wisely and well and
9 travel with good health and happiness and always remember
10 you deserve it.

11 (Applause.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You can take Kathie
13 back to her seat. Thank you. And you're back.

14 Will all the newly installed officers please
15 rise. That's all of you. You too, Second Vice
16 Presidents.

17 Members and guests, I present to you the officers
18 of the Department of California for the year 2019-2020.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: My fellow members, I
21 share in the pride that is yours for these new officers
22 who you have chosen to guide our organization this coming
23 year. They have been charged with serious
24 responsibilities and in turn I charge you likewise. Will
25 all of you members of the American Legion Auxiliary,

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1 everyone please rise. Raise your right hand and repeat
2 after me. I solemnly promise.

3 (Response.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To renew my pledge of
5 service.

6 (Response.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To the American Legion
8 Auxiliary.

9 (Response.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And to give
11 wholehearted support.

12 (Response.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To these department
14 officers.

15 (Response.)

16 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. The
17 Honorary Chaplain will officer prayer. Please stay
18 standing. Everyone stand. Thank you.

19 HONORARY CHAPLAIN ALVAREZ: Please bow your
20 heads. Dear Lord, we thank you for your blessing on our
21 newly installed officers. I has been good for us to leave
22 aside the duties of the day to share this time of
23 fellowship. Keep us aware of all that we have learned
24 here and help us to do what we can to show your love
25 through the lives we live. Be with us as we go our

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1 separate ways. Grant to each one of us your strength to
2 enable us to cope with whatever is asked and expected of
3 us that in all things we may know your loving presence to
4 uphold us. Amen.

5 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
7 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please
8 escort the Junior Past Department President Joan Cannon
9 and Past Department President Linda Fercho and Terry
10 Mikesell to this podium. Linda will present the Junior
11 Past President with her charge and her pin and Terry will
12 present her ribbon.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Joan, you have
14 come to the close of your year as president of the
15 Department of California American Legion Auxiliary. Your
16 flower garden theme, "Freedom blooms when veterans are
17 served," has been a great theme for our department. It
18 has been a tremendous experience for you and you can be
19 very proud of what has been accomplished under your
20 leadership. As you retire from this office be assured
21 that you take with it the love and respect of all of our
22 members. We thank you for your confidently leading us
23 through our 99th year in preparation of our centennial.
24 We also thank you for taking time out of your busy life to
25 serve as our president. May you have many, many happy

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1 memories of the year as Department President.

2 Congratulations on a job well done.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. So
5 now --

6 (Applause.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Terry Mikesell, Past
8 Department President, will present Joan with her ribbon.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL:
10 Congratulations, Joan, and thank you so much for
11 everything.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Wait, wait,
14 Joan. As one of my Rodeo Queens I am so proud to have you
15 now join us. Could I have all the Past Department
16 Presidents please stand. We are welcoming you into our
17 midst and we are so proud to have you, but you really
18 might not want to share a lot of secrets with them. But
19 congratulations. Great job. Well done.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Would you
22 like -- they need to escort you all back. Yes, please
23 escort Linda and Terry and Joan back to their seats. Can
24 you come and get Joan? Please escort Joan. Thank you.
25 Could -- excuse me. Can you also please escort Kathie,

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1 the Department President back to the podium. Thank you.

2 Madam Department President, that sounds great, I
3 present to you your gavel. It's not just a gavel, but
4 your gavel, the symbol of authority. May you use it with
5 discretion and always in the best interests of this
6 department. Madam Department President Kathie, may I be
7 the first to congratulate you, or second or third or
8 fourth. I wish you a successful year filled with fighting
9 for freedom as we soar like eagles while we serve veterans
10 and for many wonderful memories. I along with the entire
11 23rd District and your Unit Community 46, we are so proud
12 of you. My fellow members I present to you our Department
13 President Kathie Martinez.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: It's big
16 print and I still can't see it. Well, I can just wing it.

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Okay.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: They're
19 waiting to be seated. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
20 You have instilled trust in me and I can only hope that I
21 can fulfill all of your expectations. I have worked this
22 entire last year trying to come up with a speech for
23 today. Every time I started it I would ramble here and
24 ramble there so what I want to tell you is I am a proud
25 American. This organization is my heart. The banners

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1 that you see here represent our freedoms, our strength,
2 and our courage. And as we go forward this next year, our
3 100th year of service, we will celebrate our history and
4 our heritage. Be proud of who we are. Be proud of what
5 you do, and be proud of those who gave us the freedom to
6 do this. That is my message today. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: At this
9 time I would like to introduce my family. You saw my
10 grandsons, Sebastian, Tristan, aka Peanut. So if you hear
11 me talk about Peanut, that's the little one. My daughter
12 Heather, who broke my heart up here. Thank you very much.
13 My sister-in-law Carla.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Her son
16 Johnny Walker who is --

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: -- named
19 after my father. I love you. My friend Kim Vincent --
20 you all moved seats on me. I can't find Kim Vincent. Kim
21 Greer. Mark Barrett, the boys' dad. Okay. Who else is
22 over there? Who's hiding? There she is. Marie Witham.
23 My other nephew, Carl. Oh, there he is back there. His
24 wife Liz.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Their
2 daughter Leanna and their son Little Eddie. Also in there
3 is my future son-in-law Rob Brace. I saw them come in.
4 Where did they go? There they are. My good friends Doris
5 Kroft and her daughter Julie. I can't remember names. I
6 love you. Well, they keep moving on me. I can't find
7 them. Like another daughter to me, actually two other
8 daughters to me, Denise Greer Schaffer and Megan Olson. I
9 got that one right.

10 And last, but certainly not least because she
11 hasn't moved, I've seen her in this seat for a spell, you
12 all remember this weekend my sister Sandy from Florida.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Okay. All
15 right. Where is that piece of paper? No. It's another
16 page 2 incident, ladies. It's for the officers and
17 chairmen. There are all of these wonderful ladies out
18 here. Do you have a copy that I emailed you?

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I have to
20 go get it.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: You have to
22 get it.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I have to
24 go print it, but I can do that.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: No, no.

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1 I'll do the best that I can do at this point. Yes.

2 That's why I have Melanie as my Parliamentarian.

3 Will all the officers present please stand up for
4 introductions. Or all the chairmen. Thank you, ladies.

5 Okay. Okay. Anita Biggs, she's got about six different
6 jobs this year. She is on the Convention Commission. She
7 is also our DEC Chairman. What else you got going?

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: That's it.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Okay.

10 Cool, cool. Joan Cannon will be serving as our
11 Legislative Chairman. Linda Fercho is our Distinguished
12 Guest Chairman.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Did you notice
14 you have to be a Linda to get the job? So all of you who
15 are not named Linda are safe. You're all safe.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: My Advisory
17 Diane DeLashmit, Terry Mikesell and where is LuAnn? There
18 she is. Thank you, LuAnn. Liz Doidge is the one-year
19 committee member for Junior Conference. Maureen
20 O'Brien-Sacco, Junior Activities Chairman. Donna Smith is
21 National Security. I had her in about six different spots
22 at one point, so it's like whew. Victoria Ferreira-Allen
23 is our Public Relations Chairman. Got that right. Brenda
24 Preston is our Rules Chairman. Marion Rocha-Carlos will
25 be leading our Ways & Means again.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Cyd Kinzter
3 is Resolutions. Got that one right. Wendy O'Brien is our
4 Past Presidents Parley Chairman and is also serving on the
5 Convention Committee. Deloris Artis -- let me take the
6 glasses out. Deloris Artis will be serving as our Music
7 Chairman and also our Chairman for the National
8 Presidents' Southern visit. Tracy Varnell-Fercho is our
9 Membership Chairman. She's going to do an awesome job.
10 Mindy Sinclair is going to lead us through Junior
11 Conference once again. Molly Smith is Elections. Thank
12 you. Thank you. Susan Baker I -- it is -- I'm still --
13 Susan is our Education Chairman. Donna Scott is going to
14 be our Editor. Ann Philcox is our Community Service.
15 Glenda Schultz is our Children & Youth Chairman and will
16 also be hosting our Northern California workshop in Rio
17 Linda again.

18 Debbie Fletcher is Auxiliary Emergency Fund.
19 Thank you. And Tamra Duron is Americanism. No.
20 Americanism. Okay. I -- and I've got three over here.
21 I've got Gloria over here and a couple back here. Gloria
22 Williams is our VA&R Chairman for this year. Dee Ann
23 Graham, our Vice President, is our Poppy Chairman. Sharon
24 Moore is on the Ways & Means Committee and co-chair for
25 DEC. Linda Workman, who bailed out on me, is our NEC

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1 Woman and is also the contact person for our 100th year
2 celebration. Nancy Brown-Park, who is not here, is the
3 southern contact for 100th year celebration. And Susie
4 Tozier is our Leadership Chairman. And who did I miss?
5 Anybody? Okay. A complete list will be on the website, I
6 promise.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: As soon as
8 you find page 2.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Yes, as
10 soon as I find page 2. Oh, Lord. But introductions.

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You did them.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Okay.
13 Okay. I think I did them all. What I was -- yeah, I'm
14 going to need a lot of guidance right now, ladies. My
15 brain is kind of fried. Yes, I'm going to do that now.

16 Okay. If I could get a little assistance -- yes.
17 Sergeant-at-Arms, there is a green bucket over there. If
18 I could ask to help pass these out to all of our District
19 Presidents. Right. Okay. You come back.

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All right. Kathie,
21 Madam President, she is going to give -- at this time
22 she's going to give a gift to all of the District
23 Presidents. You know them all by name?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: No.

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I don't have a list.

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1 I don't have page 2. I don't have page 2. So we'll have
2 you by district number come -- I guess you want to bring
3 it up here. Right here so they can come through here.
4 They can come through here and get right in here. All
5 right. District 1. District 1 is not here. District 2,
6 not here. Terry, you want to take it. Terry Mikesell.
7 Oh, you're going to pass them out. She wanted them to
8 come up. They're supposed to come up here and get them
9 and she's supposed to hand them to her. Where did Terry
10 go? We'll get it when she comes back. Is District 3
11 here? District 4. District 5.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District 5. Your
14 name? What's your name? Lynn Jewell. Did you say Rachel
15 or Angel? Okay. I don't know. District 6, Ann Sanchez.
16 I know her. District 7, Melise Munroe. Beautiful name.
17 District 8, I know you're here. District 8? Come on.
18 Teresa. District 9. Everybody should know that by now;
19 right? Yeah. She's letting everybody know. We are so
20 proud of you.

21 District 9. District 10. That was Susan. Susan
22 Mar. Thank you. Eleven. I know you, Grace Huston. You
23 go, girl. District 12, Victoria Ferreira-Allen. District
24 13 is Cece Harvey. Jump off the stage, Cece. No, don't.
25 She'll bring it to you. No jumping. District 14, Geni

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1 Lefler. District 15, my buddy, Genecia Riser. She's
2 back. District 16, Tami Wilkening. Anybody from 17?
3 Yvonne. District 18, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco. District 19
4 -- I do? District 20. Estrada. I heard that part.
5 District 21, Kathy Newlen. I know this young lady. 22 --
6 did I do 21 yet? 22 is Donna Smith. Retread, retread.
7 It's okay. She knows how to do the job.

8 District 23, my own Pat Davis. What, what.
9 District 24, new face in the building. What's your name?
10 Melissa. Oh, child, we got different folks for 24. I'm
11 excited. District 25. I thought that was Judy. District
12 27. What? Danielle White, another retread, retread. She
13 knows what to do. District 28, Deniece. Nice to meet
14 you. District 29, no. Nobody for 29? No. Biggest
15 district? Okay. District 30, Dawn Rascoe. She won a big
16 prize. I remember you.

17 This is very exciting, Madam President, this
18 election. These district officers and first and second
19 presidents.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: You need to
21 get over there with them.

22 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Wait. Wait for it.

23 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All right. Photo opp.
24 We have to continue with this installation and close out
25 Madam President Joan's meeting. So thank you all so much.

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1 Kathie thanks you all.

2 At this time are there any presentations to
3 Kathie -- Madam President Kathie, to Joan Cannon, or any
4 other -- any other presentations at this time? Please
5 come forward.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Madam
7 President Kathie, do you remember 20 years ago we were in
8 San Diego and you were sitting in one of those chairs that
9 23 is sitting in now and you were in the Circus? It was a
10 circus. And it's sort of like that today.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Yeah.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: District 23
13 was the Fire Eaters in my Circus. So we are very, very
14 proud of you. I'm not sure why it took 20 years.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: I was slow.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: I guess. I
17 want to just present you with your first bottle to
18 celebrate, but you've got to hold it until November
19 because that's our real birthday.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Yes, I
21 will.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: A real
23 birthday and a card. I am very, very proud of you. We've
24 had a good group in the Circus. Several of them have gone
25 on to be Department President and hopefully you're not the

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1 last one.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Anymore presentations
5 for Department President Kathie?

6 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Mom, you
7 need to stand up. Say Grammie. Okay. Look at Grammie.
8 Say: Grammie.

9 SEBASTIAN: Grammie.

10 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: These are
11 for you.

12 SEBASTIAN: These are for you.

13 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: For your
14 presidency.

15 SEBASTIAN: For your presidency.

16 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ:
17 Congratulations and I love you.

18 SEBASTIAN: And I love you.

19 PAST 23RD DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Now give
20 them to her.

21 (Applause.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Great job, great job.
23 Any other presentations for our President Kathie? Any
24 presentations for our President Joan? Oh, I have one for
25 Kathie. We can go ahead and do that now.

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1 Madam President, I just want to thank you so much
2 for this opportunity to install you. It's been a huge
3 honor coming from our district. We love you so much and
4 you've been a mentor to all of us and we hold you in high
5 esteem and we love you forever. No matter what happens
6 you're part of the 23rd District. Okay. And this is just
7 a little token of appreciation from me for allowing me to
8 install you this year. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Any more presentations
11 for President Joan?

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: I didn't
13 intend to do this today. I actually intended to do this
14 at opening ceremonies, but I've been a little busy, you
15 know, fielding all the questions at both the chair over
16 here and the table over there and my room isn't available
17 and all those wonderful things. So it's a little late,
18 but, you know, our committee had a hard time really
19 knowing since this is the 100th convention because, you
20 know, the first day is number one even though it hasn't
21 had a year. We wanted to -- in fact we just put on there
22 celebrating 100 years. It's coming up and you did a
23 fantastic job. We had some little glitches here and
24 there, but you made it work and we really appreciate it.
25 And you can drink yours now.

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1 (Applause.)

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: It was my
3 pleasure to work with you. Very professional, caring
4 woman and I really appreciate the opportunity to work with
5 you.

6 (Applause.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And just so you know,
8 a lot of the chairmen and officers took their gifts to
9 Madam President's room to not slow up the installation,
10 and so she received a ton of gifts.

11 Okay. So, Madam President, Past President Joan,
12 can you please join me back at the podium? Kathie, can
13 you return? Come back to me. And at this time would you
14 do this part and then you start there.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT MARTINEZ: At this
16 time I will return the gavel to the Junior Past Department
17 President Joan to close her convention.

18 (Applause.)

19 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm
20 sorry. Before I proceed with the closing of this
21 convention, allow me to say a few words if I can get them
22 out. I just wanted to thank everyone for giving me,
23 allowing me to serve as your Department President this
24 year. I will always remember the kindness and friendship
25 extended towards me. I can only say I now have a room

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1 full of sisters I love and appreciate. God bless you and
2 God bless the American Legion Auxiliary. May this
3 organization stay strong for the next 100 years.

4 And then I just wanted to thank my district,
5 District 11, and my Unit 249 for their support. My
6 sisters, Marcia Munro and Grace Huston, our newly
7 installed District 11 President, Mr. Huston that's up in
8 his room carting me around all year and being my driver.
9 And so many districts, all of you, every district has been
10 very supportive and helpful to me. So all my past
11 officers, chairmen, hospital reps, I thank you all for
12 everything you've done for this president this year and I
13 look forward to seeing the growth that you have.

14 Okay. Is there any further business to come
15 before this convention?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Madam
17 President, would you remind everybody to pick up their
18 mileage checks?

19 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: If you
20 have not picked up your mileage, please do so after the
21 close and before the opening of the DEC. So any other
22 business?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Joan, tell
24 them to pick up their procedure books in the office
25 because we're not shipping them.

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1 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Pick up
2 your procedure books and flash drives in the office,
3 they're not going to ship them. Okay. If not, the
4 Retiring Chaplain Donna Smith will offer prayer.

5 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Let us pray. Thank
6 you, Lord, for your presence with us today as we depart
7 from this space. We ask you to bless us throughout the
8 remaining of the day and guide us safely home. Do not let
9 the learning and conversations of this convention die, but
10 instead may they continue to remain within us as we
11 celebrate our 100th anniversary with our Legion Family.
12 Also, Lord, we ask that you bless our newly elected
13 officers and chairmen. We ask all these things in your
14 name. Amen.

15 DELEGATES: Amen.

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17 ADJOURNMENT

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19 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Until
20 we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our
21 country can only be filled by the faithful performance of
22 all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community,
23 state, and nation be our main objective of the American
24 Legion Auxiliary. Let us ever be watchful of our
25 organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us

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1 from the path of justice, freedom, loyalty, and democracy.

2 The 11th District and the McFall-Grisham Unit 249
3 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms will
4 retire the colors of District 11 and McFall-Grisham Unit
5 249. My Sergeant-at-Arms Rosemary Weber and Assistant
6 Sergeant-At-Arms Cece Harvey, along with the Distinguished
7 Guest Chairman Linda Workman will retire this Junior Past
8 Department President escorted by my sister, Marcia Munroe.
9 And when I reach the back of this room, this 100th
10 convention year of the American Legion Auxiliary
11 Department of California will be adjourned.

12 (ProceSSIONAL.)

13 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
14 was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.)

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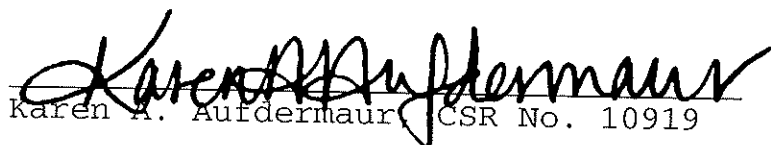
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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand
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8 Auxiliary - Department of California 100th Annual
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 30, 2019, at the time
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California
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14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct
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