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7 CALL TO ORDER

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: This convention
10 session is now reconvened. Our Department Chaplain Cece
11 will offer invocation. You need to unmute yourself.

12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Oops. Sorry.

13
14 INVOCATION

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16 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Dear Lord, we thank
17 you for our meeting and for the many chairmen who report
18 many works of our members that's doing on our local
19 communities. We thank you for your guidance in our
20 decisionmaking and we ask to receive it again today. We
21 thank you for the leadership we have received.

22 Thank you, Lord, for America and the servicemen
23 and women who defend and protect our freedom. Please be
24 with them and keep them and their family in your care.
25 Please help them to be at peace so they will soon return

1 home, as we ask in your name. Amen.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We will now have
3 our Americanism Chairman lead us in the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

5 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: I pledge allegiance to
6 the flag of the United States of America and to the
7 Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
8 indivisible, and with liberty and justice for all.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Tamra.

10 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: You're welcome.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Our Vice
12 President -- no. Roll call, Liz, please.

13

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ROLL CALL

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16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Let me unmute
17 myself. I'll start with President Kathie Martinez.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President Dee
20 Ann Graham. Is her audio working yet? I know she's here.
21 I saw her, but I know she was having audio issues.

22 Secretary Elizabeth Doidge. I am here.
23 Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: NEC Linda Workman.

1 She's here. Alternate NEC Joan Cannon.
2 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN CANNON: Present.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Chaplain Cece
4 Harvey.
5 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Present.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Historian Jean
7 Cooley-Desmeules.
8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Present.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Parliamentarian
10 Melanie Taylor.
11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Good morning,
12 Liz.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
14 Sergeant-at-Arms Deborah Straight.
15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAIGHT: Present.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Assistant
17 Sergeant-at-Arms Valerie Hill.
18 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HILL: Good morning.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
20 Finance Committee Chair Martha -- Linda Workman.
21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Present.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee
23 Two Year Cathaleen McCoy? Advisory Committee Chair --
24 Advisory Committee Chairman Diane DeLashmit.
25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Good

1 morning, Liz.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,
3 Diane. Advisory Committee Terry Mikesell. Advisory
4 Committee LuAnn Capazzi. Americanism Tamra Duron.

5 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Good morning, Liz.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,
7 Tamra. Auxiliary Emergency Fund Debbie Fletcher.

8 AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Good morning, Liz.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
10 Children & Youth Glenda Schultz.

11 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: You're doing a
12 fantastic job, Liz. Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
14 Community Service Ann Philcox. She has a doctor's
15 appointment this morning.

16 Constitution & Bylaws Linda Hayes.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYS: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention Chairman
19 Gloria Sinopoli. She is here.

20 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SINOPOLI: Here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Co-chair Genieca
22 Risner.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excused.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention City
25 Commissioner Anita Biggs.

1 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: Good morning,
2 Liz.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,
4 Anita. Two Year Member Wendy O'Brien. One Year Member
5 Linda Fercho.

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: She's here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials
8 Danielle White. I know Danielle was trying to get on.
9 Distinguished Guest Linda Fercho.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: She's here.

11 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Hi.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Editor Donna Scott.
13 Education Susan Baker.

14 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Wonderful job, Liz. Good
15 morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
17 Thank you. Elections Linda Diebel.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excused.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State Allyn
20 Kau.

21 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,
23 Allyn.

24 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: Liz, I'm here.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,

1 Danielle. Thank you, Danielle.

2 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: You're welcome.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State
4 Director Tammy Sollazzo.

5 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Good morning,
6 Liz.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
8 Junior Activities Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR O'BRIEN-SACCO:
10 Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That was Maureen.
12 Junior Conference Director Jackie Cleveland. Leadership
13 Susie Tozier.

14 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
16 Legislative Joan Cannon.

17 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR CANNON: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I thought she was
19 here. Membership Tracy Fercho.

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Racing team
21 sees the checkered flag.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Support Area 1
23 Terry Mikesell. Support Area 2 Cindy Newman.

24 SUPPORT AREA 2 NEWMAN: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Support Area 3 Geni

1 Lefler.

2 SUPPORT AREA 3 LEFLER: All rangers are ready to
3 go.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Danielle, can
5 you mute?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She is muted now.
7 Support Area 4 Becky Bullard.

8 SUPPORT AREA 4 BULLARD: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
10 Support Area 5 Patti Galatioto.

11 SUPPORT AREA 5 GALATIOTO: I'm here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Why am I echoing?
13 Support Area 6 Jeri Adams.

14 SUPPORT AREA 6 ADAMS: Zoom, zoom.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Music Deloris
16 Artis.

17 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: La-la.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: National Security
19 Donna Smith.

20 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR SMITH: Here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Past Presidents
22 Parley Loretta Marsh.

23 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,
25 Loretta. Poppy Dee Ann Graham. Public Relations Victoria

1 Ferreira-Allen.

2 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Present.

3 And excellent job, Liz.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

5 Resolutions Cyd Kintzer.

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Hi. Good morning.

7 Looks like we're twinning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Rules Brenda

9 Preston.

10 RULES CHAIR PRESTON: Present. Good job

11 yesterday.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you. VA&R

13 Gloria Williams.

14 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Good morning, Liz.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,

16 Gloria. Ways & Means Marion Rocha-Carlos.

17 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Good morning,

18 Liz.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,

20 Marion. Committee Jeri Johnston.

21 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE JOHNSTON: Good morning,

22 Liz.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

24 Committee Nancy Heinisch.

25 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE HEINISCH: Good morning,

1 Liz.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

3 Committee Sharon Moore.

4 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MOORE: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page Marie

6 Whigham.

7 PERSONAL PAGE WHIGHAM: I'm here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal page

9 Heather Martinez.

10 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

12 District Presidents. District 1 Sara Hart. District 2

13 Mary Sanders. District 3 Lola Ramey. District 4 Nancy

14 Brown. District 5 Lynn Jewell.

15 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Good morning, Liz.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

17 District 6 Ann Sanchez.

18 DISTRICT 6 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WINTERS: I'm

19 not sure that she's here, but this is Susan Winters and

20 we're here. Could you hear me?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, I did.

22 DISTRICT 6 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WINTERS: Thank

23 you.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise

25 Munroe. District 8 Teresa Canonizado. She's here. We

1 were talking earlier.

2 DISTRICT 7 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY:

3 District 7 is almost here. She's driving. Okay.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Shoot me a
5 message when she's here. Or there's representatives here,
6 so we're good; right?

7 DISTRICT 7 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY: Yes.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Melanie, we're good
9 if there's a representative here; right?

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Are they an
11 alternate?

12 DISTRICT 7 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY: I'm a
13 delegate first vice.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay. She's
15 good.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, that's what I
17 thought. District 9 Vicky Bean.

18 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Present. Thank you,
19 Liz. Great job.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
21 District 9 Susan Mar or -- District 10 Susan Mar.

22 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11 Grace
24 Huston.

25 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12

2 Victoria Ferreira-Allen.

3 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT FERREIRA-ALLEN: Present.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Cece
5 Harvey.

6 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: Still here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Geni
8 Lefler.

9 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Good morning.
10 We're remembering everyone deployed this morning and
11 keeping that freedom going.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 15 Genieca
13 Risner. District 16 Tami Wilkening.

14 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT WILKENING: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Yvonne
16 Sarceda.

17 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDA: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 18 Maureen
19 O'Brien-Sacco.

20 DISTRICT 18: (Inaudible).

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Rita
22 Lambert.

23 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LAMBERT: Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20 Hila
25 Estrada.

1 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT ESTRADA: I'm here, Liz.
2 I'm here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. District 21
4 Kathy Newlen.

5 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Good morning, Liz.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
7 District 22 Donna Smith.

8 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT SMITH: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23
10 Patricia Davis.

11 DISTRICT 23 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WALLACE: She
12 was having technical difficulties this morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. When she
14 does get on, have her just send me a message on Chat
15 telling me she's here. District 24 Martha Romano.

16 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,
18 Martha. District 25 Judy Samples.

19 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT SAMPLES: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
21 District 26 Peggy Toye.

22 ^^ DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE : I'm here this is
23 Kathy Carnie, delegate/secretary for District 26.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.
25 District 27 Danielle White. She's here. District 28

1 Deniece Clay.

2 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT CLAY: Present. She's
3 here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
5 District 29 Carol Borgman? District 30 Wanda Hylton.

6 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE HUFF: I'm here for District
7 29.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

9 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE HUFF: I'm a delegate.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, Kelly, I know
11 you are. And District 30 Wanda Hylton. Reps and deps.
12 Fresno VA Sandra Dowell.

13 HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Present.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Livermore Grace
15 Huston.

16 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Yes.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach Pat
18 Alvarez.

19 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning, Pat.
21 Los Angeles Ellah Wallace. Mather -- or Palo Alto Connie
22 Raya.

23 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: I'm here. You're doing
24 wonderful work.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you. San

1 Diego Susie Tozier.

2 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: I'm here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Francisco
4 Laurie Sullivan. At the blood drive. Barstow Cal Vet
5 Judy Samples. Fresno --

6 HOSPITAL REP SAMPLES: Good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There she is.

8 HOSPITAL REP SAMPLES: Off mute.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Cal Vet home
10 Rosalie Taylor. Lancaster Linda Hayes.

11 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

13 Redding Terry Mikesell. Ventura Madeline Lee. West LA
14 Deloris Artis. I know she was here earlier.

15 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Hi, Liz. I'm sorry. I
16 forgot to unmute.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No problem. There
18 she is. Chula Vista Lois Cornish.

19 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And last, but not
21 least, Past National President Nancy Brown-Park.

22 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I'm here.
23 Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're welcome.

25 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Thanks, Liz.

1 You're doing a great job.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

3 PERSONAL PAGE WHIGHAM: This is Marie Whigham,
4 District 24. Martha wanted me to let you know that she's
5 frozen, the screen.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Tell her to log out
7 and log back in real quick. Close Zoom and reopen it and
8 that will hopefully fix her.

9 PERSONAL PAGE WHIGHAM: Okay.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That's not working.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hey, Liz?
12 Anita Biggs.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you get
15 that Pat Davis is on from District 23?

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh, she is?

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's sharing
18 with Joyce Patton.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Perfect.
20 Was she here yesterday afternoon?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She tried. She
22 couldn't get in. But the Second Vice President Ellah
23 Wallace would have been the one to step up.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

25 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE PAYNE: This is Janet Payne,

1 District 6. I'm here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6. Okay.

3 I marked you guys as present because somebody answered.

4 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE PAYNE: Thank you.

5 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: Liz?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

7 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: Kathie needs to shut
8 down her computer completely. I will turn mine around so
9 she can use mine until it boots back up.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Sounds good.

11 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SINOPOLI: Madame Secretary?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, Gloria.

13 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SINOPOLI: I am present. I
14 couldn't unmute myself in time to answer roll call, but I
15 am present.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you. Here's
17 one of the kids. Kathie is back. There we go.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. All right.
19 While I'm waiting for my computer to boot back up --

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I was worried that
21 I was going to have to do that too. My computer was doing
22 something weird during roll call.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No, you're doing
24 an awesome job, Liz. Awesome job.

25 We will now hear from our Credentials Chairman

1 Danielle White.

2 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: Madame President, we
3 had a -- we had a quorum yesterday with 91 unit.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Have we had any
5 more come in?

6 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: Oh, I don't know
7 because I had problem with my computer. I couldn't get on
8 the Zoom and --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

10 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: But I will check it
11 with Liz later on.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're working on it
13 so I will let you know.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Terrific.
15 Thank you. Okay. We will continue with our chairmen
16 reports. I know Dee Ann was having trouble with her
17 audio. Is she on yet?

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Can you hear
19 me?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. We did
23 yours yesterday. We did that one.

24 Cece, are you ready to give your Chaplain report?

25 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Yes, Madame

1 President.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

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4 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT

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6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Good morning, Madame
7 President, ladies. This is a convention committee meeting
8 report. The convention committee report Chaplain met on
9 June 25, 2020 via Zoom. Jennifer Turner was appointed
10 secretary, thank you, and Patti Galatioto was appointed
11 chaplain. I'm sorry. Katherine Johnson was appointed
12 Sergeant-at-Arms. And we got a total of eight district
13 delegates that answer all the roll call. There were no
14 visitor present.

15 The committee agreed upon the following report.
16 The department code was read and there were no changes.
17 The group talk about the Memorial Tribute yesterday in an
18 open ceremony and will pay tribute to Past President
19 Harriet Clendenin. Twenty-five districts reported for the
20 chaplain, chaplain reports. And we talk about that
21 pandemic has affected all of us and changed a lot of
22 people.

23 And for the side note, we agreed upon a
24 recommendation for the next incoming department officers
25 to please maybe change or fix our mid-year and end-of-year

1 templates. They need to be changed and updated. I think
2 that's not the only one. I think all our report templates
3 needs to be updated because they're old, like old. A lot
4 of them like questionnaires overlap and kind of hard to
5 understand. And it's just a recommendation, so hopefully
6 it will be done. The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. and
7 adjourn at 12:05 a.m. -- p.m. Thank you, Madame
8 President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Cece.
10 And, again, excellent memorial yesterday. You did a
11 wonderful job. Very moving, very touching. Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Thank you, Madame
13 President. I appreciate that. Now I will do the chaplain
14 end-of-year report, Madame President.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Good morning, Madame
17 President. Madame Department President Kathie Martinez,
18 Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. It has been two
19 years since the last time we all seen each other and I
20 miss every each one of you.

21 This time it's different, very hard, devastating,
22 but we still all survive. Yes, we are all here praying
23 together for everyone's health and safety. You know, this
24 time I've seen people care for each other. Even those
25 strangers, they help each other. I guess this pandemic

1 changes everybody. I've seen people whose life was cut
2 short because of this God forsaken virus, left every
3 family devastated, heartbroken, and another empty chair on
4 their kitchen table. I see personally my friends, people
5 I know, and I will never forget them. All we can do now
6 is pray and ask for forgiveness.

7 I am so happy to report that we got 20 districts
8 that send their end-of-year report. Forty units sends the
9 district their end-of-year reports and also most of them
10 who didn't -- who send their apologies for the reason of
11 the unit don't have much or nothing to report, minimal
12 activities to -- due to COVID-19. And some unit/posts are
13 still closed. I always responded to them by thanking them
14 for a job well done.

15 Now let's start for our unit activities. We got
16 five units that hold memorial services, ten units that
17 uses In Loving Tribute as a source of their prayers, and
18 we have six units using Reflections of prayer sources.
19 And we've got three -- eight other units that use other
20 resources for their prayers.

21 We got \$690, the total amount of unit donation In
22 Loving Tribute. Thank you very much. We got five units
23 who participated in Four Chaplain Ceremony via Zoom. And
24 we got donation -- \$575 in donation for Four Chaplain.

25 Now we got -- we're going to talk about the units

1 that participated in patriotic holidays. We have 72
2 members who attended Memorial Day, 60 members for
3 Independence Day, 49 members for September 11, 39 members
4 for Flag Day, 35 members for Veterans Day. In person or
5 in Zoom, they did attend it.

6 The total cards was sent for sympathy, get well,
7 and thinking of you totaled 945 cards. And we got 275
8 cards that was sent for birthday, Christmas, and Mother's
9 Day. Our chaplain also uses social media and buddy check,
10 some calling members checking on them. Let's not forget
11 Zoom technology. Others used Zoom just to check on their
12 members.

13 Unit 302 are busy providing the wellbeing of our
14 veterans and family, which members logged in many hours
15 volunteering. The Chairman was honored the effort of all
16 their hardworking Auxiliary member from Unit 302.
17 District 28 took an extra step. They spoke about first
18 responders in all disasters and Coronavirus and how to
19 step up and service in this hard time.

20 Most of all, this chaplains did the most they can
21 do during this pandemic time. And all of us, all we can
22 do is just pray and hope to survive to see the next day.

23 Madame President, I want to thank you for this
24 appointment for the reason that I learn more about life
25 and I'm so happy working with you. God bless American

1 Legion Auxiliary and God bless America. Madame President,
2 can I please -- the award, please?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

4 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Yes. Okay. I'm
5 going to do the two years. I know last year we got some
6 awards that I did, but they never got recognized only
7 through -- to the bulletins. So this is -- our award is
8 for or the winner for the Best Supplemental Chaplain
9 Report in 2019. First place goes to Monterey Cypress 694,
10 Chaplain Rebecca Delaney. Second place go to Allied Unit
11 302, Chaplain Susan Morgan.

12 Winner of the Best District Supplemental report.
13 First place goes to San Diego District 22, Chaplain Jean
14 Howard. Second place goes to District 28, Chaplain Susan
15 Baker. Third place goes to District 15, Chaplain Kathleen
16 Johnson. Thank you so much.

17 And now for our winners for the Chaplain
18 Supplemental Report on 2020. First place goes to Unit 302
19 Susan Morgan, Chairman Chaplain. And the co-chairman is
20 Rodi Andreescu. Thank you. Second place goes to District
21 20 Ann Philcox, Chaplain. I want to thank her personally
22 because she send me -- they even have the memorial service
23 and she send me, oh, this program and flier. It was
24 beautiful.

25 Third winner goes to District 13 -- District 16.

1 I'm sorry. The chaplain is Marion Rocha-Carlos. Thank
2 you. That's a nice report. Fourth place goes to District
3 6 Sandy Seddon-Rice. She's the chaplain.

4 Again, I want to thank all this chaplain. Job
5 well done. This just shows that pandemic or not we will
6 still do what we are -- what we are doing. I will
7 distribute the certification and pin on our Clovis
8 training. If you can make it there, I will make sure I
9 will hand it to your district president. And again, job
10 well done. Thank you so much.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Cece.
12 Excellent report. Can you send me a copy of your report,
13 committee report, platform remarks, and your awards,
14 please?

15 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Yes, ma'am.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.
17 Appreciate it. And also send it to Liz so she can put it
18 where all of the other reports are going. She's got a
19 little Dropbox that she puts it in.

20 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Yes, ma'am. I think
21 I already sent it to her, but I will send it again.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. We will
25 now hear from our Historian Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

1 Jean, are you ready?

2 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Yes,
3 ma'am. I have to remember to unmute myself. All right.
4 Take these glasses off. Put the other ones on.

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6 **DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT**

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8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Madame
9 President, the commission meeting for Historians met on
10 Thursday, June 24th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The
11 statistical reports for this Chairman appears on page 27
12 in the Book of Reports. Jeri Johnston from District 21
13 was appointed secretary. Robin Falkenberg, District 28,
14 offered prayer, and Pat Burr, District 29, was appointed
15 Sergeant-at-Arms. We had a total of nine delegates answer
16 roll and one visitor.

17 The code was read and the following changes were
18 recommended. The recommendations are as follows.
19 Proposed changes are Code 3. It currently reads: "The
20 Department Historian shall compose a history of the
21 accommodations of units" -- excuse me -- "accomplishments
22 of Units, Districts, and Department for the Department
23 Office. She shall provide a personal copy to the
24 Department President. The history shall conform with
25 National's requirements." This was 1996.

1 We are proposing it to read: "The Department
2 Historian shall compose a history of the accomplishments
3 of the Units, Districts, and Department for the Department
4 Office. To help accomplish" -- and we're inserting: "To
5 help accomplish this task, she will receive at mid-year
6 and end-of-year copies of all Department Officers and
7 Chairman reports so she can include this most important
8 information in her report to National. She shall provide
9 a personal copy for the Department President. The history
10 shall conform with National's requirements."

11 On the recommendations -- on the approval of the
12 committee, we would like to propose that this change be
13 accepted.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
15 to accept the Historian code change to read as follows:
16 "The Department Historian shall compose a history of the
17 accomplishments of the Units, Districts, and Department
18 for the Department Office. To help accomplish this task,
19 she will receive at mid-year and end-of-year copies of all
20 Department Officers and Chairman reports so she can
21 include this most important information in her report to
22 National. She shall provide a personal copy for the
23 Department President. The history shall conform with
24 National's requirements."

25 Is there -- do we have a second or is there any

1 discussion? Yes, Susan.

2 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Am I muted? Which Susan?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You, Susan.

4 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Madame President, that
5 should be non-gender specific. Somewhere down the line we
6 might have a gentleman serving as the Department
7 Historian.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes. I saw other
9 hands. Susan, you want -- oh, Linda Karnstedt.

10 DISTRICT 5 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Yes.
11 Linda Karnstedt, District 5. She mentioned mid-year
12 reports. Aren't we eliminating mid-year reports?

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: That hasn't
14 -- this is Melanie Taylor, Parliamentarian. It has not
15 been officially announced that that would happen. This
16 will occur during the upcoming National President Kathy
17 Daudistel's year. Once that is finalized from National,
18 then we will make these changes.

19 DISTRICT 5 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Does
20 that then mean -- does that mean that all the codes that
21 currently talk about mid-year reports are going to have to
22 be changed next year?

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: That is
24 correct.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame

1 President?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The -- we're
4 off topic, but the mid-year reporting, isn't that just for
5 National? The Department of California, we can still
6 request mid-year reports. So I don't know ongoing that we
7 would have to end mid-year reports that we report at our
8 DEC. And so I don't know if that's what's been discussed
9 on the National level, but I would think that we wouldn't
10 abolish mid-year reports just because National is going
11 to, so --

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: National is
13 going to require the chairmen to give a verbal report at
14 the mid-year, at their mid-year meeting, but if the
15 Department wants to continue on, that's their prerogative.
16 But there needs to be some sort of communication between
17 the Department and the National organization as to what
18 the units have actually accomplished. So whether that is
19 a report form or just a written summary, that's to be
20 determined.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right. Okay.
22 Thank you.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madame
24 President?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Linda.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: And I think
2 mid-year reports are normally at -- any mid-year or
3 whenever anyone gives their report, they give copies of
4 their platform remarks report to the specific officers on
5 stage, including the Historian. So I think that is kind
6 of what she's talking about, your platform remarks.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: And in
9 the past I have not received it when I've -- for the last
10 couple years that I've been Historian, I have not received
11 everybody's reports. And when I do compile and write the
12 written history, I have an incomplete history.

13 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madame
14 President?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Nancy.

16 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: That's
17 probably because we didn't meet in person. I'm sorry.
18 Nancy Brown-Park, Past National President. That's
19 probably why you didn't get it, Jean. Because typically
20 you would be on the stage and receiving those reports, but
21 you weren't there.

22 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: I still
23 didn't even in person. There wasn't enough copies.

24 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Well, I
25 think we can be sure that you get a copy. I'm not sure it

1 should be something that we would put into the code.

2 And I think also think, Melanie, going backwards
3 to the report, is that Kathy's decision or is that just
4 for next year? Or have all the upcoming leadership made
5 that decision that there would be no National mid-year
6 reports? I'm not sure we want to make those changes in
7 our code at this point.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yeah, Kathy
9 had talked at our Chairman's meeting and it's my
10 understanding it's going to be the upcoming leaders also
11 are in agreement with that. It's just not going to be a
12 one year with Kathy Daudistel. But, like I said, we just
13 need to see what's going to happen once she actually comes
14 into office.

15 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: And I don't
16 think it's a change we want to put in there right now.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: No.

18 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Unless it's
19 in the Standing Rules at National, any upcoming leadership
20 can change that, so I think we leave it alone.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yeah.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Robin Falkenberg.

23 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG:

24 Thank you, Liz. My question is actually two. Because the
25 discussion of the mid-year reports is pending, I move that

1 we accept the motion with amendment to -- for the first
2 one where it says "she," to change that to "the chairman."
3 The second time it says "she," we can put in "they." And
4 the third time, "the important information in their
5 report." So I am -- I move we amend the motion to make it
6 gender neutral.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second. I
8 guess the amendment to the motion, I second that.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Kathie is
10 getting on her other computer.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
12 District 22. Did we ever get a second for the original?

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, we have not.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm back, ladies.
15 Sorry.

16 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Madame President, Tamra
17 Duron, District 25. I have a question with changing it to
18 gender specific to chairman. We're going to run into this
19 throughout the whole department code, so is there a way
20 that we can handle the changes without having to amend
21 each one? Can we do it as a whole possibly?

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Well, isn't that
23 just a housekeeping technically?

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Yes.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Didn't we agree on

1 that yesterday, that that's just housekeeping?

2 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: No, I believe we said
3 it had to be voted on.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Melanie, can you --

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay. I
6 didn't get a copy of this Historian's report or her
7 suggestion so, you know, I'm not -- Jean, can you clarify
8 what it is that we're actually talking about?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'll share it
10 again. Can you guys see that?

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Not yet.
12 Okay. All right.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So she's added the
14 bolded section of the second part.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yeah. Yeah,
16 she's using the feminine reference here. It would -- it
17 would be my recommendation that an ad hoc committee be
18 appointed as had been previously done with, you know,
19 Diane DeLashmit and Terry Mikesell and myself and to go
20 through the Department Code, because we already did the
21 Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules, and maybe go
22 through the Department Code and review this and then make
23 the recommendations to the chairman to present these at
24 convention next year. Okay. I -- Diane, are you still
25 on? What are your thoughts on this?

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: I think it's
2 a good idea. That way it will eliminate every code
3 needing to be changed during this convention because that
4 will take up a lot of time.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Right.

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: Also, I'd
7 like to just remind people that when a motion comes from a
8 committee, it does not require a second.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Correct.

10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: So the
11 motion was in order, except I didn't really hear her make
12 it in a motion form.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yeah, I
14 didn't either.

15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: I'm
16 sorry.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So for this case,
18 we can leave it as "she" and vote on it as-is and then
19 we'll do the --- Kathie will appoint a committee and we'll
20 review over the year --

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Hey, Liz.
22 Susie Tozier, District 22. Robin Falkenberg has a motion
23 to correct the -- correct that statement there to take the
24 word "she" out.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I know.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yeah, so that
2 motion is still on the floor to correct that.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: Madame
5 President? The motion that I was -- Diane DeLashmit --

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: -- 25th
8 District delegate. My referring to the motion was the
9 original motion from the chairman, not the amendment. I
10 did not hear it in the form of a motion from the chairman
11 or from the Historian.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Right. Thank you
13 for that clarification, Diane.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madame
15 President? Linda Workman.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Linda.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Can we ask
18 that Robin withdraw her motion at this point?

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That's what I was
20 trying to --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes. Robin?

22 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG:
23 Thank you. I withdraw my motion at this time.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
25 D23. I withdraw my second.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thanks, ladies.

2 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madame

3 President, before we -- Madame President, can I say

4 something real quick?

5 And maybe, Melanie, you and I can just talk

6 offline. I just talked to Trish who's the National

7 Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. I think there's another

8 way that we do this without having to form a specific

9 committee and that it can be done through the Constitution

10 & Bylaws Chairman and her committee where they're given

11 resolution -- where they are given the authority to go in

12 and change the gender references within the constitution

13 without having to go through a special committee. But we

14 can do that now and then they can do it -- it doesn't then

15 have to come up for vote if we vote now.

16 So, Melanie, let's talk offline quickly and then

17 maybe you can bring that to the floor in a resolution

18 form.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Nancy.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Linda Karnstedt,

21 she had her hand raised this entire time. Do you still

22 want to speak?

23 I'm sorry, Kathie.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No. Linda?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Karnstedt.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Karnstedt, yes.
2 DISTRICT 5 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: I'm
3 sorry. I need to unmute myself and then I need to take
4 my hand down. Sorry.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And, Tamra, were
7 you good to go?

8 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: I am good to go. I got
9 my question answered. Thank you very much, ladies.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Ladies,
12 just when you've had your question answered, please
13 remember to go in and lower your hand.

14 Okay. Ladies, we have a motion on the floor to
15 accept the changes presented by the Historian committee.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
17 President, Anita Biggs. I believe it was already stated
18 and you didn't hear Jean actually make the motion at the
19 direction of the committee. She moved, we didn't hear
20 that.

21 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Can I do
22 that now?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

24 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Okay.
25 Okay. Anita, say that one more time how you put it.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: At the
2 direction of the Historian committee, I move that --

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Okay. At
4 the direction of the committee, I move that we accept this
5 change.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. So now
7 we're back.

8 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEI: Madame President?
9 Carol Rael, District 26 Treasurer.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

11 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEI: Just a point of
12 order. If we are going to change the gender, we cannot
13 use "chairman." It has to be "chairperson."

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We're not
15 addressing that at this point.

16 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEI: I understand, but
17 with Melanie and thinking of talking offline, just
18 remember "chairman" is still a man, not a person, so it
19 has to be "chairperson."

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Thank you,
21 Carol. We're aware of that. Thank you.

22 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEI: Okay. Thank you so
23 much.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Susie, you have
25 your hand up.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Are we going
2 to have Robin -- Susie Tozier, District 22. Are we going
3 to have Robin Falkenberg redo the one to change the gender
4 in this?

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: This is to
7 correct what she said, "she will receive." To fix this
8 motion. Because they just made a motion to accept this
9 code change.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're leaving it
11 as-is right now. We're either going to create a committee
12 or Melanie and --

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Why can't we
14 create it right now?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Susie,
16 Robin withdrew her --

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I know, I
18 know, but can we redo that motion to fix the wording of
19 this motion now that there is a motion on the floor? Why
20 would we vote for something that we know is wrong? The
21 wording is wrong.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Because then it
23 sets a precedent that we have to do that for every code
24 change today.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Well, I'm

1 doing it in mine so it's no big deal. I mean, this is a
2 new one going in, so why don't we do the new one right? I
3 make a motion that we replace the word "she" with the
4 gender specific -- replace it with "the chairman will
5 receive" -- or okay. So they can or include -- take those
6 words out right now, fix this motion before we vote on it
7 even though we know we're going with a committee. This is
8 a motion on the floor, so why would we vote if the wording
9 is wrong?

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame Department
11 President, Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. You have another
12 problem in this motion is "she will received." I don't
13 think that's correct English. It should be -- that also
14 should be looked at and corrected.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That was probably
16 just my typo last night. Historian -- no, that's how I
17 received it, actually.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Ladies,
19 are we going to amend to remove gender specific on this?
20 If so --

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
22 President, there was no second on her amendment and we are
23 in the middle of her motion.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We don't need a
25 second for a committee, as Diane said.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You do need a
2 second for an amendment though.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: On Susie's
4 amendment.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You do need a
6 second on that amendment that Susie is trying to get.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're trying
9 to get through this motion that the committee did and then
10 we will take care of the gender specific later for all the
11 code. That's what we had already agreed to do. I
12 understand what Susie wants to do, but in the interest of
13 time, we can go back and forth with this all day. We do
14 need to correct that word, "received" to "receive" to make
15 sure that's right and move on this with code change.

16 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: I revise
17 my motion to change "received" to "receive."

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
21 District 22. I remove my motion.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Susie.

23 Okay. Motion on the floor as amended: "The
24 Department Historian shall compose a history of the
25 accomplishments of the Units, Districts, and Department

1 for the Department Office. To help accomplish this task,
2 she will receive at mid-year and end-of-year copies of all
3 Department Officers and Chairman reports so that she can
4 include this most important information in her report to
5 National. She shall provide a personal copy for the
6 Department President. The history shall conform with
7 National's requirement."

8 Are we ready for the vote?

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I can't see the
10 vote because the --

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Give me one second.
12 I don't have it up. I have to create it really quick
13 because I didn't have an amendment ready. All those in
14 favor. All those opposed. Launch poll. Can you guys see
15 that?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, that makes it
18 easy.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: I don't have
20 it on my screen.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have to stop the
22 sharing and -- okay. Oh, what happened? Okay. If you
23 voted the first time, do it again. It started over.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, if you
25 have used the raised hand for your vote, please take them

1 down because our wonderful secretary has created a tally
2 for us. Thank you, ladies. I appreciate it. All right.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And you are good to
4 go.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All right.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Motion carried.

8 Thank you, Jean.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madame
10 President?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Linda
13 Workman. I would suggest that when the Constitution &
14 Bylaws or the special committee, when they go in, they do
15 the gender and grammar, punctuation, corrections at that
16 time. They're all housekeeping changes.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Linda.

18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: Madame
19 President, I seem to be having some trouble with my --
20 this is Diane DeLashmit, District 25 -- with my raised
21 hand. I click on it, it stays on a few seconds and it's
22 off. I've been doing this pretty much during this whole
23 conversation trying to get my hand up there.

24 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Diane, this is
25 co-host techy. If your hand is disappearing, it's because

1 checking you're clicking on the applause with two hands.
2 You want to click on the raised hand where it's one hand
3 sitting up. We've had this problem with other people. Do
4 not click the applause sign to raise your hand. Click the
5 raise hand sign.

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: I think I've
7 been clicking the bottom one, but I'm not sure. I could
8 be wrong.

9 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Okay. I'll keep
10 an eye on you.

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: The only
12 point I wanted to make was some years ago National decided
13 that "chairman" was gender -- was not gender specific,
14 that we don't have to change all our documents to
15 "chairperson." Unless that's been changed again. Maybe
16 Nancy could or Melanie can speak on that.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Diane, this
18 is Melanie, and you are correct.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They made that
20 clear too recently.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All right,
22 ladies. Let's get back to our Historian. There is more
23 to go on this.

24 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Okay.
25 This is for Code 4. "Written, Picture History Book

1 Competition: Units and Districts may compete on
2 department level under the following classifications:
3 Written, Picture and CD/flash drive History Picture Book
4 Competition." This was changed in 2015. The classes are:
5 seniors, junior class 1 ages through 12, junior class 2
6 ages through 13 through 17. The prizes are Unit and
7 District shall each be awarded first, second, and third.
8 Junior class 1 is first and second. Junior class 2 is
9 first and second.

10 It is now should be read: "Written, Picture
11 History Book Competition: Units and Districts may compete
12 on Department level under the following classifications:
13 Written and Picture History Book Competition."

14 We are eliminating the CD/flash drive history
15 picture book and rewording that sentence. Reason, this is
16 a California contest only and the past two in-person
17 conventions received only one entry each year and they
18 were both disqualified.

19 After speaking -- oh, on the recommendation of
20 the committee, I move that we accept this change.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
22 to accept Code 4 the Historian to read: "Written, Picture
23 History Book Competent: Units and Districts may compete
24 on Department level under the following classifications:
25 Written and Picture History Book Competition. Seniors,

1 junior class 1 ages through 12 years, junior class 2 ages
2 13 through 17. Prizes: Unit and District shall each be
3 awarded first, second, and third. Junior class 1, first
4 and second. Junior class 2, first and second."

5 Is there any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Shall we move to
8 the vote, please?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.
10 Sorry.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. Code
12 change has passed. Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: And the
14 last code change is number 6: "All entries will be judged
15 at Department Convention by three judges, appointed by the
16 Department Historian. Awards shall be first, second, and
17 third, if applicable."

18 Changed to read: "All entries will be judged at
19 the Department Convention by three judges, appointed by
20 the Department Historian. Awards shall be first, second,
21 and third if applicable. Unless unforeseen events does
22 not allow in-person convention, then entries will be
23 emailed to the current Historian for judging, by set
24 deadlines. There still will be three judges, but all is
25 accomplished via email."

1 At the recommendation of the committee, I move
2 that we accept this change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
4 to change history code 6 to read: "All entries will be
5 judged at Department Convention by three judges, appointed
6 by the Department Historian. Awards shall be first,
7 second, and third if applicable. Unless unforeseen events
8 does not allow in-person conventions, then entries will be
9 emailed to current Historian for judging by set deadlines.
10 There still will be three judges, but all is accomplished
11 via email."

12 Is there any discussion? Rebecca?

13 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE GLENNY: Yes. Madame
14 President, I would like to maybe see the "email" changed
15 to "electronically submitted."

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Rebecca, hold on
17 just a moment, please. We do have a court reporter, so if
18 you can announce your name and district number, please.

19 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE GLENNY: Yes, ma'am.
20 Rebecca Glenny, District 28. For "electronically
21 submitted" or "electronic." The "email," could we instead
22 potentially change it to be "electronically submitted"?
23 The reason being with technology changing, there may be
24 other ways that it would be shared among the committee for
25 judging, and if we're stating "email" are we limiting it

1 to only email.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Can you make that a
3 motion?

4 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE GLENNY: I guess I could,
5 sure. I make a motion to change the proposed code change
6 to state, "then entries will be electronically submitted
7 to current Historian for judging by set deadlines. There
8 still will be three judges, but all is accomplished via
9 electronic submissions," or something along those lines.
10 Sorry.

11 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: I second.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thanks, Susan.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The motion has
14 been moved and seconded to amend the new wording to read:
15 "Unless unforeseen events does not allow in-person
16 conventions, then entries will be submitted electronically
17 to current Historian for judging by set deadlines. There
18 will still be three judges, but all is accomplished
19 electronically."

20 Is there any discussion on the amendment?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Can we proceed to
23 the vote, please, Liz? How are we doing, Liz?

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm muted. Sorry.
25 Motion carried.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. Okay.
2 Code 6 will now -- motion to accept Code 6 as amended.
3 Code will now read: "All entries will be judged at
4 Department Convention by three judges, appointed by the
5 Department Historian. Awards shall be first, second, and
6 third if applicable. Unless unforeseen events does not
7 allow in-person conventions, then entries will be
8 submitted electronically to current Historian for judging
9 by set deadlines. There will still be three judges, but
10 all is accomplished electronically."

11 Is there any further discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carol Fuqua, did
14 you have something?

15 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE FUQUA: Yes. Carol Fuqua,
16 District 25, Past Department Historian. Eliminating -- I
17 know we said "electronically" --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, I hear
19 background noise.

20 Go ahead, Carol.

21 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE FUQUA: It's not me. The
22 wording saying "electronically" just to take into account
23 that some Historian books can be a lot of pages, you know.
24 It might not just be a lot. And there is a possibility we
25 still have mail. I hate to restrict it to electronically,

1 but if that's where the vote goes. But still take into
2 consideration it might be challenging to do some of it
3 electronically with some Historian books if they have
4 certain photos or different, you know, wording or sending
5 it.

6 So I just want that just for discussion and a
7 thought because using just the word "electronically,"
8 there could be another scenario too. Maybe we just have
9 to take them as they happen, but I feel there should be
10 another out in case electronically doesn't work. The mail
11 might still be another option depending upon the size of
12 the book.

13 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: This is
14 for the written history only. Written histories do not
15 have pictures.

16 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE FUQUA: Okay. I hadn't
17 heard that part. Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Any further
19 discussion on the motion as amended? Liz?

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Cindy Newman.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm sorry, Cindy.

22 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE NEWMAN: Thank you. Hi.
23 Cindy Newman, District 13 Secretary/Treasurer. I agree
24 that "electronically" is a little bit problematic. I
25 think it should be left to the current Historian as the

1 means they want the written history. This is because as
2 district secretary/treasurer, I receive all manner of
3 forms via text messaging that are pictures that I can't do
4 anything with. Our technology will change in the future.
5 I would leave it -- you could leave it electronically, but
6 as a matter of procedure have the Historian decide how she
7 will accept it.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Are there any
9 other discussions?

10 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yes. This is
11 Cindy, Unit 110, District 14. I concur that it should be
12 left open and flexible to accommodate various capabilities
13 with different kinds of technology so no one is
14 discouraged from contributing in whatever forms works for
15 them.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there any
17 other discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We will proceed
20 to the vote, please.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Motion
22 carries.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The motion has
24 passed. Thank you, Liz.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yep.

1 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: The
2 announcements of second and third place awards were given.
3 Do you want me to read those so everybody knows or should
4 I just go on?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Yes.
7 Okay. District Second Place Supplemental was District 18.
8 Third Place Supplemental 29th District, MJ Jeppson. Oh,
9 I'm sorry. Eighteen was Lupe Galaviz, I believe is how
10 it's pronounced, co-written by Maureen Sacco O'Brien.
11 Unit Supplemental -- second place was District 22, Unit
12 149 Escondido J.B. Clark, Irene Clingman. Third Place
13 Supplemental was District 15 Unit 221, Tehachapi, Patricia
14 Gracey. My 100 percent reporting was District 3, 6, 11,
15 17, and 22.

16 Madame President, this concludes my committee
17 report. May I have your permission to continue with my
18 supplemental report and first place?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

20 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Let me
21 get a drink of water. Hold on just a second. Okay.
22 Writing a two-year report is something new, but here it
23 goes. At our last in-person convention, which was June
24 2019, we held our installation of Department Officers,
25 District Presidents, and Chairmen. At that time we had no

1 idea what was coming our way.

2 Within a few months of our convention, the news
3 broke that the CDC and the White House had declared that
4 the United States of America was now in a pandemic with
5 COVID-19 virus. We were all instructed to stay home, wear
6 our face mask coverings, and wash our hands often.

7 Then the cancellations started. First our annual
8 Clovis training, then our training sessions, both south
9 and north, following very close was our mid-DEC which went
10 Zoom. Several other events followed. We received word
11 from all of our VA Medical Centers that their doors were
12 now closed to outside visitors, which meant no L-1 bingos,
13 Labor Day barbecues, Christmas presents for the
14 hospitalized veterans, no Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus and
15 just about everything else.

16 Our units were so -- our units so enjoyed meeting
17 and greeting the hospitalized veterans and their families.
18 The Junior members were very disappointed too. They
19 couldn't even make the greeting cards that they usually
20 did for all of the holidays. They were instructed not to
21 donate any handmade or other items to hospital centers
22 during the pandemic.

23 Our American Legion posts were instructed to
24 close their doors and not construct -- conduct business as
25 usual. We all didn't know what was coming next, but we

1 did know that somehow we had to figure out a new way to
2 service our veterans, their families, and our communities.
3 We had to come up with new ways to hold and conduct
4 meetings, process our membership, and doing this at a
5 social distance of at least six feet apart.

6 The strangest things were taking place. People
7 were starting to hoard, of all things, toilet paper,
8 water, and cleaning supplies. But our Auxiliary members
9 were hard at work trying to help our homeless veterans and
10 all their veterans too. They all had to think out of the
11 box for working their projects safely. But leave it to
12 our Auxiliary members. They now have learned a new
13 language. Virtual, Zoom, teleconferencing, texting, and
14 messaging or even using the phone, which all means no
15 in-person.

16 This is now several -- this is how several units
17 and districts held their monthly meetings since there
18 was -- since there were a lot of seasoned members that
19 didn't dare chance their health. By using these options,
20 they conducted their business, planned their events and
21 how they would go forward to complete their plan.

22 Many units worked with their district these past
23 two years because of the pandemic and not many members
24 wanted to leave their homes, but the ones that did
25 accomplished more than what one would expect. There were

1 to-go, curbside pickup, and delivery breakfast, lunch, and
2 dinners. Something new, but very successful for units
3 that -- to keep the funds coming in to work their
4 programs.

5 One unit along with their post set up a food bank
6 for their local veterans. They received donations of much
7 needed staple items from local markets and even the LA
8 Food Bank too. They were even recognized on one of their
9 local news channels KTLA 5. Several made up individually
10 wrapped baggies of school supplies and treats for the
11 local schools to give out when they -- when individuals
12 came to pick up their school lunches for the at-home
13 students.

14 Other units put together Easter baskets, baby
15 shower baskets, and school supply baskets for veterans and
16 their families at Fort Erwin. One unit packed up UPSP
17 express boxes for their annual troop shipment. The
18 pictures that I received showed that they completely
19 filled a UPSP truck that came to pick up at their post.

20 Most every holiday was somehow celebrated safe --
21 safely with masks so our veterans were not forgotten.
22 They knew that we were there to support them in all ways
23 possible and in these uncertain times. There were
24 drive-by celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries, high
25 school proms, graduations, baby showers, birth

1 announcements, weddings, and so many, many more, trying to
2 keep everyone's spirits up and letting them know they have
3 not been forgotten.

4 But the saddest thing that was reported was the
5 loss of so many members to this COVID-19 virus. It is
6 very sad when you lose so many to something that we don't
7 understand. But things are starting to get better. The
8 vaccine is now here and it seems that most everyone is
9 getting it. There is hope that we will be -- we will make
10 it through and maybe next year at this time the Department
11 of California will be holding an in-person convention
12 where we all can hug each other.

13 This year, 2021, our convention is going to be
14 Zoom for the first time that this Historian can remember.
15 For information and the details on the Department of
16 California will be in our written history of how it was
17 accomplished. It's been very -- it's been a very unusual
18 year. We all have learned of new ways to get the job
19 done, but the American Legion Auxiliary is known for
20 thinking out of the box to get whatever project needs to
21 get accomplished for our veterans, their families, and
22 communities.

23 I received 17 reports out of 30 districts. I
24 received 11 reports with supplementals. I received one
25 unit written history, but it was disqualified due to not

1 following the rules. The pages were all out of order. My
2 first place award goes to Best Supplemental District 22
3 Unit 310, and I'm going to probably -- it's Lakiba Palmer.
4 Can anybody help me on that? Okay. And it was RayVon
5 Porter-Jackson. Best District Supplemental, District 16
6 Marion Rocha-Carlos. These certificates will be in the
7 mail after convention.

8 Thank you, President Kathie. These two years
9 have been a true learning experience and a pleasure
10 serving you. You will be receiving your book at the
11 Clovis workshop because I'm still receiving pictures and
12 they need to go into the -- into your memory book. This
13 concludes my report. Thank you for the experience.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Jean.
15 Wonderful job you have done over these last couple of
16 years. It's been tough, but you've gotten it done. Thank
17 you.

18 At this point we do have a special guest. And
19 let's see. I lost it. I lost it. I would like to
20 introduce our distinguished guest. We have seen her
21 around our conventions more than once. She's a wonderful
22 friend of California. Denise Conrad, she is the National
23 Americanism Chairman and Past Department President from
24 Ohio.

25 Denise, how are you? You can talk. There she

1 is. Denise.

2 NATIONAL AMERICANISM CHAIR CONRAD: I don't know
3 how to do this. There you go.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Volume down. A
5 lot of echo.

6 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Patty, turn off
7 the Zoom audio and your computer's speaker. If you have
8 two devices in the room, you only want one device with
9 Zoom audio on and your computer speaker on.

10 NATIONAL AMERICANISM CHAIR CONRAD: Technology,
11 it's wonderful. Can everyone hear me?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

13 NATIONAL AMERICANISM CHAIR CONRAD: I just want to
14 thank the Department of California for being so gracious.
15 My time here is always, always wonderful. And I'm very
16 honored to be here with the 18th District here today. And
17 I wish for you a very, very successful convention. Thank
18 you. Bye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. It's
20 good to see you. We miss seeing you, your shining face.
21 Thank you.

22 Okay. Now back to our committee reports. At
23 this time I will go ahead -- if I can find it -- give my
24 report, and then that will be followed by the
25 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and then

1 Americanism and Children & Youth and Community Service.
2 No. Ann's not here. Constitution & Bylaws.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
4 President?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Melanie
7 Taylor, Department Parliamentarian. Is it possible that
8 we can take maybe just a five-minute break? I need to
9 talk to you on the phone.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We are in recess
13 until 10:35. Ten-minute break.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Thank you.
15 (Recess from 10:27 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: At this time I
17 would like to ask our Vice President Dee Ann to assume the
18 chair and I will give my report.

19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Madame President,
20 we're going to mute all and then you'll have to open up
21 your mic again.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you,
23 Cindy.

24 Dee Ann, are you --

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm here.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you,
2 Dee Ann.

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4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

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6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: To all the
7 members of the Department of California, I do not know
8 where to begin. It has been an amazing journey for this
9 president. I swore I wasn't going to get choked up. I
10 will attempt to summarize these past two years as best I
11 can. The first six months were amazing traveling to the
12 various districts throughout the Department of California.
13 The courtesy, hospitality, and mostly the friendships will
14 be remembered forever.

15 As I began my term of office in June 2019, I had
16 a vision of going to all 30 of our wonderful districts,
17 seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and listening to all
18 of the great work you are doing. Well, that happened to a
19 point. I was able to visit most of the districts prior to
20 our mid-year meeting in January of 2020 and was making
21 plans to see the rest of you when everything came to a
22 screeching halt.

23 Our mid-year meeting in January 2020 was the talk
24 of the town. The job done by our DEC Chairman Anita Biggs
25 and her team was incredible. Thank you. Our special

1 guests, Western Division Cheryl Park, Department Commander
2 Grimsley, along with Philip "Tiny" Stuart, Commander of
3 the Sons of American Legion, and Rey Ruiz, President of
4 the Riders, brought greetings on behalf of their
5 organizations. Listening to the reports of our department
6 chairmen praise the jobs our members had done to that
7 point had me beaming with pride.

8 Our Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Fercho,
9 along with her creative and talented team, had us all up
10 on our feet dancing and swaying to the music as we took a
11 walk, a strut, a stroll and a glide down memory lane.

12 Special appearances by none other than Sonny and
13 Cher, Elvis, and our own dancing flappers made it an
14 evening to remember by all. I do believe that anyone in
15 attendance will be hard pressed to find better
16 entertainment.

17 As I prepared to continue official business to
18 the few remaining districts, we were suddenly faced with a
19 pandemic. In March of 2020, our department was completely
20 shut down. No meetings, no volunteering, no serving our
21 veterans. Just stay at home, be safe, healthy, and eat,
22 which I'm sure we all did.

23 Although I was no longer traveling, there were
24 many things to be done. First we had a convention to
25 address. What were we going to do? How were we going to

1 do it? How would we get our new unit, district, and
2 department officers elected and ready for their year? Our
3 National headquarters had the answer to that. Everyone
4 stays in place for one more year. OMG. One more year?
5 Is National crazy? Is this allowed? It has never
6 happened before, but neither had COVID-19.

7 As the reality of the situation set in, we became
8 Zoomers. Many meetings were held via Zoom to discuss what
9 we needed to do. The hardest decision was to cancel our
10 2020 convention in Visalia and host a Zoom executive
11 meeting. There would be no committee meetings, no prayer
12 books, no Poppy displays, or history books to look at and
13 admire. No luncheon to honor our Unit Member of the Year
14 and our Female Veteran of the Year. No relaxing in the
15 Jacuzzi or sitting by the pool chatting with everyone.

16 But most of all, there will be no members to give
17 a hug to and tell them how proud I was for the work that
18 they did over the past year. Everything stopped.

19 Although I was not able to travel, there were
20 still things to be done such as the Department annual
21 budget, audit, maintaining communications with the
22 Department Office, district presidents, and the
23 membership.

24 During all of this, I came to understand and
25 appreciate the vast talent within our Department. Both

1 the audit and budget meetings were held via Zoom which
2 saved this Department money. I think this could be a
3 thing of the future.

4 As the year 2020 progressed and things began to
5 look brighter, there was hope that we would be convening
6 for our mid-year meeting. Wrong. Once again, COVID-19
7 cases spiked and once again we were back to staying at
8 home and the decision had to be made to cancel our January
9 meeting and hold it via Zoom.

10 By this point we had gotten pretty good at the
11 virtual thing and hosted our first ever virtual mid-year
12 meeting, which by all accounts went off without too many
13 hitches. Although there was light at the end of the
14 pandemic tunnel and we began our preparation for a
15 physical convention, the uncertainty of where we would be
16 with this COVID-19 positivity rate, the CDC gathering
17 recommendations, and whether or not we can have more than
18 50 people in attendance forced us into a decision I was
19 not ever expecting to make again. A virtual convention.
20 But here we are.

21 I totally miss not being able to have a physical
22 convention twice, to see the amazing displays, our colors
23 and banners presented, to be able to reach out and hug
24 each and every one of you, to see firsthand the talent and
25 creativity that went into the Poppy, Prayer Book, and

1 History Books, to look out at all of our talented,
2 hardworking members, to watching those of you who would
3 come to the stage for your awards, to enjoy your company,
4 friendship outside the meetings, to honoring our women
5 veterans and Unit Member of the Year. These are the
6 things I will deeply miss. But the health and safety of
7 the members of this Department is by far the most
8 important thing -- most important -- more important than
9 standing on a stage.

10 To all of the Freedom Fighters, our District
11 Presidents, to all of the officers of this Department and
12 to the chairmen, your courage, strength, and your
13 commitment to this organization over the past two years is
14 proof that you are not only dedicated volunteers in
15 service to our veterans, their families, active duty
16 military and your communities, but to this organization
17 and to yourselves. I could have not hoped for a better
18 group to serve with. Thank you for your commitment. To
19 say this has been an unprecedented term of office is an
20 understatement.

21 We have celebrated 100 years of service for two
22 years and it is now part of our history and heritage. You
23 have all made this President's term one to remember. I
24 thank you from the bottom of my heart and look forward to
25 when we can meet again together.

1 Yours in service, Eagle One out. Thank you. All
2 right.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Very sincere,
4 Kathie.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, thank
6 you, thank you, thank you. I love you all so much.

7 Okay. Back to reports. Mascara is running all
8 over the place. Okay. Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
9 Sergeant-at-Arms, Deborah Straight and Valerie Hill, do
10 you have a report for us?

11 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HILL: Yes, Madame
12 President, I do. This is Valerie Hill, District 23.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

14 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HILL: Assistant
15 Sergeant-at-Arms.

16 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAIGHT: I do also.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

18 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HILL: Deborah, you
19 want to go first or --

20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAIGHT: Yeah, let me -- okay.
21 Yeah, we were getting --

22 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HILL: I could go
23 first while you get it together.

24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAIGHT: Hopefully we won't
25 have too much feedback.

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CONVENTION REPORT

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAIGHT: Thank you, Madame President, for this appointment and chairmanship as the Department Sergeant-at-Arms from 2019 to currently. Unfortunately, I was unable to fulfill my duties fully over the last two years partially due to the pandemic and partially due to going through treatment for breast cancer. But like our flag, I have stayed strong and persevered, a little tattered, but still here.

There were no activities that I am aware of besides DEC in 2020, and I was unable to attend at that time because of my treatments. My Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Val Hill, I want to thank you for resuming and assuming the duties during that time for me. I heard she did a wonderful job.

I'm sorry to say that I will no longer also be a part of the Department of California after October because I'm relocating to Florida, but I have learned so much from all the members in the department, unit level, district level. And as mentors and friends and I will miss you all. And at this time this is the end of my report, Madame President.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,

1 Deborah. We are going to miss you, but you can always
2 keep your membership here in California. We won't object.
3 We've got Zoom.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAIGHT: I've heard that.
5 I'll stay for a while. I'm not going to transfer.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you.
7 Valerie?

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9 **ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CONVENTION REPORT**

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11 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HILL: Good morning,
12 Madame President, and good morning, ladies. During DEC
13 2020, we had lots of fun. I served as Sergeant-at-Arms
14 along with Linda Diebel as assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. We
15 had the pleasure of escorting some of our famous flapper
16 girls and the Department Commander and many other
17 important guests.

18 During 2020 we were in the pandemic which
19 affected our lives and brought on many changes, yet God
20 blessed us all to be allowed -- yet God blessed us all and
21 allowed us to be here today.

22 There were no activities to report during that
23 year, yet I encouraged the units to remember to follow the
24 flag protocols and to stay safe. I am looking forward to
25 moving on. This is the end of my report, Madame

1 President, and thank you for this appointment.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
3 Valerie. You and Deborah did an excellent job. Thank
4 you.

5 All righty. Anita, is Shakira here? Is she
6 available to give a report on the Juniors? I know she
7 brought greetings yesterday.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I can try to
9 reach out to her. I know she had work, but she said she
10 would be here this weekend. So I'll just text her right
11 now and ask her to join us. Okay?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: When it's
13 convenient for her. If she's working, that's a priority,
14 so --

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. I'll let
16 her know.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All righty.
18 Thank you.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're welcome.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We will now hear
21 from our Americanism Chairman Tamra Duron.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Good morning, Madame
23 President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good morning.
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AMERICANISM CONVENTION REPORT

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AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: The virtual committee meeting for Americanism was called to order on June 24th at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Duron. Yolanda Zuniga, District 18, was appointed chaplain and Tammy Wilkening, District 16 was appointed as secretary. Donna Manna, District 25, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. The chaplain offered prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was answered by 13 districts and one guest was present.

Second and third place supplementals were announced. Certificates will be sent by mail immediately following convention. One hundred percent reporting awards will be sent to Districts 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17.

The code was read and the following change was approved by the committee. Code number 4 currently reads: "The Department shall sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest competition to be in the indicated box below with prizes or citations for first and second place merits in groups 1, 2, 3, and 5 and first, second, and third place educational grant winners in group 4. The amount of prize money may be adjusted if funds are not available. The prize for group 4 shall be financed by voluntary contributions from the unit.

1 "Group 1, fourth and fifth grades. First place
2 prize \$100, second place \$50. Group 2, sixth and seventh
3 grade, first place \$100, second place \$50. Group 3,
4 eighth and ninth grade. First place \$200, second place
5 \$100. Group 4, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. First place
6 \$2500 educational grant, second \$1500 educational grant,
7 third \$1,000 educational grant. Group 5, special" --
8 "children with special needs, ages 11 to 14 years, first
9 place \$200, second place \$100. Ages 15 to 20 years, first
10 place 200, second place 100.

11 "The rules governing these contests for each
12 group shall be made available to the units by September
13 1st. Group 5 shall be classified as students with special
14 needs."

15 The proposed change: "The Department shall
16 sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest competition to be in
17 the indicated box below with prizes or citations for first
18 and second place merits in groups 1, 2, 3, and 5 and
19 first, second, and third place educational grant winners
20 in group 4. The amount of prize money may be adjusted if
21 funds are not available. The prize for group 4 shall be
22 financed by voluntary contributions from the unit.

23 "Group 1, fourth and fifth grades. First place
24 prize \$100, second place \$50. Group 2, sixth and seventh
25 grade. First place \$100, second place \$50. Group 3,

1 eighth and ninth grade. First place \$200, second place
2 \$100. Group 4, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. First place
3 \$2500 educational grant, second \$1500 educational grant,
4 third \$1,000 educational grant. Group 5, children with
5 special needs, ages 11 to 14 years, first place \$200,
6 second place \$100. Ages 15 to 20 years, first place 200,
7 second place 100.

8 "The rules governing these contests for each
9 group shall be made available to the units by September
10 1st. Group 5 shall be classified as students with special
11 needs."

12 And this is the proposed change. "Group 5 shall
13 be classified as students with special needs. Students
14 with special needs are defined as those in special
15 education classes, a student recommended for special
16 education classes but who has not been admitted due to a
17 waiting list or various other factors, a child identified
18 as having a disability but not in a special education
19 class due to lack of facilities. Identification
20 contingent upon discretion of school officials."

21 The justification for this is to align with the
22 National program action plan on the definition of "special
23 needs." By direction of the committee, I move the
24 acceptance of this code change.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved

1 to change Education Code number 4 to read as follows:

2 "The Department shall sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest
3 competition to be in the indicated box below with prizes
4 or citations for first and second place merits in groups
5 1, 2, 3, and 5 and first, second, and third place
6 educational grant winners in group 4. The amount of prize
7 money may be adjusted if funds are not available. The
8 prize for group 4 shall be financed by voluntary
9 contributions from the unit.

10 "Group 1, fourth and fifth grades. First place
11 prize \$100, second place \$50. Group 2, sixth and seventh
12 grade. First place \$100, second place \$50. Group 3,
13 eighth and ninth grade. First place \$200, second place
14 \$100. Group 4, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. First place
15 \$2500 educational grant, second \$1500 educational grant,
16 third \$1,000 educational grant. Group 5, children with
17 special needs ages 11 to 14 years, first place \$200,
18 second place \$100. Ages 15 to 20 years, first place 200,
19 second place 100.

20 "The rules governing these contests for each
21 group shall be made available to the units by September
22 1st. Group 5 shall be classified as students with special
23 needs. Group 5 shall be classified as students with
24 special needs. Students with special needs are defined as
25 those in special education classes, a student recommended

1 for special education classes but who has not been
2 admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors, a
3 child identified as having a disability but not in a
4 special education class due to lack of facilities.
5 Identification contingent upon discretion of school
6 officials."

7 Is there any discussion?

8 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: There was a
9 comment in Chat to look at about this.

10 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: There are
11 comments about there is no longer special education
12 classes, that it's no longer called that. But there are
13 different types of special education classes, so I'm -- I
14 would think that special education in this instance
15 probably is good, they're okay. Somebody said special day
16 class, but there was also RSP and other ones when I was
17 in -- working in the school.

18 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Okay. Let me comment
19 on that. I retired from special education at a school
20 district. SDC, special day class, is three- to
21 five-year-olds. There is are RSP and other kinds of
22 special education classes, but they all fall under special
23 education. There is speech therapy, there's teaching
24 students how to socialize better, but it all falls under
25 special education.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Robin, can you go
2 ahead -- she's a current teacher in special education.

3 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: I
4 agree wholeheartedly with what Tamra just said. I do
5 teach special day class. Mine is fourth through sixth
6 grade for specific learning disabilities. And like Tamra
7 said, there are all kinds of different programs. There's
8 the autism program, there's moderate to severe program,
9 and they all fall under the umbrella of special education
10 classes. Thank you, Tamra.

11 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: You're welcome. Thank
12 you, Robin.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Rebecca Marty? We
14 can't hear you.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You're on mute.

16 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE MARTY: Yes. Rebecca Marty,
17 District 7. I know it's all different I know when I was
18 in special education growing up, but my son is now in what
19 they call resource class. They call them resource classes
20 up here in Northern California in El Dorado County, so
21 I -- they've changed the terms up here so it's not, you
22 know, a negative connotation.

23 DELEGATE KIM CRONE: You can also use a student
24 with an IEP.

25 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE MARTY: Yeah, a student with

1 an IEP has certain --

2 DELEGATE KIM CRONE: It has no connotation and it
3 can be explained if it needs to be.

4 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Okay. Let me -- may I
5 respond to that, please?

6 And, Robin, you can also respond if you want.

7 Resource classes fall under special education
8 department. The IEPs, individual education plans, are
9 assessed by special education psychologists, nurse, speech
10 therapists. It all falls under special education.

11 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: I
12 concur.

13 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Thank you, Robin.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there any
15 further -- is there any further discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Liz, can we have
18 the vote, please?

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, we can.
20 Launch that. There you go. You are in favor or --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Motion is
22 carried. Thank you, Tamra.

23 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Thank you. With no
24 further business to come before the committee, meeting
25 adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

1 Madame President, may I continue with my
2 supplemental first place awards and essay winners?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

4 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Thank you. As our
5 country navigated restrictions and setbacks from the
6 COVID-19, units across our state struggled to continue the
7 programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. However,
8 during the last two years, the 249 diversified units in
9 California, some small, some large, some rural, and some
10 urban, have successfully participated in every area of
11 Americanism program. Our members have actively
12 contributed to the Americanism program by promoting the
13 National and Department Essay Contest, Get Out the Vote
14 Campaign, celebrating patriotic holidays and supporting
15 the Flag Amendment.

16 Our members remain dedicated to a democratic
17 nation by educating the public on the importance of voting
18 in every election. Members have volunteered at the polls,
19 taken elderly members to vote, and have helped others with
20 mail-in absentee ballots. One unit enthusiastically
21 participated in registering new voters, successfully
22 adding 75 Native Americans and 125 Chinese Americans to
23 the registration polls. Members were encouraged to post
24 information about voter registration on their Facebook and
25 Instagram accounts, keeping elections fresh in people's

1 minds.

2 Realizing that our organization is nonpartisan,
3 they have been careful not to give opinions or try to
4 influence the vote of those they have assisted.

5 Chairmen have gathered and distributed
6 information regarding the National and Department Essay
7 Contest to schools in their cities. The importance of
8 following the rules and deadlines was conveyed to teachers
9 and counselors. Essays were read and judged by units
10 ensuring word count, title, and necessary information was
11 provided with each essay.

12 Units spent \$1,252.43 on pocket flags and 362
13 hours folding and distributing them. Pocket flags were
14 given to Boy and Girl Scout Troops and were sent overseas
15 to soldiers.

16 Believing in the sanity of the American flag and
17 respecting it is the main objective of our members. Unit
18 members toured their cities replacing tattered flags to
19 businesses and private citizens, spending \$1,829.90 and
20 1,720 hours. Many units provided flags to schools in
21 their communities. Displaying the flag was promoted by
22 providing certificates of appreciation to citizens proudly
23 flying the American flag. One unit reports the Legion
24 Family participating in the Parade of a Thousand Flags to
25 commemorate the 9/11 tragedy creating 30 rows of people

1 each until the 1,000 flags was achieved.

2 One unit donated \$1,000 to the Chamber of
3 Commerce to purchase flags to be displayed on a major
4 highway during patriotic holidays. Another unit annually
5 honors their deceased past presidents by placing flags on
6 their graves.

7 Every district within our department reports
8 participating in patriotic holidays such as Memorial Day,
9 Fourth of July, Veterans Day, 9/11, and the many others
10 celebrated by our country. Flags were placed on the
11 graves of veterans and Quilts of Honor were presented to
12 World War II veterans. Dinners and lunches were provided
13 at post homes inviting the public, veterans, and their
14 families.

15 Many units participated in Memorial Day parades
16 carrying the United States flag as well as their unit
17 banners. Other units consider it an honor to partner with
18 Wreaths Across America placing wreaths on the graves of
19 America's proud soldiers.

20 Auxiliary units report donating to the Legion
21 Oratorical Contest, assisting as judges as well as helping
22 at the events in their districts. Lunch was provided,
23 materials supplied and assistance in areas needed was
24 given by Auxiliary members.

25 Parent appreciation and support of Blue and Gold

1 Star Mothers are events close to the hearts of our
2 members. Units sought out Gold and Blue Star families
3 providing banners and certificates of appreciation to
4 active duty military families and families to fallen
5 soldiers. Appreciation for service to our country and the
6 ultimate sacrifice was expressed to all family members.

7 Members continue to support the constitutional
8 amendment to protect our flag by writing to elected
9 officials and educating the public on the importance of
10 this especially important issue. Members visited
11 classrooms and organized assemblies for the purpose of
12 educating our young in the proper display and retirement
13 of Old Glory. The Flag Etiquette Booklet from Emblem
14 Sales was provided to classrooms teaching students the
15 proper way to fold our flag. Students were given the
16 opportunity to ask questions and participate in folding
17 the flag. Red Skelton's "The Pledge of Allegiance" was
18 used to enhance the meaning of the pledge to these
19 students.

20 One district reports handing out over 1,000 blue
21 flag cards to first responders, California Highway Patrol,
22 police officers, and firemen. The first responders
23 expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the support
24 of the Auxiliary.

25 Units and districts alike began to lay the

1 groundwork for Star Spangled Kids by making teachers aware
2 of the program recently added to the Americanism program.
3 Information was provided in hopes of having student
4 participation during the 2020-2021 school year. One unit
5 reports a class studying the Constitution and the Bill of
6 Rights. Excuse me. Sorry.

7 Units throughout the department proudly report
8 celebrating 100 years of service spending \$8,971 and 2,313
9 hours in planning simple to extravagant events. Community
10 members were invited as special guest speakers as well as
11 Legionnaires who expressed their gratitude to the
12 Auxiliary for their continued support. Dinners and
13 lunches were planned, Marine Corps balls were held, and
14 100 years of service banners were made and carried in
15 parades in post homes.

16 Throughout our units, the Department of
17 California has promoted patriotism and responsible
18 citizenship by providing opportunities for the citizens of
19 our communities to participate in celebrating our
20 patriotic holidays, educating students regarding flag
21 etiquette, giving them the ability to express pride in our
22 country. Units in our department have spent a total over
23 the last two years of \$49,042.59 and 10,709 hours
24 promoting Americanism and sponsoring events in our
25 communities making the public aware of who we are and what

1 we do for our veterans, country, and the many ways we
2 support our communities.

3 Now onto first place supplemental. First Place
4 Unit Supplemental goes to Danielle White, Unit 118,
5 District 27. First Place District Supplemental goes to
6 Tammy Wilkening, District 22. Districts with 100 percent
7 reporting, District 3, 9, 11, 16, and 17. And all
8 certificates will be put in the mail probably tomorrow if
9 my husband agrees to go to the post office.

10 Americanism essay winners. Group 1, Wyatt Roche,
11 Princeton Joint Unified School District. Sandy Heltman,
12 teacher, Lorinda Dowden, chairman, has \$100 check coming.
13 These are third place winners. Sorry. Third place Group
14 2, Chance Brockman with a \$100 check. Sandy Heltman,
15 teacher, Lorinda Dowden, chairman, Unit 98.

16 Third place Group 3 goes to McIntosh Kintzer,
17 District 7, Unit 169. Third place Group 4, Madison
18 Granados. She received -- oh, these are -- I'm sorry.
19 These are first place. Madison Granados received a \$2500
20 grant. Lorinda Dowden, Chairman Unit 673. First place
21 Group 5, Madeline Letter, Danielle White, Chairman, Unit
22 118, District 27. I'm sorry. I should have done third
23 place first, so I'll continue with second place.

24 Second place Group 1, Ariana Spence. Bill E.
25 Young Middle School, District 30. And I have no chairman

1 or address to send this award to, so if somebody has it,
2 please let me know. Second place Group 2, Sophia Golden
3 Carpenter. Carol Olivas, District 7, Unit 169. Second
4 place Group 3, Alyssa Bojo. Danielle White, Chairman,
5 Unit 118, District 27. Second place Group 4, Andrew
6 Barlo, \$1500 grant, Danielle White, Unit 118, District 27.

7 Third place winner Group 1, Maleigha DeVincent.
8 Danielle White, Unit 118, District 27. Second place Group
9 2, Ellen Barlo. Danielle White, Unit 118, District 27.
10 Third place Group 3, Juliana Spears. Lorinda Dowden,
11 Chairman, Unit 673, District 4.

12 Madame President, I would like to thank you for
13 this appointment. It has been challenging having
14 Americanism for two years, but we all hung in there and
15 our Americanism Chairmen did a fantastic job through this
16 pandemic. So thank you for my appointment. This
17 concludes my report.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Tamra.
19 And I must congratulate you as well. You did an awesome
20 job and you hung in there just like everybody else did.
21 Thank you, thank you, thank you.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: You're welcome, Madame
23 President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Glenda,
25 are you ready for Children & Youth?

1 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Yes, I am,
2 Madame President.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.
4 Before you begin, Glenda, just a reminder to all
5 department officers and chairmen. All reports
6 including -- excluding Americanism, Education, Membership,
7 Children & Youth, Poppy, Resolution, VA&R per the
8 Department Code are to be limited to five minutes. I know
9 we're on Zoom, but let's try to keep our time limits
10 together. This includes your committee report,
11 supplemental, and first place awards. So thank you. All
12 right.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madame
14 President?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Linda
17 Workman. Is Finance limited to five minutes? I hope.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No. Finance gets
19 three and a half.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Oh, good,
21 good.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Take it away,
23 Glenda.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

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CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Good morning, Kathie. The preconvention committee meeting for Children & Youth met on June 24th, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. via Zoom. The statistical report for Children & Youth appears on page 24 of the Book of Reports. Sharon Moore from District 23 served as Sergeant-at-Arms and chaplain.

Prayer was given and Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and seven delegates were in attendance. The code was read with one proposed change. That is number 8. It currently reads: "All assistance checks shall be made payable to the Unit Chairman and she shall make all expenditures. In her absence, the Unit President will be responsible. A case number shall be assigned and reported, keeping the name confidential. When unusual circumstances require additional assistance for a period over two months, the Department Chairman must have the written approval of the Department President and the Chairman of the Department Finance Committee before granting an extension. 1989."

The proposed change would read as follows: "All assistance checks shall be made payable to the unit. The unit treasurer shall make all expenditures. A case number will be assigned and reported, keeping the name

1 confidential. When unusual circumstances require
2 additional assistance for over a period of two months, the
3 Department Chairmen must have the written approval of the
4 Department President and the Chairman of the Department
5 Finance Committee before granting an extension. 1989."

6 On the recommendation of the committee, I
7 recommend that we approve the proposed change.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
9 to accept -- it has moved to accept the change to
10 Education Code number 8 to read as follows: "All
11 assistance checks shall be made payable to the unit. The
12 Unit Treasurer shall make all expenditures. A case number
13 will be assigned and reported, keeping the name
14 confidential. When unusual circumstances require
15 additional assistance for a period over two months, the
16 Department Chairman must have the written approval of the
17 Department President and the Chairman of the Department
18 Finance Committee before granting an extension."

19 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madame
20 President?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm sorry.
22 Children & Youth. I apologize.

23 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you, thank
24 you.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there any

1 discussion?

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
3 President, I can't see you all because of this code thing,
4 but this is the second time I heard you say that the
5 Education Code.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That was my
7 misspeak. It is Children & Youth.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Because
9 you said it on Americanism too, so just for clarification.
10 So that was the only question I had.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Is there
12 any other discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Liz.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And you passed.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
17 ladies. Motion is carried.

18 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.
19 Seventeen districts reported and citations were given for
20 100 percent reporting to Districts 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
21 17, 18, 20, 24, and 25. Awards for the second and third
22 place best district and unit supplementals were announced.
23 Third place goes to District 25, Jean Paxton, Chairman.
24 Second place to District 29, Kelly Huff, chairman. Best
25 Unit Supplemental. Third place goes to Unit 777, District

1 25, Elaine Harold, Chairman. Second place to Unit 261,
2 District 18, Gabriella Ramos, chairman.

3 There was no further business for this meeting
4 and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Madame
5 President, that concludes my report. May I continue with
6 my supplemental?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

8 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you. What
9 a wonderful two years we've had in spite of the craziness
10 going on in our world. Try as it may have, it did not
11 slow our dedicated members down. Their attitude was
12 nothing, not even a pandemic, can stop us from taking care
13 of our military children.

14 I am proud to share some of the many things that
15 have been accomplished by our beautiful, ever-dedicated,
16 and enthusiastic members from California. Sorry. But
17 also by individual members that are not able to
18 participate in some of the groups but still found ways to
19 show that they truly care about our military and the
20 children and their families.

21 One of our districts supports a foster care
22 placement home for neglected and abused children. The
23 home was in desperate need of diapers and wipes, so a
24 diaper drive was started that was even taken to social
25 media asking our communities to get involved. With the

1 hard work of everyone, 3300 -- I'm sorry. 33,625 items
2 were collected. Those included diapers, Pull-Ups, toddler
3 wear -- toddler underwear and sippy cups.

4 At back to school time again through social media
5 and our communities, they held a social -- excuse me. A
6 school supply drive. 9,994 items were collected. These
7 items were shared with a foster home, local community
8 children, and a local Army base. One district held a
9 Halloween trunk or treat with 75 bags of candy that had
10 been collected and then separated into individual bags.
11 208 children received a bag of candy. After receiving the
12 bag of candy, they were also given a paper sack dinner
13 containing a hot dog, a bag of a chips, and a drink.

14 Another unit together with Legionnaires and Sons
15 of the Legion worked together and coordinated a
16 drive-through Halloween event. The children received grab
17 bags and participated in costume contests, with the
18 winners receiving gift cards. This was all done following
19 the CDC guidelines to keep the children and members safe.

20 A Christmas toy drive for a local Army base was
21 held by one district. 1,601 toys were collected for these
22 military children. Members got donations of boxes and
23 packed the toys and a local business donated a U-Haul to
24 transport these gifts to the base. In addition to the
25 toys, a children's shoe and jacket drive was held and

1 shoes, socks, jackets, sweatshirts, and 456 pieces of
2 miscellaneous clothing were distributed to the children on
3 the base. Lots of Christmas cheer was celebrated with
4 these military children. Many letters of appreciation
5 were received from personnel on the base and the principal
6 of the base school.

7 Thank you for your service cards were written to
8 military kids at the Royal Air Force Base in Lakenheath,
9 England. 290 cards were sent to military health clinic to
10 be given to children thanking them for their sacrifices
11 they make as a military child.

12 One of the units serves two early childhood
13 education classes at a daycare center. They purchased
14 school supplies and assist with learning and development
15 of these children. A United States flag was donated and
16 they assisted the children in learning the Pledge of
17 Allegiance. The children were taught ways to honor and
18 respect our flag. In July the classes celebrated Red,
19 White, and Blue Week where they used our nation's
20 patriotic songs and books and different patriotic
21 activities.

22 In November the children had Celebrating Veterans
23 Week. Students learned about different military branches,
24 different jobs of the military, and military songs.
25 Veterans were invited to the classroom to meet and talk

1 with the children. One of our units, along with their
2 Legionnaires, talked about flag etiquette procedures at a
3 local church. The unit critiqued the presentation and
4 answered questions that the participating girls presented
5 our flag history, proper presentation, and care.

6 Another of our proud units sold 700 plastic
7 Easter eggs for the Childhood Cancer Foundation. They
8 helped with the drive-by Easter egg hunt and party. They
9 also donated 60 Easter baskets filled with goodies to a
10 veterans village for the Easter party.

11 One of our Junior members participated in an
12 annual 9/11 patriotic program by singing patriotic songs
13 at their candlelight vigil. A baby shower was held for 48
14 first-time military mothers. The mothers-to-be received a
15 layette, sorry, with items for the first three months in
16 the baby's life. These layettes were wrapped in handmade
17 quilts. They were also presented with donated diaper bags
18 filled with more baby items. They were also able to
19 choose from one larger item, such as a stroller, pack and
20 play, highchair, or floor mat toys.

21 One of our members volunteers 80 hours plus a
22 week in an organization called For the Child and
23 volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. This member raised
24 \$1200 plus for Habitat to help build a better future for
25 those in need. She also makes meals each week for a

1 veteran in need.

2 One of our youth Helmet to Heros awards went to a
3 very special 11-year-old young man that was going out onto
4 his porch each evening at 6:30 p.m. with his trumpet and
5 playing The Star Spangled Banner. When his mother asked
6 him why, he replied that he was doing it for his neighbors
7 to have something to look forward to each day while they
8 were quarantined because of the pandemic and to honor his
9 grandfather John who served 32 years in the U.S. Air Force
10 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

11 As you can see, California has been busy. And
12 with everything we've had to over come, I am very proud of
13 all our great members and their families. At this time I
14 would like to announce the winners of our First Place
15 Supplemental Awards. The first place award goes to
16 Charter Cove Unit 755, Christine Evans. The First Place
17 District award goes to District 18 Chairman Christine
18 Evans. And the supplemental has been forwarded to
19 National for consideration for an award.

20 Thank you, California, for all that you have done
21 and all that you continue to do. It has been my honor to
22 represent California and to serve all of you. Thank you
23 very much, Kathie, and I love you too.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
25 Glenda. Wonderful job. You ladies are absolutely

1 amazing. I can't say enough about you. It's just -- it
2 breaks my heart not to be able to hug you.

3 Okay. Ann is still out. Looking at the time,
4 let's go with Junior Conference, Junior Activities.

5 Maureen, are you and Jackie prepared?

6 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Yes.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
8 President?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
11 President? I did speak to Shakira and she is coming in
12 this afternoon.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's fine. Let
14 me know when she gets in and we'll bring her in as soon as
15 possible.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Thank
17 you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. Okay.
19 Jackie?

20 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You're on.

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23 **JUNIOR CONFERENCE CONVENTION REPORT**

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25 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Jacquelin

1 Cleveland, 23rd District Junior Conference Director. We
2 did not have a Junior Conference in 2019 and 2020. We
3 will have one in 2022. All of the -- we sent out
4 information to let the people know that we will have one.
5 We were sorry that we could not have one in 2019-2020 due
6 to the pandemic. I hope that everyone can understand
7 that. That's the end of my report.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Jackie, thank
9 you.

10 Maureen?

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Yes,
12 I'm here. I'm trying to turn one of them off and one back
13 on.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: I'm on
16 the other -- can you hear me?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Can
19 you hear me now? Is there an echo or I'm good?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No, you're good.

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Okay.

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23 **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT**

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25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO:

1 Okay. Good. So Junior Activities met via Zoom June 24th,
2 2021 at 10:25 a.m. Based on scheduling, a decision was
3 made to move to read the code. There was no -- okay. You
4 don't want to just see my chest? Okay. Got it. Can you
5 still hear me?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: There
8 was no code changes and Juniors can be found on page 27 in
9 the Book of Reports. We pulled the winning tickets for
10 what would have been our Junior Conference. Eleven
11 districts were represented, as well as one guest and two
12 Junior members, one at six months of age. The meeting was
13 adjourned at 11:15 a.m. May I move to my platform
14 remarks?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: The
17 Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary have
18 remained as active as the new normal will allow. They
19 were awaiting to see where they can assist while dealing
20 with the unknown themselves. The Juniors, similar to our
21 senior members, have had to try new things and think
22 outside the box over the last 18 months. The blessing has
23 been how our Juniors have stepped up to the plate.

24 Due to the pandemic, Juniors have had to learn
25 Zoom classroom training, which in turn allowed them to

1 teach and assist our senior members on the same. More and
2 more Units and Districts have moved to virtual meetings
3 and the Juniors step up to assist.

4 We have had several Junior members help -- excuse
5 me. We have had some Junior members help safely in-person
6 as well. One district had a school drive for foster
7 children at an Army base and six Juniors and five SAL
8 youth were able to with help assembling boxes and then had
9 a picnic lunch with senior members. Several Districts had
10 trunk or treat activities for children in the community.
11 Juniors helped by prepackaging candy bags to remain safely
12 packaged to distribute.

13 Juniors helped collect toys for children in the
14 community, as well as an Army base. One district
15 collected clothes for an Army base school for children in
16 need as well to assist the district in collecting and
17 packaging candy and toys for Easter bags. They helped to
18 collect over 540 bags and so many toys and candy that the
19 Army base had to purchase more bags.

20 Several Juniors helped their seniors with Veteran
21 Day projects by signing cards to their Legion members and
22 placing a poppy in the envelope. One Junior is reported
23 to assist at a women and teen center for those that have
24 been abused. Juniors help in so many ways. Even if your
25 junior members do not live near you, please do not sell

1 their contributions short. This chairman received many
2 reports with no activity because our Juniors live too far
3 away. Any contribution should be celebrated and reported.
4 They are our members and they do great things and we don't
5 know about it.

6 This Chairman, along with the Junior Director,
7 has been disappointed with not being able to meet with our
8 girls in person at Junior Conference. We miss them
9 terribly, but understand safety comes first. Our second
10 place winner was presented at the preconvention meeting
11 and no code changes were needed. We also pulled the
12 Junior Conference tickets and the winners are as follows:
13 Third place \$50, Pat Burr from District 29, Unit 257.
14 Yay. Second place \$100, James Kernetta, District 12, 166.
15 First place \$200 also goes to Pat Bur, District 29. Our
16 first place winners for best reporting was the 18th
17 District.

18 This concludes my report. Thank you, Madame
19 President, for this appointment.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

21 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Madame
22 President, thank you for this appointment. It has been a
23 pleasure to work with you and I appreciate it.

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: I love
25 you too.

1 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: I love you
2 too.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
4 Jackie. Thank you, Maureen. And I cannot wait until
5 April when we can get back together with our Juniors.

6 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: I can't
7 either.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm looking
9 forward to that. Thank you.

10 Okay. Looking at the time, I don't want to get
11 anything too long. Let's -- Joan, can you do Legislative?

12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR CANNON: Yes, I can, Madame
13 President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Joan.

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16 LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION REPORT

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18 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR CANNON: The convention
19 committee for Legislation met on June 24th, 2021 on Zoom.
20 The report of this chairman appears on page 28 in the Book
21 of Reports. Alberta Cummings, District 23 was appointed
22 secretary. Debbie Hurado, District 14 offered prayer. A
23 total of 12 district delegates answered roll call and one
24 guest.

25 The committee agreed upon the following report.

1 Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Welcome
2 delegates and guests to Legislative pre-convention meeting.
3 Prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4 Roll call was taken. The code was read and there are no
5 changes.

6 Question and answer session was held. Discussion
7 on Legislative collaboration between different veterans
8 groups and local community groups for legislative support
9 veterans and their families. We also discussed how to get
10 unit members excited and involved in the legislative
11 process.

12 Some suggestions during unit meeting -- during
13 unit Legislative meeting, Legislative Chairmen could walk
14 members through how to sign up for legislative e-News, how
15 to process a legislative alert on National website, and
16 using the dispatch for Department of California
17 Legislative.

18 The following awards were presented. 100 percent
19 reporting for District 3, District 8, District 9, District
20 10, District 17, District 20, District 24, District 25,
21 District 26 and District 27. Second place district
22 Legislative Best Supplemental, Lois Corning, District 22.
23 Second Place Unit Legislative Supplemental, Demetress
24 Wheeler, Unit 710, District 15.

25 Closing prayer was provided by Chaplain Debbie

1 Hurado. Meeting was closed at 12:25 p.m.

2 May I continue with my platform remarks, Madame
3 President?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, you may.

5 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR CANNON: The Department of
6 California's American Legion Auxiliary members in the
7 spirit of service, not self support our veterans,
8 military, and their families through their Legislative
9 efforts. For the 2019-'21 year, our members participated
10 in Legislative rallies -- meetings, rallies, town hall
11 meetings, meet the candidates night and subscribe to the
12 dispatch.

13 Members wrote letters, emails, telephone calls,
14 and visited senators, U.S. representatives, the White
15 House, state officials and local officials. Members
16 subscribe to the legislative e-News and we have members
17 who have developed a relationship with elected officials.

18 Our units and districts promoted federal and
19 state bills supporting veterans in the military. Some of
20 bills: Buddy Check Week, Pay Our Coast Guard, Eliminate
21 the Digital Divide, Veterans Recovery Act, Honoring
22 Veterans, Lowering Tuition, Military Surviving Spouses
23 Equity Act, and Immigration Court Improvement Act.

24 Unit Legislative Chairman Danielle White from
25 Inyo Unit 118, District 27 reported their members attended

1 town hall meetings addressing veterans issues and
2 legislation. Kelli Germeraad from Rago-Christopher Unit
3 165, District 5 is a member of Congressman John
4 Garamendi's Veterans Advisory Board. Kelli is just one of
5 many ALA voice for our veterans. They also have -- excuse
6 me. I lost my place.

7 Okay. District 25 had the greatest number of
8 contacts with government and local officials. They also
9 have a very inventive telephone tree.

10 Celebrating 100 years of service, a celebration
11 of our history and heritage, we began over 100 years ago
12 standing shoulder to shoulder with the American Legion in
13 the creation of passing the G.I. Bill, the greatest
14 legislation of our time. The American Legion was asked in
15 what way is recorded GI Bill history as previously
16 published the weakest. One of the remarks was the
17 American Legion Auxiliary deserve a much bigger place in
18 the recorded history. When it is said that the Legion
19 secured literally millions of petitions from the public in
20 support of the GI Bill, it is safe to say that the women
21 of the Auxiliary probably got the majority of them. And
22 that's from the American Legion Magazine May 1969.

23 In closing, we can and must continue our legacy,
24 the gift our mothers and great grandmothers and mothers
25 passed to us in the last one hundred years. We stood

1 strong with The American Legion in advocating for our
2 veterans and military during our first one hundred years
3 and we will continue through the next one hundred years.
4 One hundred years from today, what will all our Auxiliary
5 members say about our accomplishments? It only takes you
6 to continue to make a difference.

7 Madame President Kathie, this concludes my
8 report. May I continue with my first place awards?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

10 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR CANNON: First place
11 Legislative District Supplemental is awarded to Patricia
12 Galatioto, District 25. First place Legislative Unit
13 Supplemental is awarded to Danielle White, Inyo Unit 118,
14 District 27. This report was forwarded to National.

15 Thank you, Madame President. I appreciated
16 serving with you and your dedication to the Auxiliary in
17 these last very trying two years. Bravo to you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Joan.
19 And your commitment to the Legislative program is
20 remarkable. I read your bulletins and it's like wow.
21 Thank you for doing what you do.

22 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR CANNON: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I know
24 she's not here. That's going to be a little much.

25 Susan, Education. Are you ready?

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EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Yes, ma'am, I am.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT

EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Good morning, Madame President.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good morning.

EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: The convention committee on Education met on June 24th, 2021 at 12:00 noon via Zoom. The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 25 in the Book of Reports. And it should be noted here that the 2020-2021 report was amended to include report date because I received some districts after the May deadline. Delegates who attended this meeting received the updated information.

Molly Smith, District 28, Unit 589 was appointed secretary. Joyce Patton, District 23, Unit 252 was appointed chaplain. Donna Mattox, District 25, Unit 421 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. The chaplain offered prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A total of 15 district delegates answered roll call. There were three visitors present.

The committee agreed upon the following report. The code was read and the committee approved the following

1 proposed code addition to put before the general
2 membership for approval. This change, if approved, will
3 appear in code as Code 11.3.D, and it would read. "One
4 \$500 National Junior Member Loyalty scholarship payable at
5 \$500 in the event that California's candidate is not a
6 winner in the Western Division National Competition."

7 The rationale for the proposed is that Department
8 currently provides \$500 scholarships to National
9 candidates who apply for the Spirit of Youth, Children of
10 Warriors, and National President's Non-Traditional
11 Scholarships but are Western Division winners. Since
12 National has added the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship,
13 it's only fitting that the Department of California also
14 include funding for same in the event that the candidate
15 will attend school in California and is not a Western
16 Division National competition winner. The Finance
17 Committee has approved inclusion of this scholarship in
18 the 2022 budget once approved.

19 By direction of the committee, I move for
20 approval.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It's been moved
22 to add the proposed code change to Education Code 11.3.D?

23 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Correct.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: "One \$500
25 National Junior Member Loyalty scholarship payable at \$500

1 in the event that California's candidate is not a winner
2 in the Western Division National Competition."

3 Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I see no hands.
6 Thank you, Liz.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I missed the 11 on
8 that. I'm sorry, but it's 11.3.D. Motion carried.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
10 ladies. Motion carried.

11 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Thank you, ladies. 100
12 percent reporting citations were given to Districts 6, 9,
13 10, 14, 16, 17, 20, and 24. Citations were awarded and
14 will be mailed to district chairmen with units that
15 participated in Give 10 to Education and/or had
16 scholarship winners. District chairmen will also receive
17 citations for the second and third place unit and district
18 supplementals in the packets and are asked to distribute
19 the citations accordingly.

20 This Chair thanked district chairmen for their
21 end-of-year reports, for the wonderful work they've done
22 for the Department of California despite the roadblocks
23 and restrictions imposed by COVID. A closing prayer was
24 given and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

25 Madame President, this concludes my committee

1 report. May I proceed with my statistical?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

3 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Okay. Despite the many
4 pitfalls that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced upon us,
5 the Education program has continued to flourish as
6 Auxiliary members around the state have been able to
7 accomplish some amazing things for our veterans, our
8 children, and our communities.

9 Of the 248 active units in California, 155
10 submitted reports this year and 25 district chairmen also
11 provided input. Sixty-five units reported donations to
12 the Give 10 Program. The amount of items given to school
13 children totaled \$52,457.

14 Hats off to Allied Unit 302, District 17. Unit
15 members there arranged housing for over 200 homeless
16 veteran families with children during the year. In kind
17 donations for this project totaled \$27,343 and included
18 food, clothing, housing supplies, tents, sleeping bags,
19 water, and school supplies. Their members amassed a total
20 of 5,457 for the project.

21 Fifty-six units reported donations to the
22 Department Education program totaling 3,780.

23 Eighteen units reported participating in American
24 Education Week last November. Fifteen units sponsored a
25 veterans in community schools project. Sixteen veterans

1 addressed fifth grade students via Zoom at 14 schools and
2 students heard personal stories about the veterans'
3 military experiences during both the Vietnam and Desert
4 Storm eras. COVID restrictions for the most part limited
5 learning to district learning. However, seven units
6 participated in virtual literacy programs for students.
7 Forty-one units offered a total of \$27,045 for local
8 scholarships. Twenty-five units reported submitting
9 applications for National and/or Department scholarship,
10 although only 21 were received.

11 This Chair is delighted to advise that National
12 awarded a Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship in the amount
13 of \$2500 to Leah Boskovich, sponsored by Newport Harbor
14 Unit 291, District 29. And while our family entries were
15 not selected for the Children of Warriors or
16 Non-Traditional Scholarships in accordance with code, this
17 Chair has awarded \$500 as follows: To Grace Karanick, a
18 Children of Warriors \$500 scholarship. Grace was
19 sponsored by Huntington Beach Unit 133, District 29. And
20 to Jade Bodine a Non-Traditional Scholarship in the amount
21 of \$500 sponsored by Cambria Unit 432, District 16.

22 Department scholarship winners are the Connie
23 Settles Fellowship goes to Mechele Manno in the amount of
24 \$2,000 plus \$350 for books. She was sponsored by Alpine
25 Unit 258, District 22. And to Elana Glenny, an

1 Educational Assistant Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.
2 Elana was sponsored by Monterey Cypress Unit 694, District
3 28.

4 Hearty congratulations to each of these students
5 for their academic accomplishments and our very best
6 wishes for continued success with their educational
7 endeavors.

8 Forty-four units purchased Poppy Seals totaling
9 \$696. A total of 23 veterans hoping to pursue a higher or
10 vocational education were contacted by five units.

11 Madame President, this concludes my statistical
12 report. May I continue with my awards?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes. Ladies,
14 please be sure to be muted. Thank you.

15 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: This year the Best
16 Overall District Supplemental goes to District 18, Kim
17 Clements, Chairman. The second and third place awards
18 were announced during the preconvention committee meeting.
19 I'm sorry. The Best District Overall Unit Supplemental
20 goes to Allied Unit 302, District 17 Rodi Andreescu,
21 Chairman. On Monday all certificates will be mailed to
22 district chairmen for distribution to individuals and
23 units.

24 In closing, this two-year odyssey has been most
25 amazing and challenging and I've learned a very great deal

1 about human nature, living in pajamas, not getting hair
2 cuts, and the art of wearing a mask. Thank you so much,
3 Madame President, for the opportunity to serve as the
4 Department Education Chair.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you and a
6 wonderful, wonderful job. Ladies, I cannot tell you how
7 much I appreciate everything that you have done. And to
8 say thank you just doesn't seem enough, but I want you all
9 to know especially when I listen to these reports how
10 amazing you ladies are. Thank you.

11 Okay. I'm going to be nice to us today.

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President?
13 I think we have --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ruby Kapsalis,
16 District 28. I think District 22 has one of the
17 recipients of the scholarship online. She's right there
18 with Gigi Manno.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excellent.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's one of the
21 recipients of the scholarships.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

23 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE MANNO: Can you hear me?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

25 Congratulations.

1 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE MANNO: My daughter, Mechele
2 Manno, just made her doctorate degree. Thank you so much,
3 Connie Settles.

4 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER MECHELE MANNO: I -- I don't
5 know how to thank you, ladies. You've been inspirations
6 to me for more than 20 years. My mother had no idea I was
7 applying for the scholarship. She didn't even read the
8 materials. It was just an active complete faith, and I
9 want to thank you for all of your support. And I really
10 appreciate everything. And I promise to do you proud.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I know you will.
12 I know your mother. You will definitely be one of our
13 shining stars. Thank you and congratulations again. This
14 is wonderful.

15 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER MECHELE MANNO: Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All righty. Good
17 job. Good job. Yay.

18 Okay. Ladies, considering we ran over yesterday,
19 we're going to break early today by about eight minutes.
20 We will reconvene promptly at 1:00 p.m. And we will be
21 starting off with our nominations for Department Office.
22 So if you are making a nomination, please make sure we are
23 aware because you will be one of the first ones to call
24 upon. It will be for Department President, Department
25 Vice President, Junior Member of Finance, NEC, and

1 Alternate NEC. We'll also have the nominations for
2 elections and alternates to National Convention and any
3 nominations for candidates to National.

4 So, ladies, go enjoy your lunch. We'll get back
5 to business at 1:00 o'clock. Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
7 President?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Melanie.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Melanie
10 Taylor, Department Parliamentarian. To you and to Linda
11 Hayes, forget it. Don't do anything.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Continue on.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. All
15 righty.

16 (Lunch recess taken: 11:54 a.m.)

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1 **AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:01 P.M.**

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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All right,

4 ladies. At this time we will go into the nominations for

5 Department Officers for the year 2021. At this time I

6 would like to call on Karen Herrera from District 15 for

7 nomination purposes. Karen?

8 DISTRICT 15 DELEGATE HERRERA: Okay. Thank you,

9 Madame President. Karen Herrera, District 15 Secretary.

10 District 15 proudly endorses Department of California Vice

11 President Dee Ann Graham for President to the Department

12 of California for 2021-2022.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Karen.

14 DISTRICT 15 DELEGATE HERRERA: Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Are there any

16 further nominations for Department President?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hearing none,

19 nominations for Department President are now closed.

20 Nominations are now open for the office of

21 Department Vice President. Chair recognizes Anita Biggs,

22 Past Department President, District 23.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Is

24 this the proper time for me to give my nomination speech,

25 Madame President?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Thank
3 you. Hello, everyone, and thank you, Madame President.
4 The 23rd District and Jackie Robinson Auxiliary Unit 252
5 proudly endorses Gloria J. Williams for the office of Vice
6 President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of
7 California for 2021-'22.

8 Gloria received her eligibility through her
9 father, Isaiah Jankin, who served in the Army during World
10 War I. Gloria is a native of Los Angeles, California.
11 She attended and graduated from Bishop Alemany High School
12 and then went on to receive her bachelor of arts from
13 Pepperdine University. Her career was in business where
14 she retired from the Los Angeles County Board of
15 Supervisors Executive Board Specialist for over 30 years
16 of service.

17 She joined Jackie Robinson Unit in 252 in 1989.
18 She served as president for the Unit 252 for two
19 consecutive years. She served as 23rd District President
20 for one term. She has served the Department in the
21 following: Credentials, Junior Conference, Junior
22 Activities, Community Service, AEF, Marshal, Americanism
23 award winner for National, Legislative award winner for
24 National, Sergeant-at-Arms, Membership, Community Service,
25 Leadership Children & Youth, and VA&R currently.

1 She is the mother of two adult children, four
2 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, three of
3 which are in the Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary. We ask
4 for your full support by electing candidate Gloria
5 Williams, and it is with great pleasure that I nominate
6 Gloria Williams for the Office of Department Vice
7 President 2021-2022. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Anita.
9 Are there any further nominations for the office of Vice
10 President?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hearing none,
13 nominations for Department Vice President are now closed.

14 Nominations are now open for the office of
15 Department Junior Member of Finance. Chair recognizes
16 Grace Huston, District 11.

17 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Madame President
18 Kathie, as President of District 11, I appreciate this
19 opportunity to nominate Kathy Tellyer as a candidate for
20 Junior Member of Finance Department of California American
21 Legion Auxiliary. Kathy is a member of Lodi Unit 22,
22 District 11.

23 Kathy's eligibility is through her husband and
24 her father, both veterans of the United States Navy.
25 Kathy has been a member for six years and the unit

1 treasurer of Lodi for five years. I am confident that her
2 extensive experience in her career field of finance has
3 provided the depth and breadth of experience to enable her
4 to be a real asset to the American Legion Auxiliary
5 Department of California. I nominate Kathy Tellyer as
6 Junior Member of Finance.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Grace.
8 Are there any further nominations to the office of Junior
9 Member of Finance?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hearing none,
12 nomination for the department Junior Member of Finance is
13 now closed.

14 We will now have nominations for National
15 Executive Committee Person. Chair recognizes Grace
16 Huston.

17 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Madame President
18 Kathie, I am honored to present Joan Cannon as a candidate
19 for the National Executive Committeewoman 2021-2023. She
20 is a member of McFall-Grisham Unit 249, District 11. Joan
21 is eligible through the service of her father J. W.
22 Holiday, a World War II, Korea, and Vietnam veteran and a
23 retired chief petty officer of the United States Navy and
24 her son David, a Desert Storm veteran.

25 She has been a member for 37 years. Joan has

1 served all major chairmanships and offices at the unit and
2 district level and continues to be involved with both.

3 Joan was elected Department President in 2018
4 after serving many chairmanships on the Department level.
5 She is currently serving as Alternate National Executive
6 Committeewoman 2019-2021. Joan has one child and has two
7 granddaughters and two grandsons deceased, all members of
8 the American Legion Family. She volunteers for St.
9 Vincent De Paul, Manteca Garden Club, and several other
10 organizations at her church.

11 As District 11 President, I am honored to
12 nominate my very special friend Joan Cannon as National
13 Executive Committeewoman for the two year terms of
14 2021-2023.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Grace.
16 Are there any other nominations for National Executive
17 Committee Person?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hearing none,
20 nominations for National Executive Committee Person are
21 now closed.

22 Chair recognizes Martha Romano -- oh, I'm sorry.
23 Nominations for Alternate National Executive Committee
24 Person. Chair recognizes Martha Romano, District 24.

25 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE ROMANO: This is Martha

1 Romano, District 24. It is our honor, District 24 fully
2 endorses along with Community Unit 46 endorses Kathie
3 Martinez for the office of Alternate National Executive
4 Committee Person.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
6 Martha.

7 Are there any further nominations for alternate
8 National Executive Committee Person?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hearing none,
11 nominations for Alternate National Executive Committee
12 Person are now closed.

13 We will now proceed with the nominations of
14 delegates to National Convention. Liz, are you prepared
15 or do you need a couple minutes to get everything
16 together?

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have a
18 spreadsheet right there. No. Wrong one. Right there. I
19 am ready.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All righty.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Am I muted? I'm
22 not muted.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You are not
24 muted. Is everyone else muted but us?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I believe so.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Do you read this
2 or do I?

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're asking me?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'll do it. We are
6 entitled to five delegates and alternates for charter and
7 12 based on Department membership total as of June 23rd,
8 2021, which was the date of the last National membership
9 report, for a total of 17 delegates, five for charter and
10 one for every 1500 members. We have -- as of June 23rd we
11 have 17,569 members, divide that by 1500, that gives us
12 11.733. Round up, it's 12. With the four below --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Automatic.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: With the four
15 automatic below, which I'll explain in a second, that
16 leaves 13 to elect. Before automatic. Department
17 Standing Rules National Convention Number 1, the
18 Department President, Department President Elect,
19 Department Secretary or the individual called by the
20 Department President to serve as the delegation secretary
21 to the National Convention, and the National Chairman
22 shall be the first nominated delegates if they are
23 attending National Convention. Each district will present
24 the names of the elected delegate and/or alternate for
25 ratification.

1 The privilege of further nominations provided the
2 number of delegates and/or alternates is under the
3 designated number shall be given by district numerical
4 membership strength.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Will you please
6 read the names of the nominees?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes. Do I start
8 with reading -- well, President nomination would be Kathie
9 Martinez, President Elect would be Dee Ann Graham,
10 Secretary Elizabeth Doidge, and National Chairman would be
11 Melanie Taylor. District 1, no nominations. District 2,
12 no nominations.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Liz, excuse me.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Also Nancy
16 Brown-Park as the Past National President and Linda
17 Workman are delegates in their own rights, so they do not
18 count against our totals.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I talked to Linda
20 last night and she wasn't so sure about her. I had her
21 there because I thought it was National Executive
22 Committeewoman or Person would be the one there, and she
23 wasn't so sure.

24 Melanie, can you guide us here?

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame

1 President, Melanie Taylor, Department Parliamentarian.
2 Nancy Brown-Park is a delegate in her own right as a Past
3 National President and Linda Workman is a delegate in her
4 own right. She is called by the National President to
5 attend convention. Those two ladies do not count toward
6 our delegate strength allowed to the Department of
7 California.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Perfect.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
10 Melanie.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So I'm also going
12 to remove Linda who was nominated by her district, so I'm
13 going to remove her from there as a delegate since she is
14 in her own right.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay. And
16 then who was their second choice for delegate would then
17 be moved up to.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: They didn't have
19 anybody.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Do they have
21 an alternate?

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: All right.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So District 1, they
25 passed. District 2 passed. District 3 passed. District

1 4 passed and District 5 passed. District 3 or District
2 6 -- slow down, Liz.

3 District 6 delegate was Sandy Seddon-Rice and Ann
4 Sanchez as alternate. District 7 --

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Just delegates at
6 this point.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Just delegates.
8 Okay. District 7 Glenda Schultz. District 8 Teresa
9 Canonizado. District 9 pass. District 10 pass. District
10 11 Grace Huston. District 12 pass. District 13 pass.
11 District 14 Gloria Jean Sinopoli. District 15 Brenda
12 Preston. District 16 Jeri Adams. District 17 Teresa
13 Nunez. District 18 Lupe Galaviz. District 19 Jean
14 Cooley-Desmeules. District 20 pass. District 21 Kathy
15 Newlen. District 22 Donna Smith. District 23 Anita
16 Biggs. District 24 Rebecca Stewart-Wilson. District 25
17 Tamra Duron. District 26 pass. District 27 LuAnn
18 Capazzi.

19 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: Liz?

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

21 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: I just had a talk with
22 LuAnn. She called me. She said she will not be there and
23 I will taking her place as a delegate.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm going to move
25 you as alternate. Do you guys have another alternate?

1 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: I don't think so at
2 this point.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. So District
4 27 is Danielle White for the delegate. District 28 Susan
5 Baker. District 29 Carol Borgman. And District 30 pass.
6 So that leaves us right now with 23 delegates and we need
7 to get down to 17. So is there anybody of that list that
8 is not planning on attending convention, National
9 Convention?

10 Ann, you have your hand raised?

11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Yeah. District
12 20 didn't pass. We elected a delegate and an alternate.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I did not receive
14 your form, so who was your delegate?

15 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Delegate was me
16 and alternate was Nancy Heinisch.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. .

18 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Did you lose my
19 emails this year? Because I sent everything in.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There's a
21 disconnect. We've -- yeah.

22 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: All right. I
23 mean I don't worry. It's just like, oh, my God. I'm like
24 I sent all this stuff in. Okay.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Madame Vice

1 President, where are you at?

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Just a moment,
3 Kathie.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Dee Ann, can you
5 assume the Chair momentarily, please?

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Margaret?

9 DISTRICT 30 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NAVARRO: We
10 didn't pass. We sent in our form.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Well, I didn't
12 receive it. Who's your delegate?

13 DISTRICT 30 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NAVARRO: I am.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Margaret, what's
15 your last name?

16 DISTRICT 30 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NAVARRO:
17 Navarro.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Navarro. And do
19 you have an alternate?

20 DISTRICT 30 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NAVARRO: We
21 have two delegates, but the other one could come in at the
22 end.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Well, no,
24 but this is for National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.
25 This is not for the Department Convention.

1 DISTRICT 30 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NAVARRO: Okay.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But for National
3 Convention did you have a delegate?

4 DISTRICT 30 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NAVARRO: No.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.
6 Okay. So --

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Liz, this is
8 Melanie Taylor, Department Parliamentarian.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Ladies, we
11 have got too many delegates that have been nominated to
12 attend National Convention. Do we have any delegates that
13 know for a fact that they will not be attending? If they
14 are not going to be attending, will you please raise your
15 hand so you can be acknowledged and we can work on getting
16 it down to the 17 delegates allowed.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: When is National
18 Convention? It's August. I don't have the dates in front
19 of me. Oh, yes, I do.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Just a second
21 here. It is August 27th.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Through September
23 2nd.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Well, 1st
25 really.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 1st.
2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yeah.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: In Phoenix,
4 Arizona.
5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: In Phoenix,
6 Arizona. Yes. I can't see who you are. Sandra Dowell?
7 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Yes.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Raise your hand if
9 you have something to share, Sandra.
10 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Well, I talked
11 and --
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: What district,
13 Sandra, again?
14 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Fourteen.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fourteen.
16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Okay.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So Gloria or
18 Deborah, neither of you are going?
19 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Yeah.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Gloria and Debbie
22 Hurado are going.
23 DEPARTMENT 14 DELEGATE DOWELL: Are going or they
24 are not going?
25 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: No, Liz, they are

1 going.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay.

3 Ladies, these are only -- sorry. Melanie Taylor,
4 Department Parliamentarian. These delegate names were
5 just called off are the only ones that we are concerned
6 about if they are or are not going to be attending
7 National Convention. If your district did not elect an
8 alternate and you would be gracious enough to step down as
9 the delegate and assume the alternate position, this would
10 help us get down to the 17 allowable delegates to attend
11 convention.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That would be
13 District 17, 18, and 27.

14 Ann Sanchez, with what you just said, if you
15 didn't have an alternate and you would be willing to step
16 down. We have three units that that falls for, and it's
17 District 17, 18, and 27 where they don't currently have an
18 alternate as a delegate. Ann?

19 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes. District 6
20 would like to withdraw.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay. So now
23 we're down to 21. And we need four more -- excuse me.
24 Yeah, four more.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Madame

1 President, Past Department President Linda Fercho,
2 delegate from District 23. I think we are only supposed
3 to have 23. I'm sorry. Twenty-two, not 21. Because only
4 one person has said no and that's District 6 and we had 23
5 so now we would have 22; correct? If I could get an
6 answer on that. Thank you.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, are each
8 one of these nominated delegates attending National
9 Convention?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I know
12 it's nice when convention is right in our backyard,
13 everybody wants to go. We're going to have to put it to a
14 vote. Wait a minute. We have to vote tomorrow. So,
15 ladies, please be aware if we cannot get -- there's a
16 question in the Chat.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: They could still
18 attend as a guest; is that correct?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, you can
20 register as a guest. If your main purpose is just to go,
21 you can register as a guest. Does that make a difference?

22 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE EDES: Madame President?

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, Cynthia.

24 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE EDES: Madame President,
25 just for information, it's 104 in Phoenix today and it's

1 not even into the summer.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Can you identify
3 yourself for the court reporter?

4 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE EDES: Sorry. Cindy Edes,
5 Department 29. It's 104 today in Phoenix today and
6 they're not even into their summer. Just wanted to put
7 that out.

8 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Kathy Newlen,
9 District 21. I probably still will go, but I'll go as a
10 guest if --

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: So, Kathy, are
12 you removing your name as a delegate?

13 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Yes, I'll remove
14 my name.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Kathy.
16 All right. Ladies, we're sitting at 21 right now based on
17 my count.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I could add
20 yesterday, I'm not sure about today. Considering we have
21 no one that is willing to remove their name, we will go to
22 a ballot vote tomorrow.

23 RULES CHAIR PRESTON: Madame President?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Who is speaking?

25 RULES CHAIR PRESTON: Brenda Preston from

1 District 15.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah.

3 RULES CHAIR PRESTON: I will go as an alternate.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Liz, can you move
5 Brenda to alternate, first alternate.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
8 Brenda.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
10 President, Melanie Taylor, Department Parliamentarian. By
11 my count we have 19 delegates now.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have 20. Do you
13 want me to read through them one more time, Melanie?

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yes, please.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Well, you have
16 Kathie, Dee Ann, myself and yourself, District 7 Glenda
17 Schultz, District 8 Teresa Canonizado, District 11 Grace
18 Huston, District 14 Gloria Jean Sinopoli, District 16 Jeri
19 Adams, District 17 Teresa Nunez, District 18 Lupe Galaviz,
20 District 19 Jerry -- or Jean Cooley-Desmeules. I'm sorry.
21 District 20 Ann Philcox.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Oh, okay.
23 That's who I didn't have.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. They added a
25 moment ago because I don't have their form.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Okay. That's
2 who I didn't have. Okay. So now we are at 21?

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Twenty.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me.

6 Madame President?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Who's speaking?

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
9 23, District 23. Gloria Sinopoli, did you say you wanted
10 to take your name out? I thought I heard that.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, they said they
12 were going.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, they were
14 going. Okay.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Madame President,
17 I will be attending election if elected.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Who's speaking?

19 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Gloria Jean
20 Sinopoli, District 14, Unit 147.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you,
22 Gloria. I hear voices so you need to identify yourself
23 not only for myself, but for our court reporter, please.

24 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Thank you. I'm
25 sorry.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Quite all right.

2 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE STUHLER: Hello. My name is
3 Kimberly Stuhler, District 28. Just a question. If we're
4 going to have a little vote, is there a way -- because I'm
5 new to this, but I know I'd like to vote on people who
6 have held some chairs and are very, very knowledgeable.
7 Is there a way we can get a little report on the chairs
8 that those people who are going in for the nomination for
9 the final?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I think the best
11 way to address that is you're in District 28, I'm sure
12 there are people within your district who have knowledge
13 as to these people that have been nominated and they can
14 fill you in. As a new member, we absolutely want to be
15 sure that you are aware of who's going, what their
16 qualifications are.

17 Liz?

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, Kim, give me
19 a call tonight. You have my number.

20 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE STUHLER: I do. Thank you
21 very much, Madame President.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.
23 Maureen?

24 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN-SACCO: Maureen
25 O'Brien-Sacco, District 18 President. Our delegate Lupe

1 Galaviz is more than happy to go down as an alternate.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: And, Madame
4 President, this is Melanie. We are now down to 19.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We're getting
6 there, ladies. Is there any delegate within a district
7 that does not have an alternate that is willing to go as
8 an alternate? Or if you were just going to convention to
9 see what it's all about, would you be willing to go as a
10 guest? You have to be registered whichever way you go.
11 So that's something to think about as well.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: The only two we
13 have left without alternates are District 17 Teresa Nunez
14 and District 27 Danielle White.

15 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: I might as well move
16 back to where I was. District 27, Danielle. There's no
17 problem.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Okay.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. So
20 Danielle is back to alternate delegate. And who was the
21 other one?

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Teresa Nunez,
23 District 17.

24 DISTRICT 17 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NUNEZ: This is
25 Teresa Nunez. We do not have a delegate, however, I am

1 speaking as the Chairman of the National Diversity and
2 Equity and Inclusion Group. So even though we don't have
3 a delegate, I'm going to go because I need to speak.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I see what you're
5 saying. You're going to be at convention as a speaker?

6 DISTRICT 17 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NUNEZ: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I believe you
9 need to be a delegate.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That does not
11 give you voting, however, the alternate --

12 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: No, it
13 doesn't. Madame President, Nancy Brown-Park, Past
14 National President. No, it doesn't give her voting
15 rights, but you could go as an alternate, Teresa, because
16 you're now scheduled as a delegate. So if you went as an
17 alternate, you can still speak on the convention, be a
18 speaker and be an alternate.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

20 DISTRICT 17 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NUNEZ: Okay.
21 I'll go ahead and do that. I'll be a team player.

22 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Thank you,
23 Teresa. I understand you're doing a great job. Thank
24 you.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Liz, where

1 are we at?

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We have 17.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Awesome. Would
4 you please read the names of the nominated delegates?

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes. President
6 Kathie Martinez, President-Elect Dee Ann Graham, Secretary
7 Elizabeth Doidge, National Chairman Melanie Taylor,
8 District 7 Glenda Schultz, District 8 Teresa Canonizado,
9 District 11 Grace Huston, District 14 Gloria Jean
10 Sinopoli, District 17 Jeri Adams, District 19 Jean
11 Cooley-Desmeules, District 20 Ann Philcox, District 22
12 Donna Smith, District 23 Anita Biggs, District 24 Rebecca
13 Stewart Wilson, District 25 Tamra Duron, District 28 Susan
14 Baker, and 29 Carol Borgman.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.
16 Nominations are now open for alternates to National
17 Convention.

18 Liz, would you please read the names of the
19 nominees?

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Do we need to get
21 the hands first?

22 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: Liz, there's a hand. Betty
23 Ramos.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

25 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: I believe I heard

1 you read Dee Ann's name as a representative for her unit,
2 but she's already going in her own right.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: As President-Elect.

4 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Yeah, as
5 President-Elect.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes. That's the
7 only place I read her.

8 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Oh, okay. But I
9 thought you read her name as one of the delegates for her
10 district.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, unless I said
12 her name on accident. No, I don't have her listed down
13 here. I have her up here as President-Elect, but thank
14 you.

15 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Okay. Thank you.
16 All right. I thought I heard it twice.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you. I might
18 have said it again.

19 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Thank you for
20 noticing my hand.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So alternates.
22 District 1 pass. District 2 pass. District 3 pass.
23 District 4 pass. District 5 pass. District 6 Ann
24 Sanchez. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury. District 8 Dara
25 Wong. District 9 pass. District 10 pass. District 11

1 Joan Cannon. District 12 pass. District 13 pass.
2 District 14 Deborah Hurado. District 15 Brenda Preston.
3 District 16 Linda Fercho. District 17 Teresa Nunez.
4 District 18 Lupe Galaviz. I'm sorry. Are you writing
5 this down? Am I going too quickly?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Just a bit, but
7 you will post it, I'm sure.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I will. District
9 19 Melissa Braicov. District 20 Nancy Heinisch. District
10 21 Ellen Fedorowski. District 22 Susie Tozier. District
11 23 Valerie Hill. District 24 Mary Whigham. District 25
12 Cyd Kintzer. District 26 pass. District 27 Danielle
13 White. District 28 Sophie Grant. District 29 Pat
14 Alvarez, and District 30 pass. For a total of 20.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I got 19.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh, you know what,
17 you're right. My calculation is using my top row which is
18 my head line. You're right.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: For those that
20 will be nominated as alternates, are you all going to
21 convention?

22 CREDENTIALS CHAIR WHITE: Yes, I'm going.

23 DISTRICT 17 DELEGATE NUNEZ: Yes, Teresa Nunez.

24 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN CANNON: Yes, Joan Cannon.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame

1 President, how many alternates are we entitled -- I mean
2 alternate delegates are we entitled to?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Seventeen.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And we've got 19.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ann?

8 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Ann Sanchez,
9 District 6. I withdraw as an alternate.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you, Ann.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ann.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Betty Ramos, is
13 your hand still up from before? No. Okay. I'll lower
14 yours.

15 Carol Borgman?

16 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Yes, it's up.
17 I'm thinking.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. I'm going to
19 give you a minute. I'm going to talk to Bonnie Bradbury.

20 DISTRICT 7 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY: I
21 withdraw from delegate. I'll go as a guest.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Could you please
23 identify yourself?

24 DISTRICT 7 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY:
25 District 7 Bonnie Bradbury. I'll go as a guest. I'll

1 withdraw from being an alternate.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
3 Bonnie.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Liz, does that
6 put us right?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It does, yes.

8 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Yes, it's Kathy
9 Newlen, District 21.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Don't do it. We're
11 good.

12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: What?

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We were good. Our
14 numbers are good.

15 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: No, no. Let me
16 speak. I just talked to Ellen. She's not going to go.
17 Can I go in her place now?

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh, yeah, as an
19 alternate. That I can do.

20 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Okay.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm like don't
22 remove her, don't remove her.

23 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, thank
25 you. That wasn't too painful. I do appreciate it.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Do you want me to
2 read through these one more time?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, please. And
4 once they are concluded, if you could put them in the
5 Dropbox that you have created, that will be much
6 appreciated.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Or whatever that
9 is.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, please go
12 back to mute.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I got her. Dee
14 Ann, do you have a question real quick?

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, I do.
16 District -- this is Dee Ann Graham, Vice President,
17 District 15. Do we have two alternates for our district?

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have Brenda
19 Preston.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. I was
21 asked who was going to be my Page and it was going to be
22 Zana Chaney, but she's not listed as an alternate.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Brenda said to move
24 her to the alternate.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So I -- my
2 understanding --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: She can go as a
4 guest and still be your Page.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. I'll
6 let Zana know. Thank you.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.
8 Okay. So alternates. District 8 Dara Wong. District 11
9 Joan Cannon. District 14 Deborah Hurado. District 15
10 Brenda Preston. District 16 Linda Fercho.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, please be
12 on mute.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Linda
14 Fercho. District 17 Teresa Nunez. District 18 Lupe
15 Galaviz. District 19 Melissa Braicov. District 20 Nancy
16 Heinisch. I've got to yell at my kids to be quiet.
17 District 21 Kathy Newlen. District 22 Susie Tozier.
18 District 23 Valerie Hill. District 24 Marie Whigham.
19 District 25 Cyd Kintzer. District 27 Danielle White.
20 District 28 Sophie Grant. And District 29 Pat Alvarez.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Liz.
22 Nominations are now closed for Alternate to National
23 Convention. Ladies, thank you. If you are familiar with
24 what Liz has set up, the little Dropbox thing, all of this
25 will be in there.

1 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madame
2 President, can I just say something really quickly? Nancy
3 Brown-Park, Past National President. Just a head up.
4 This year at National Convention, things have opened way
5 up. You won't have to have -- you'll sign a form still,
6 but the banquet will be limited. So when you get your
7 paperwork, you need to fill it out early if you want to
8 get tickets. And Departments will only get a certain
9 number of tickets, so we want to make sure. There are
10 quite a few less than what we normally have because
11 there's requirements that say right now there's only four
12 per table. Now that may change a little bit as we get
13 closer to the convention, but right now that's where they
14 are with the City of Phoenix, so --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Nancy.

16 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: And every --
17 everybody has to be registered still. Even though it's
18 opened up, you still will not be allowed to attend if you
19 are not registered.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I will have
21 National packets for those of you that will be at
22 installation. Not everyone was invited to installation; I
23 know that. Those that were not invited that are National
24 delegates, I will mail your packets on Monday so you will
25 have them next week.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Liz.
2 Okay. We will now continue with our chairman
3 reports. Oh, we have no nominations for National office.
4 No.

5 Okay. Ann Philcox, Community Service. Ann, are
6 you ready?

7 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: As ready as I'm
8 going to be, Madame President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All righty.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION REPORT

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13 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Sorry I wasn't
14 there this morning, but health over Legion. No offense.
15 The committee -- the convention committee on Community
16 Service met on June 24th, 2021 via Zoom. The statistical
17 report of this chairman appears on page 24 in the Book of
18 Reports. Brenda Preston, District 15, was appointed
19 secretary. Mary Hernandez, District 29, offered prayer.
20 Oretha Calloway, District 25, was appointed
21 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of nine delegates answered roll
22 call. We are happy to report there are no changes to the
23 code.

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Madame President, may I continue with my
supplemental?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely.
2 Thank you.

3 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Thank you.
4 What is the purpose of community service? Community
5 service is the performance of voluntary work or duties to
6 the public benefit that serve to improve the quality of
7 life and/or increase the self-responsibility of the
8 resident in the community.

9 Even though we have been in a pandemic for almost
10 one and a half years, the members of the Department of
11 California have once again stepped up, demonstrating their
12 devotion to advocating for veterans to show what we are
13 made of. They were not going to let a pandemic stop them
14 from helping veterans and their communities in their time
15 of need.

16 Take a look at the accomplishments of the
17 Department of California. All districts and units
18 participated in some form of food distribution. Whether
19 they helped with their local food pantries or set up their
20 own food pantries, members served over 1500 at posts and
21 in the community.

22 Members provided supplies to make holidays
23 special. Backpacks were filled with candies, school
24 supplies, and toys. One district created partnership with
25 Fort Irwin and Camp Pendleton, making sure the veterans

1 and their families had the supplies they needed to
2 celebrate the holidays. Halloween trunk or treating and
3 Easter egg hunts were organized.

4 Libraries have been stocked with books to read.
5 One unit provided large print books for a senior member
6 who has difficulty reading. Cleaning of parkways and
7 mowing of lawns to beautify the community. Members also
8 volunteered at animal shelters buying dog food and even
9 fostering dogs.

10 Clothing drives were held for veterans. One
11 district focused on women veterans and filled bags with
12 makeup and hygiene products. Seniors and veterans were
13 provided transportation to and from medical appointments.
14 One member participated in the Meals on Wheels program.

15 Support was extended to those who protect and
16 serve us. Blue flags numbering 1175 were distributed to
17 the police, CHP, firefighters, and first responders.
18 Units provided lunches and have thank you dinners
19 recognizing first responders in their communities.

20 Members volunteered at their churches. One
21 Junior member helped elderly members how to navigate
22 computers. Members continue to fundraise. Cancer walks,
23 walk, run, and rolls were high on the priority list.

24 Homelessness was addressed. One unit helped
25 two -- excuse me. Helped house 200 families. Thank you

1 one and all for what you've accomplished this year. I
2 cannot believe the purpose of life is to be happy. I
3 think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be
4 responsible, to be honorable and to be compassionate. It
5 is above all to matter, to count, to stand for something,
6 to have made some difference that you lived at all. That
7 was a quote from Leo Rosten.

8 Madame President, may I continue with my first
9 place awards?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: I want to start
12 by saying last year I thought we would be meeting in
13 person this year. And I didn't want to slight the people
14 from 2019-2020 and I was going to announce them on the
15 floor this year, but we're not there so I can't carry it
16 over because I -- anyway, first place awards for
17 2019-2020. First place, District 16 Connie Biggers,
18 Chairman. First place Unit 29 -- I'm sorry. District 29,
19 Unit 277 Marisol Monroe, Chairman.

20 Senior Junior Members of the Year 2019 and 2021.
21 Dana Calhoun, District 11, Unit 108, nominated by Arlene
22 Smith. Junior of the Year, Crystal Reynaga, District 17,
23 Unit 302 nominated by Rodi Andreescu.

24 Awards first place 2020-2021. First place
25 District 17 Chairman, Rodi Andreescu. Second place,

1 District 18 Chairman Julie Morales. And third place
2 District 28 Chairman Oretha Calloway.

3 First place Unit 238, District 24 Chairman
4 Deloris Artis. Second place Unit 741 Chairman Linda
5 Fercho. Third place Unit 211 Marion Rocha-Carlos,
6 Chairman.

7 Senior and Junior Member of the Year, '20-'21,
8 there was no senior member this year. And the junior
9 member was Brielle Butler, District 30, Unit 138,
10 nominated by Karen Gibbs. And this one was forwarded to
11 National.

12 Those are my awards. Thank you, Madame
13 President, for allowing me to be your Community Service
14 Chairman for the past two years. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ann.
16 Wonderful report.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, let me
19 say something here real quick. On -- normally at a
20 convention when we present our platform remarks, we only
21 announce the first place winners. Everything else is
22 announced in committee and then posted to the office. Our
23 Department Secretary has created a wonderful Dropbox. I'm
24 not sure exactly what it's called. All of the committee
25 reports should be in there for the members to go in and

1 see who the second, third place, honorable mention, 100
2 percent reporting. The only thing that we need to report
3 on the floor is your first place awards.

4 This is something that I probably should have
5 addressed earlier. I did not, but we have to adhere to
6 the rules of our convention and that is part of it. Only
7 first place is announced on the floor and that's what
8 we're doing now is the floor. Everything else can go in
9 the Dropbox. Thank you.

10 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: Madame President, Deloris
11 Artis, Unit 283. To Ann, that unit number is 283, not
12 238. For the unit first place award, she said Deloris
13 Artis Unit 238, and that unit number is 283. Did we get
14 that?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She's fixing it.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
18 Deloris.

19 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: You're welcome.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have created a
21 website for all the reports and everything and I'll post
22 it in the Chat here in a moment after I respond to a
23 couple things.

24 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE WEBER: Madame President?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

1 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE WEBER: This is Romaine
2 Weber, District 25. Oretha Calloway is 25 on your report,
3 Ann. Thank you.

4 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: I'm sorry.
5 What was that?

6 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE WEBER: Oretha Calloway is
7 District 25 on your report.

8 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: Oh, I put 28.
9 Okay.

10 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE WEBER: Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

12 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR PHILCOX: You can tell I
13 was sick; right?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. All
15 righty. Ladies, another thing I'm seeing, I don't like
16 the tone of these Chats. We are an Auxiliary. We are a
17 sisterhood. Some of what I'm seeing is not very
18 respectful. Can we please respect other people the way we
19 want to be respected? Thank you.

20 Okay. Linda Hayes, Constitution & Bylaws. Are
21 you ready?

22 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: Just cut mine
23 down a little bit.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I'm trying
25 to get finished early.

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CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: That's good.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: Okay. The Convention Committee on Constitution & Bylaws met on June 24th, 2021 via Zoom. The statistical report of this chairman appears on Page 24 in the Books of Reports -- Book of Reports. Loretta March was appointed secretary, Michelle Soares offered prayer, and Cindy Edes was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 15 district delegates answered roll call. There were no visitors present.

The committee agreed on the following reports. The Department Code, Model District Bylaws, and the Model Unit Bylaws were read. Two housekeeping corrections were made.

Madame President, this concludes my committee report. May I continue with my supplemental report?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: Okay. Madame President, our 100 year celebration was one for the history books. 100 Years of Service, a Celebration of Our History and Heritage taught us that we can always find some way to celebrate even through tough times.

1 In September, Unit Presidents and Constitution &
2 Bylaws Chairmen were due -- who were due for their
3 ten-year rewrite received a letter along with a copy of
4 the Model Unit Constitution & Bylaws, the Department Code
5 for Constitution & Bylaws in the September bulletin.
6 Additionally, each unit that did not submit rewritten
7 bylaws last year were sent the same packet and units that
8 did not do their ten-year rewrites in past years were also
9 sent the same packet, along with letters asking that they
10 do so by the end of December 2020. District Chairmen and
11 Presidents were sent the same packets along with a letter
12 informing them of the units needing to rewrite their
13 bylaws.

14 There was a total of 46 units and districts in
15 need of rewriting these bylaws for this year. All
16 districts and units were encouraged in participate in the
17 National Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day on September
18 14th. It was -- it was reported that five districts and
19 15 units participated. One unit submitted a picture using
20 their post home as their landmark because while it was not
21 a true landmark, it was the last day that the building
22 served as their post home.

23 One district submitted a picture which showed
24 them reading their bylaws at their favorite restaurant
25 during their annual PPP luncheon. This chairman would

1 Like to see more units and districts participate in future
2 Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day.

3 District and unit meetings were held in a variety
4 of ways.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Mute, please.

6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: Beginning
7 March 2020 COVID-19 most meetings are not held for the
8 remainder -- let me start that again. That's kind of
9 tight talk. District and unit meetings were held in a
10 variety of ways. Beginning in March 2020 when COVID
11 began, most meetings were not held for the remainder of
12 the year.

13 By the summer of 2021 new ways to conduct
14 meetings were beginning to be introduced. More units and
15 districts were holding minutes outside as the weather
16 became warmer. Meetings were held at homes, in parks, or
17 outside their posts. Zoom meetings were being used more
18 and more throughout districts and units especially as the
19 weather turned colder. Some held no meetings other than
20 through phone calls. Two units report teleconferences and
21 emails.

22 Unfortunately two districts and 30 units reported
23 no meetings held at all. I would like to thank the
24 Founding Fathers and the framers for their support these
25 two years. Your help has been invaluable and I enjoyed

1 working with each one of you.

2 Madame President, may I reveal the first place
3 awards at this time?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: Okay. First
6 Place District Supplemental report goes to Cindy Edes,
7 District 29. And First Place Unit Supplemental Report,
8 Anita Biggs, Unit 252.

9 Thank you, Madame President, for asking me to be
10 your Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. I especially enjoyed
11 impersonating James Madison with my crooked wig and hat
12 as the writer at DEC. It was an honor and privilege to
13 serve you in this capacity, and I really did enjoy it.
14 Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Linda.
16 And you did an amazing job getting everything tracked
17 down. And thank you, thank you, thank you.

18 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR HAYES: Thank you. I
19 appreciate that.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Susie
21 Leadership. Susie Tozier?

22 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: I'm here.

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LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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1 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Okay. The convention
2 committee on Leadership met on June 24th, 2021 via Zoom.
3 The statistical report for this Chairman appears on page
4 27 in the Book of Reports. A total of 16 district
5 delegates answered roll call and three visitors were
6 present. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. on --

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry, Susie. I
8 just muted you. I'm mute happy, unfortunately.

9 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Are you hearing my
10 printer printing? Is that bothering you?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, I'm just mute
12 happy. Sorry.

13 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Good. I like that.
14 Anything to make you happy, Liz.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry.

16 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Okay. Units survived
17 by using Zoom or virtual sessions to communicate with
18 members. Three Leadership courses were done by District
19 28 via Zoom. I forgot to put the via Zoom in there.
20 District 28. Four districts represented ten members
21 present. District 22, three districts represented, 15
22 members present. District 15, ten districts represented,
23 45 members. It was a lot of fun. We got a lot of
24 information out of it and we thank Liz for educating us on
25 the convention-to-be.

1 Thank you was given to District 25 for the
2 leadership book full of all kinds of information. This
3 tool has a lot of detail about the organization.

4 The code was discussed. Okay. I'm going to go
5 to the code. This is a housekeeping code number 2. The
6 old code is: "The program shall be concerned with the
7 training of all members and should be conducted at all
8 levels." Why did I change it? Oh, "all levels Unit,
9 District, and Department." It's a housekeeping change and
10 that's to add a space between the word "should" and "be"
11 in the second line. That's all that is.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
13 President, Melanie Taylor, Parliamentarian.

14 Susie, if it's a housekeeping change, you don't
15 need to report that on the floor.

16 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Okay. Well, somebody
17 else have any questions? Okay. So I have where I changed
18 the words that "she" to the "chairman" also on there in my
19 code changes. Do you want me to forget those? My next
20 one is Code 4 is a housekeeping change, and that's in the
21 second sentence to change the word "she" to the
22 "chairman."

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Yeah,
24 housekeeping doesn't need to be reported on the floor.

25 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Oh, good. That

1 shortens my report, Liz.

2 Okay. Number 6. Okay. Number 6. Old code:
3 "Requirements for certification or recertification of
4 certified instructors. Attend and/or participate in a
5 leadership workshop for a minimum of six hours. A,
6 certified instructors must conduct or participate in a
7 workshop every five years to maintain their certification.
8 B, proper forms must be completed by applicant and
9 recommendation by the certified instructor. C, after
10 receipt of the application and a dollar to the Department
11 Chairman will complete the blue Leadership card to include
12 the five-year term and forward it to the Department
13 President for signature."

14 New code: "Requirements for certification or
15 recertification of instructors attended and participated
16 in a Leadership workshop for a minimum of six hours or
17 three two-hour virtual sessions." And also delete the
18 "slash or." "B, forms must be completed by applicant and
19 recommendations by the certified instructor." There's no
20 change to that.

21 I'm adding a C: "New certified instructors need
22 to provide proof of completion of ALA Academy 101 with
23 application. Renewed instructors need to provide just the
24 application. Applications must be certified by the
25 instructor of the session. Must be willing and qualified

1 to initiate, prepare, and instruct workshops using
2 instructional tools. Instructors should facilitate if
3 called upon to assist making the workshop informative as
4 well as a true learning experience. Podium lecturing or
5 reading of materials by instructors shall be discouraged."
6 And renumber the old code C to code D. There's no change
7 to that one.

8 I move the acceptance of this change.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
10 to change Code 6 to read as follows: "Requirements for
11 certification or recertification of certified instructors.
12 A, attend and participate in a leadership workshop for a
13 minimum of six hours or three two-hour virtual sessions.
14 B, proper forms must be completed by applicant and
15 recommendation made by the certified instructor. C, new
16 certified instructors need to provide proof of completion
17 of ALA Academy 101 with application. Renewed instructors
18 need to provide application. Applications must be
19 certified by the instructor of the session, must be
20 willing and qualified to initiate, prepare, and instruct a
21 workshop using instructional tools. Instructors should
22 facilitate if called upon to assist making the workshop
23 informative as well as a true learning experience. Podium
24 lecturing or reading of materials by instructors shall be
25 discouraged." And then renumber.

1 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Renumber the old code C
2 to D.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Correct. "After
4 receipt of application and one dollar, the Department
5 Chairman will complete the blue leadership instructor card
6 to include the five-year term and forward it to the
7 Department President for signature."

8 Is there any discussion? I see a hand.

9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: Yes. Diane
10 DeLashmit, District 25. I just have a question for Susie
11 that part of what she put in here is also in Section 8 of
12 the code. Is that being removed or why are we combining
13 the two?

14 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Hang on a second. Let
15 me get the old code out. I'm like Loretta Burns and just
16 throw everything on the floor. Department code number 8.
17 My thing on number 8 says, "Every member who attends the
18 workshop is not automatically a qualified instructor."

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: Yeah, but
20 keep reading it.

21 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Yeah, it does have
22 some -- okay. I want to -- let's see. I guess I went
23 crazy on this one. Hold on. I want to -- I move to
24 remove -- oh, good, it's not just my typing. I'm
25 reading -- I want to remove the last part from "must be

1 willing" to "discouraged" out because it's covered in the
2 next code. I move to make that correction.

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: You're
4 amending your motion?

5 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Yes, I'm amending my
6 motion.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We are
8 removing --

9 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: From "must" to
10 "discouraged."

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Just the --

12 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: See where the word
13 "must" up there at starts that sentence.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: "Must be willing."

15 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Yeah, all the way to
16 the end because it's covered in the next section.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Can you see that,
18 when I highlight like that?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We're removing
20 all of that? Okay. Okay. Do I have a second for the
21 amendment?

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: I second it.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It is moved and
24 seconded to amend the motion by removing, "must be willing
25 and qualified to initiate, prepare, and instruct a

1 workshop using instructional tools. Instructors should
2 facilitate if called upon to assist making the workshop
3 informative as well as a true learning experience. Podium
4 lecturing or reading of materials by instructors shall be
5 discouraged."

6 Is there any discussion in the removal of that?

7 Ladies, please mute. Thank you. Is there any
8 discussion on the amendment?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Judy Henderson, did
10 you have something to share? No. In the Chat Robin is
11 saying that 6 refers to blue cards while 8 refers to white
12 cards. Is that true? I don't have the code so I can't --

13 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: I
14 was looking at it. It's different than what is being
15 proposed to being removed. I was just trying to clarify 6
16 and 8 differences.

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Number 8 says that,
18 "Every member who attends the leadership workshop is not
19 automatically a qualified instructor. Only those members
20 who are willing and qualified to initiate, prepare..."
21 and that's where it's a duplicate. And --

22 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG:
23 I'm just talking about the one part that's not numbered 8
24 that will be. I'm a little ahead of the game, Susie.

25 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Yeah, you are, you are.

1 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG:

2 Okay. My bad.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Ladies,
4 are we ready for a vote on this? Do we have any more
5 discussion?

6 Judy, do you have your hand up?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Not for this.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Then lower your
9 hand, please. Thank you.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: I don't think I need
11 that.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Here we go.

13 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: What's happening?
14 You're showing us your screen that you're working in.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You can see how I
16 have to do this real quick.

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: I thought I had to
18 vote.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You guys can keep
20 going. It will be ready when you're ready to vote.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We are ready to
22 vote.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Now you see
24 how that works. And then I have this other little tool.
25 I don't know if you're seeing this one because I had to

1 remove it. Going down here.

2 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Are you trying to
3 recruit us?

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes. Stop the
5 sharing. Why isn't it showing up? It's telling me to
6 refresh the page. Give me a moment. I'm going to use the
7 -- I'm going to launch this, the one that I have for 6A
8 and then I will redo it when we actually do the actual
9 when it doesn't say -- actually, I can just edit it. No,
10 it's going to send me over there. Launch. Go. Motion
11 carried.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
13 ladies. Motion has been carried. The amendment has been
14 carried. I apologize. New Code 6, Section C will now
15 read: "New certified instructors need to provide proof of
16 completion of ALA Academy 101 with application. Renewed
17 instructors need to provide application. Applications
18 must be certified by the instructor of the session."

19 Is there any discussion.

20 ?(no response.)

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I don't know what
22 my computer is doing. Okay. Here is your 6A.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Everyone vote.
24 Thank you.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Motion

1 carried.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
3 ladies.

4 Liz, can you put -- I need a bit of
5 clarification, please, on the proposed housekeeping change
6 to Code 4. Can you pop Code 4 back up there?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Where did it go?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Melanie, this is
9 listed -- this is listed as a housekeeping change and I
10 just want to be sure that that's actually what it is.
11 We're removing "she" and putting the word "chairman" in.
12 Is that something we need to vote on?

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: That will be
14 a housekeeping change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That would be.
16 Okay. I just wanted to clarify. Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Uh-huh.

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Melanie, you shortened
19 my code changes. Okay. There was a paragraph between 6
20 and 8 -- 6 and 7 and it didn't have a number on it because
21 the way it was formatted. So that now becomes -- 7
22 becomes 8 and now all the other codes down below are going
23 to be renumbered because of that.

24 And there's also in that a housekeeping
25 correction to capitalize "National" for the National

1 Emblem Sales. That's just a housekeeping thing.

2 Okay. Code -- and then so 8 becomes 9, 9 becomes
3 10, 10 becomes 11, 11 becomes 12. Old code 11, which is
4 now 12, is being reworded. It's completely reworded. I'm
5 deleting out everything to do with the orientation course,
6 the PDF files. Number -- it's the new 12: "National ALA
7 Academy now teaches members about our organization's
8 history, basic protocol, and basic conduct or business.
9 The American Legion Auxiliary is providing all members
10 with tools they need to help grow the organization as a
11 team. The academy courses are designated to help members
12 learn online at no cost to them." And then it attached
13 the URL.

14 The committee moves for the adoption of this
15 change.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
17 to adopt new code 12 to read: "National ALA Academy now
18 teaches members about our organization, history, basic
19 protocol, and basic conduct or business. The American
20 Legion Auxiliary is providing all members with the tools
21 they need to help grow the organization as a team. The
22 academy courses are designed to help members learn online
23 and at no cost to them," followed by the URL.

24 Is there any discussion?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Where's my polls?

1 Where did they go?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Judy, is your
3 hand up for this? Judy Henderson?

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
5 President, this is Melanie Taylor, Department
6 Parliamentarian. Judy's hand has been up for quite a
7 while. I think she just forgot to turn it off.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: She just did.
9 Thank you.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: You're
11 welcome.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Let's
13 vote.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.

15 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: Now we are renumbering
16 13 to 14, 14 to 15. That concludes -- oh, wait a minute,
17 wait a minute. Second Place District report, District 25,
18 Tamra Duron, Chairman. Third Place District report,
19 District 19, Linda Diebel, Chairman. Second Place Unit
20 report, Unit 500, District 21, Kathy Newlen, Chairman.
21 Third Place Unit, District 29, Mary Hernandez, Chairman.

22 Now may I give my floor report?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You can.

24 LEADERSHIP CHAIR TOZIER: 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
25 have been a unique time of our lives. Units have to be

1 creative to perform the mission of the American Legion
2 Auxiliary, service to the veterans and their families.

3 Members use Zoom or some type of virtual session.
4 Without these virtual sessions, communications between
5 members was available. Those units and districts that
6 utilized virtual sessions to provide information about
7 what was being done within the organization. The goal of
8 this Chairman was to get members to utilize the ALA
9 Academy resources. Not only do they have courses, but
10 they also -- you can also see the workshops you missed
11 throughout the year.

12 Ladies, there is really good ones. Especially
13 Poppy, one of the ones on poppies. There's also Junior
14 workshops too. This is a good modern method to provide
15 information to all members. Please utilize this excellent
16 tool.

17 Awards. Best District report, District 29 Cat
18 Katz. District Unit word, Unit 211, District 16 Chairman
19 Marion Rocha-Carlos. District with the highest number of
20 courses completed, District 21. And they're going to get
21 a \$25 check. I promised them that. The unit with the
22 highest number of courses completed, Unit 79, District 21.

23 Thank you for being so flexible and utilizing the
24 tools and completing the American Legion Auxiliary minutes
25 -- mission. And it was really great. The next year's

1 chairman, utilize the Zoom for some of your trainings if
2 you want to get more members from other districts to come
3 in so they don't have to drive and stuff. It worked out
4 great and the interaction was wonderful.

5 I conclude my report. Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Susie.
7 Excellent.

8 Okay. Loretta, Past Presidents Parley, are you
9 ready? I know you've got somebody with you.

10 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Yes, I am.

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12 **PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT**

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14 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR MARSH: The Past
15 Presidents Parley committee met on June 24th, 2021 via
16 Zoom. The statistical report of this chairman is on page
17 29 in the Book of Reports, but if you look there it's
18 going to say no data received. I am so ashamed that I
19 overlooked that. I -- trust me, it won't happen again.

20 Pat Alvarez from 29 was appointed Secretary.
21 Valerie Hill, District 23, offered prayer, and Melanni
22 Wiedrich from 16 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total
23 of ten district delegates answered roll call. Code was
24 read and the following code change passed. The only thing
25 we wanted to do on the very, very last paragraph of the

1 code change, it states -- it lists our military groups.
2 "The nomination form and rules for nominating women who
3 are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy,
4 Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard (including National
5 Guard and a reserve component of each branch) for the
6 Salute to Servicewomen Women Award can be found on the
7 department website."

8 The change that we are proposing is to add "Space
9 Force." That's the new one that National wants us to add
10 in there. So after "Air Force" we would place a comma and
11 place "Space Force."

12 So it would read: "The nomination form and rules
13 for nominating women who are currently serving our country
14 in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space
15 Force, or Coast Guard (including National Guard and
16 reserve components of each branch) for the Salute to
17 Service Woman Award can be found on the Department
18 website."

19 Madame President, by direction of the committee,
20 I move the adoption of this code change.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
22 to change Past Presidents Parley code to read as follows
23 -- is there a number on this, Loretta? No.

24 PPP CHAIR MARSH: It's at the very end. That was
25 another thing, yeah, the last paragraph there.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: "The nomination
2 form and rules for nominating women who are currently
3 serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
4 Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard (including National
5 Guard and reserve components of each branch) for the
6 Salute to Service Women Award can be found on the
7 Department website. The completed form and a written
8 narrative (750 words or less) or a YouTube video (3
9 minutes or less), done by the nominee, must be sent to the
10 National Past Presidents Parley Chairman by deadline set
11 by National. A copy of this nomination must also be sent
12 to the Department Past President Parley Chairman by the
13 second Friday in May so that she can contact the nominee
14 regarding the Department function that she will be
15 honored."

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: My computer.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: There's our
20 wonderful secretary's tool.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Motion
22 carried.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
24 ladies. Motion was carried.

25 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Thank you. 100 percent

1 reporting and honorable mentions were announced in
2 committee.

3 Madame President, that concludes my committee
4 report. May I proceed with my supplemental?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

6 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Okay. The copy you have in
7 front of you, Madame President, I'm going to skip the
8 first two paragraphs because they're just repeating what
9 almost every other report has had in it, just telling what
10 a horrible year we've had with COVID. So I'll go to the
11 real stuff here, skip those. You don't need to hear it
12 again in lieu of the time.

13 But all is not doom and gloom. Some units and
14 districts have reported finding ways to serve and to honor
15 our women veterans. Twenty-two units reported seeking
16 active duty women and honored them by gift giving them
17 with scarfs for vets, paying their Auxiliary dues, and
18 inviting them as guests to speak at meetings by Zoom. Ten
19 women veterans were reported adopted by units who helped
20 them meet their needs. Drive-by baby showers and birthday
21 acknowledgments were arranged. Twenty-one units reported
22 seeking active duty service awards -- active duty
23 servicewomen for awards and honoring them and their units,
24 but sadly there were no candidates forwarded to the
25 Department for honors. The same is true for Auxiliary

1 Member of the Year, no submissions made. I hope that
2 changes next year.

3 Thirty-five units reported past presidents
4 helping train new leaders and encouraging members. Many
5 telephone calls were made and hundred of cards and notes
6 sent out to keep some sort of communication with members.
7 Members stayed in contact through Zoom, Go-To Meeting, and
8 telephone conferencing. In spite of the obstacles, eight
9 units reported starting new parleys. Our past presidents
10 served as mentors and many are volunteers serving in
11 veterans homes and hospitals, although this year they have
12 not been allowed in because of COVID.

13 One department -- no. Our department sponsors a
14 nurses scholarship every year to a continuing student in
15 nursing that is a veteran or spouse or child of a veteran.
16 We have selected the recipient for this year's award. She
17 is a very hardworking woman, and it's an honor to help her
18 in her career and education. This year our recipient
19 chosen is Ashley J. Weber from Oceanside sponsored by
20 Larry E. Holmberg, Unit 731, District 22.

21 Department of California has 30 districts
22 comprised of 240 units and I received 19 district reports
23 with only nine that reported 100 percent reporting. While
24 that could be better, I am proud of the units and past
25 presidents that have remained dedicated and gotten things

1 done for our veterans and communities. And I can
2 understand and sympathize with the units that have had
3 trouble and can hope that things pick up and look a little
4 brighter for them in the coming year.

5 No supplementals met the criteria for first place
6 honors, but honors were presented in -- other honors were
7 presented in the committee meeting.

8 This concludes the Past Presidents Parley report.
9 Madame President, may I continue with a special
10 presentation?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

12 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Okay. Now with Madame
13 President Kathie's prior permission, I have a wonderful
14 surprise for you. If you attended the 2018 Convention,
15 you know that my project for that year was Paws for Purple
16 Hearts. And we were honored to have two puppies attend
17 convention and were giving the privilege of naming one of
18 them. We chose the name Liberty with Libby as a nickname.

19 This summer Liberty has completed -- has
20 completed her training enhancing the lives of over 500
21 veterans and is graduating and going into the next phase
22 of her career. As a special treat because all you ladies
23 made all this possible, as a special treat, Liberty and
24 Megan are back. And we want to give them a most hardy
25 welcome and thank them so much for taking their time to be

1 So a little bit about us. We officially
2 incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2011. So this year is
3 actually our ten-year anniversary. And we're based -- we
4 actually have an office right here at the Menlo Park VA.
5 And since 2011, we've expanded to five sites nationally
6 including Virginia, Alaska, Texas and San Diego as well.

7 Services we provide are social therapy,
8 canine-assisted water therapy is when we actually get the
9 veterans to help train our service dogs for other veterans
10 as part of their therapy, and then as well as providing
11 fully trained service dogs and facility dogs for service
12 members and veterans.

13 And what makes us unique from other service dog
14 organizations is that we also provide canine water therapy
15 where we use our dogs in training to provide therapy for
16 veterans and service members with PTSD or TBI. And yep,
17 so while training, our dogs learn most mobility and
18 psychiatric commands. So they're able to retrieve items,
19 open the doors, turn on the lights. And Liberty is going
20 to demo some commands.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excellent.

22 PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS TAMARA: So we'll show a
23 little demo. My name is Tamara. So when Libby came back
24 to California, I got to be her finishing trainer is what
25 we call it. And I love all of your comments that you guys

1 are putting that she is just the cutest little ball of
2 fur. You guys got to meet her before I did, so I'm very
3 jealous. You got to see her as a puppy for her puppy
4 photos.

5 So we wanted just kind of share with you the
6 journey that you guys actually allowed her to have by
7 being in our canine-assisted water therapy. Here at Menlo
8 Park we work with the trauma and recovery program. So we
9 work with the men and women that are here for about 60 to
10 90 days. And they actually get to take our dogs to the
11 program with them overnight sometimes.

12 So Libby was one of those dogs that got to do
13 that. And she is a really special spirit. She actually
14 helped one of gentlemen, he was isolating and he wasn't
15 really involved in the community. And that's a lot of the
16 things that our veterans do, which I'm sure you guys know
17 because you guys are so engrained in veterans.

18 But Libby, you know, kind of had to make him go
19 out and be part of the community, and at the end of the
20 three weeks that he had with her, he actually had people
21 coming with him and walking over to our groups with him.
22 So she brought him into the community, which is just
23 really a huge deal.

24 And so not only that, during her training she's
25 now on our ten-year anniversary going to be a service dog,

1 which is extremely exciting. We're going to have our
2 graduation in San Diego. And I am going to show you guys
3 a little bit about what she can do and she will hopefully
4 be doing for her veteran.

5 Let us know if you guys can see us and hear us
6 while we're doing these demos, if you guys don't mind.

7 Libby, are you ready? So the first thing that
8 I'm going to do is we'll have her open doors for us. So
9 this is going to be a mobility task that we teach our dogs
10 where they open the fridge and they can get medicine out
11 or get a drink out or kind of whatever it is that they
12 need. They can open any cabinet.

13 Libby, are you ready? Libby, tug. I know the
14 camera is right there. She's like, hey, guys. That's it.
15 Tug. That's it. Good girl. Okay. Push. Other side.
16 Go. Push. Good dog, Libby. Good girl.

17 So that's one of the mobility tasks that we teach
18 our dogs to do. We'll just do one more. We don't know
19 how much time we have, but I don't want to keep you guys
20 for long. But basically we have a lot of grounding
21 commands. So like Megan said, we have over 75 commands
22 that we have our dogs do. One of them is grounding where
23 we can have the dogs nudge us when they're stressed or
24 anything like that. But this one is particularly when
25 you're out in public and we need almost vestibular

1 support, so to help calm us down. We call this snuggle.

2 Liberty, are you ready? Snuggle. She knows
3 exactly how to do this. It's really something.

4 PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS MEGAN: Well, thank you
5 guys so much. I just wanted to say we just so appreciate
6 you guys and getting to see Ms. Liberty. Libby, up. Good
7 girl. She's much bigger now. And then each of our dogs
8 as their own hashtag, so you can follow or you can see
9 Liberty's journey on all of our social media channels by
10 searching #PPHLiberty and you can see all the photos of
11 her.

12 So I think that's all from us. Thank you guys so
13 much.

14 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Well, thank you for being here.
15 This is a real treat.

16 PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS MEGAN: Thank you. Yeah,
17 and we're just so grateful for you, Loretta. Libby, she's
18 one of my favorite pups too and she's just really making a
19 good impact with the veterans.

20 PPP CHAIR MARSH: I love her to pieces. I want
21 her to come live with me.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, thank
23 you. That was wonderful.

24 Libby, you are a precious girl. Yes, you are.
25 All righty.

1 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Thank you again.

2 And, Madame President, with that, that concludes
3 my report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
5 Loretta. Awesome report. Hands down the best.

6 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Can't lose with a doggy.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Absolutely not.
8 Wow. Okay. Let's go to -- we came back at 1:00. Do we
9 want to take a little break, ladies?

10 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: I feel bad for
11 whatever has to follow Liberty.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah, I know.
13 It's like hummm.

14 PPP CHAIR MARSH: I wish it could have been in
15 person so we could pet her.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah, really,
17 really. Oh, she's precious.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: This is Susie
19 Tozier, District 22. You should have seen Loretta when I
20 did my visit to that group. She had those puppies all
21 over her lap.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah, I remember
23 that.

24 Okay. Ladies, I'm going to take a --

25 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Kathie?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

2 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: This is Teresa
3 Canonizado, District 8, San Francisco Unit 1. I would
4 like you to meet my husband, Past Commander Jose
5 Canonizado, San Francisco Post 1.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good afternoon,
7 sir.

8 PAST COMMANDER CANONIZADO: Hi. How are you?

9 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Right there.
10 That's my husband.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you for
12 sharing your wife with us.

13 PAST COMMANDER CANONIZADO: The post couldn't do
14 much without you. Everybody says that at the Legion.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All righty, sir.
16 Thank you.

17 Thank you, Teresa.

18 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Let me put it
19 this way, Kathie. San Francisco Post 1 is the oldest post
20 in San Francisco alone. Loretta knows and Sandy knows and
21 Linda Workman how old that post has been. So I'm very
22 proud of my husband. He has stepped down, but he still
23 does Boys State and Oratorical.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Terrific,
25 Teresa. Thank you very much. I don't mean to interrupt,

1 but we do need to move on.

2 I want to take -- let's take a ten-minute break.
3 Not quite ten minutes. My clock says 2:42. We'll be back
4 at 2:50, ten minutes of 3:00. And after that then we're
5 going to go into National Security, Public Relations, and
6 whatever else I can get done today.

7 (Recess from 2:43 p.m. to 2:52 p.m.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, are we
9 ready to continue? Public Relations. Oh, no, no.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: National Security.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: National
12 Security. Donna.

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14 **NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT**

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16 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR SMITH: Yes. The
17 convention committee for National Security had a little
18 hiccup, however, the chairmen who were present shared how
19 they were able to work the National Security program in
20 the middle of a pandemic. One of the chairmen that was
21 present will be taking back to her unit some of the ideas
22 that were shared at this meeting. Good things can come
23 from mishaps.

24 Madame President, may I continue with my platform
25 remarks and first place winners?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Sure.

2 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR SMITH: Madame President
3 Kathie Martinez, it has been a pleasure to serve as your
4 National Security Chairman for the past two years. This
5 chairman received 24 reports with seven obtaining 100
6 percent reporting. Total volunteer hours, 29,565. Total
7 spent, \$61,171.75. Service members served, 11,082.

8 One district participated in a military spouse
9 appreciation day in which an American Gold Star Manor
10 hosted the event in their new facility. The American
11 Legion Auxiliary volunteered hand in hand with Gold Star
12 Mothers by decorating, providing lunch, games and gifts
13 for those attending.

14 As reported by the Department of Defense,
15 California has over 280,000 active duty and reserve
16 members and this number excludes those stationed overseas.

17 One district donated 69 pints of blood in one
18 year, which has the ability to save over 200 lives. This
19 district also shipped to our troops overseas twice a year
20 and this past November they put together 342 care
21 packages. They also sent specific boxes for males,
22 females, and canine warriors because their needs are
23 different.

24 Some of our American Legion Auxiliary members
25 participated in CERT courses, FEMA, and community

1 preparations. The most important thing to remember is no
2 matter what is going on in our nation, the young men and
3 women of our United States military continue to serve and
4 the American Legion Auxiliary stands ready to honor and
5 support them in any way possible, even with the creativity
6 in the face of pandemic.

7 The first place supplemental unit went to Unit
8 291. And first place district supplemental went to
9 District 29. Madame President, this concludes my report.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Donna.
11 Excellent job again. I know it sounds repetitive, but you
12 ladies are just absolutely wonderful. Thank you for
13 staying with us for two years. It is so appreciated.

14 Okay. Public Relations. Victoria.

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16 **PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT**

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18 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Yes,
19 Madame President. The convention committee on Public
20 Relations met on June 24th, 2021 via Zoom. The
21 statistical report of this chairman says it appears on
22 page 30, but like Loretta, I apologize, I did not send it
23 in. I'm still learning, so I apologize for that.

24 Geni Lefler, District 14, was appointed
25 secretary. Kelly Huff, District 29, offered prayer, and

1 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, District 19, was appointed
2 sergeant-at-arms. A total of 14 district delegates
3 answered roll call. There were zero visitors present.

4 The committee agreed upon the following report.
5 Department code was read in its entirety by the secretary.
6 A new addition to department code Public Relations was
7 presented as well as the resolution for said department
8 code change. Glenda Schultz moved to accept the new
9 addition to code and was seconded by Yvonne Evans. No
10 discussion, no opposition, motion passed, and will be
11 presented on convention floor.

12 Madame President, may I make that -- read that
13 code now?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

15 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Okay. We
16 are adding -- there are seven codes and this will be -- we
17 would be adding a seventh code. And I always have a hard
18 time pronouncing this name so I'm sorry. I apologize
19 ahead of time. "Odette" --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Cuccaro.

21 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: --
22 "Cuccaro Award officially recognizes a member or unit of
23 the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California for
24 outstanding public relations efforts that contribute
25 significantly to the positive image of the ALA. Written

1 entry of no more than 300 words describing the efforts of
2 an individual or unit that promotes the ALA and their
3 mission from the past year must be submitted to Department
4 Public Relations Chairman along with their end-of-the-year
5 report. A \$100 check which will be the responsibility and
6 written by the 18th District of California will be
7 presented to the winner by a representative of District 18
8 at the Department Convention."

9 Madame President, I move that we accept and add
10 this seventh code to our Public Relations Department Code.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
12 to add a Code 7 to the Department Public Relations Code as
13 follows: "The Odette Cuccaro Award officially recognizes
14 a member or unit of this American Legion Auxiliary
15 Department of California for outstanding public relations
16 efforts that contribute significantly to the positive
17 image of the ALA. A written entry of no more than 300
18 words describing the efforts of an individual or unit that
19 promotes the ALA and their mission from the past year must
20 be submitted to Department Public Relations Chairman along
21 with their end-of-year report. A \$100 check which will be
22 the responsibility and written by the 18th District of
23 California will be presented to the winner by a
24 representative of District 18 at the Department
25 Convention."

1 Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, let's
4 vote.

5 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Did we
6 have a second on that?

7 DISTRICT 23 DELEGATE EVANS: This is Eve Evans,
8 District 23. I second that motion.

9 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Thank
10 you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It's a
12 recommendation of the committee. We do not need a second.

13 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Oh, okay.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No problem.
15 Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oops. Sorry.
17 Distracted by the Chat. Motion carries.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
19 ladies. This department code has been accepted.

20 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Thank
21 you. I did announce the second and third place winners in
22 the meeting and you'll be able to find them in the
23 Dropbox.

24 Madame President, may I continue with my report?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

1 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Thank
2 you. Madame Department President Kathie, Department
3 Officers, and Delegates, to say that this was a tough year
4 -- oops -- for the Pony Express would be an
5 understatement. Many districts sent apologies with the
6 reports for not being able to do as much as they have done
7 in the past, but no apology is necessary because we have
8 all done the best we could under these unusual
9 circumstances. And I thank all the units and the
10 districts who sent in reports. That being said, here is
11 my report.

12 I received 18 reports. Sixty-two members
13 subscribe to e-News with six being new this year.
14 Forty-two articles were submitted to newspapers with 37 of
15 them being published. Two letters were submitted to the
16 editor with none being published. Four TV, five radio,
17 and two cable reports interviews or events were aired.
18 Thirty-four units and four districts reported having
19 websites, with one being launched this year. Thirty-six
20 units and five districts reported having Facebook pages
21 with 197 unit members and nine members in district using
22 their personal Facebook account to promote information and
23 activities.

24 One district reported having a Twitter account.
25 Five units record having an active and updated media

1 contact list with two providing a copy to their district
2 chairman.

3 We had one district start an Instagram account in
4 August of 2020 and now have 172 followers. Two units were
5 featured in the Auxiliary Magazine for the way their units
6 are giving back during the pandemic, and their district
7 was also featured in the Auxiliary Magazine for a district
8 event.

9 As you can see, this past year social media
10 played a big part in helping us to get our information out
11 to our members and the community. And even though things
12 got tough this last, our Pony Express got their job done
13 through rain, wind, hail, fires, and yes, even a pandemic.

14 I received seven supplemental reports, and the
15 first place go to Stephanie Huff, District 18. I want to
16 thank you for -- I want to thank you all for your hard
17 work. The Pony Express stayed strong and got the job done
18 this year, but as one of the members said in her
19 supplemental report, even ponies get tired. I know this
20 one is ready to spend some time out in the old pasture for
21 a spell.

22 President Kathie, I thank you for this
23 appointment and I have to tell you that you were very
24 brave to ask this rookie to take on this assignment. I
25 actually enjoyed it and I learned a lot, but still have a

1 lot to learn. Thank you. God bless you, God bless us
2 all, and God bless the United States of America.

3 Respectfully submitted, Victoria Ferreira-Allen,
4 Department of California Public Relationships Chairman.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
6 Victoria. I knew you would do a good job. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR FERREIRA-ALLEN: Hopefully
8 I'll do better Sunday. Thank you, Kathie.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. All
10 right, ladies. I'm going to deviate momentarily. Our
11 Honorary Junior President Shakira -- I can never -- I'm
12 going to leave it at that -- will be giving us a report on
13 what her Juniors, our Juniors have done over these past
14 two years.

15 Shakira, the floor is yours.

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17 **HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT**

18 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT ABDUL-RAUL: Hi,
19 everybody. So Juniors throughout the State of California
20 are always busy giving back to their communities in
21 assisting veterans in various ways. They're also eager
22 and ready to offer helping hands and support and the
23 pandemic did not stop this at all. Juniors simply pushed
24 through and made it work just as you all have. And I am
25 very happy to see that the pandemic did not break our

1 community, nor stop us from doing the very important work
2 that we all do.

3 I just finished my first year of college and have
4 begun a new stage in my life. However, my goal is to
5 fulfill my commitment and attend Junior Conference which
6 is currently scheduled for April 22nd through April 24th,
7 2020 in Wonder Valley. I have no clue what my life will
8 look like around that time next year, however, I will try
9 my hardest to attend Junior Conference. It has been
10 something that I've been looking forward to since my very
11 first one. And I would like to ensure that the wants and
12 needs of my fellow Juniors are fulfilled as they're
13 elected president.

14 And I know that we are all ready to go back to
15 Wonder Valley. And I just hope to work closely with
16 Maureen as we approach the dates to ensure that we can
17 make up for the time that we have lost. And I am looking
18 forward to it all. Thank you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.
20 Shakira, thank you for leading our Juniors amongst this
21 pandemic. You have truly shown us the leadership that we
22 entrusted to you way back when. And we look forward
23 hopefully to seeing you at our upcoming Junior Conference.
24 I know we're all anxious to get back together and see our
25 young ladies and just the absolute wonderful jobs that

1 they have done. Thank you for taking time and letting us
2 know what's going on. I appreciate it. Thank you.

3 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT ABDUL-RAUL: Thank you.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I can go
5 over here. There we go. Okay. I had to get everybody
6 back in focus.

7 All righty. Let's go -- we may be able to get
8 all of these done today. Let's do -- let's do Membership.
9 We need something to lift us up.

10 Tracy, are you ready?

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Hi. Yes, I am
12 ready. We were just laughing because I go: Don't do
13 membership, don't do membership. And she did.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: My ears were
15 burning so I knew you were talking about me, and that's
16 it.

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Yeah, they must
18 have been. Because I was like: Don't pick membership,
19 and you did. And Mom was like: Don't pick it, and I was
20 like there we go.

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22 **MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT**

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24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Hi, everyone.
25 It's good to see everyone again. This chairman had my

1 convention committee report yesterday and I had Jeri Adams
2 from District 16 was appointed secretary, Sandy Kurkoske
3 from District 25 -- Kurkoske. I'm sorry. I always get
4 that wrong -- offered prayer, and Joyce Patton from
5 District 23 was appointed sergeant-at-arms. You can find
6 the statistical reports on page 28 and 29.

7 The committee had a total of 19 delegates and six
8 visitors, which was amazing. And thank you, Liz, for
9 helping out with getting everybody there. I appreciated
10 it.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're welcome.

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: The committee
13 agreed on the following report. We started at 11:30 a.m.
14 and we ended at 12:15. The department code was read.
15 There were no changes made. Yay. This chairman, we did
16 read -- have some recommendations that I will pass on to
17 next year's chairman. We went over the awards and they
18 will all be handed out in the meeting and then also
19 reported on the website.

20 So to save some time, we're going to just do it
21 that way because there's so many reports and so many
22 awards. I will be reading later on in my report today all
23 the units and districts that made 100 percent with
24 Kathie's permission. And that will end my report.

25 Kathie, may I continue with my stage remarks?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: First I want to
3 send out a big thank you before I get started to my racing
4 team: Terry, Cindy, Becky, Geni, Patty, and Jeri. I
5 could not have done this year without all of you and last
6 year as well. You kept me on track and made sure that I
7 kept all my boxes checked.

8 Also a big thank you to Liz. The spreadsheets
9 that she made to help me keep track was amazing. Thank
10 you, Liz, so much. I truly appreciate you.

11 Good afternoon, Madame President Kathie, and the
12 racing team of California. Wow, what a year or two years.
13 I don't know about you, but I'm ready to get back out to
14 start seeing everyone again. Even though I was able to
15 work through this pandemic, it was still not the same.
16 But my waistline sure did feel the impact.

17 This chairman is happy to report that I did
18 receive 28 end-of-year reports with eight district
19 supplementals along with ten unit supplements. With this
20 year, that was an amazing turnout.

21 Units came up with some really highly creative
22 ideas. Along with the districts to have to switch from
23 meeting in person to Zoom meetings, even though it was
24 challenging, everyone did overcome. I want to take a
25 moment to share some of the units that did not only to

1 increase their membership, but also to maintain their
2 numbers.

3 One unit from District 22 offered a gift card of
4 \$50 to the member who was able to get the most renewal,
5 rejoin, or recruit new members. Other units had done some
6 raffle prizes and also did certificates of appreciation.

7 With a pandemic happening, this left us with no
8 choice but to come up with some creative ideas not only
9 how to maintain members, but to rejoin and recruit new
10 members. We had to go virtual meetings with some meetings
11 doing social distancing. The units really banded together
12 with helping one another with coming up with new ideas and
13 also putting together some old ideas that still worked.

14 I think out of all the ideas, the one that stuck
15 out the most was Unit 741 made cookies and took them to
16 members' homes not only to check on them, but to make sure
17 that they were not forgotten. Other districts had a phone
18 tree to check on its members. Because of being in the
19 pandemic, some members did not feel comfortable with even
20 going to the grocery store, so units gathered their
21 resources to help out. Small things mean so much and it
22 will treat and recruit new members.

23 As of 6/23/21, we are at 92 percent with a total
24 of 17,569 members per National's total. Honestly, I think
25 this was great with the current situation. I know that

1 next year we will make our National goal that will be set
2 by the American Legion National because we never give up.
3 Membership is our lifeblood in our organization, and what
4 a fantastic organization it is.

5 As far as awards go for this year, I will save
6 time and be sending a list of departments of awards and
7 certificates will be mailed out.

8 Madame Kathie -- Madame President Kathie, may I
9 please have permission to go over the units and the
10 districts that were 100 percent or more?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: We had 80 units
13 that did 100 percent or more and five districts. I'll
14 start with the units. In District 1 we had Unit 515.
15 They had 104 percent, 104.76 percent. District 2, Unit
16 197 had 104.35 percent. District 4, we had Unit 95 at
17 104.35 percent. District 4 again, Unit 673, 100 percent.
18 Unit 807 had 139.2 percent. In District 5 we had Unit 208
19 at 100 percent, 293 at 102.70 percent, 437 at 106.25
20 percent.

21 District 6 had Unit 393 at 101.85 percent.
22 District 7 we had Unit 130 at 102.17 percent. And they
23 also had Unit 795 at 106.82 percent. District 8, Unit 1
24 had 103.70 percent. District 9 we had Unit 202 at 123.53
25 percent. District 10 had Unit 117 at 118.42 percent. And

1 District 11 had Unit 190 at 100 percent.

2 District 12, Unit 91 had 111.76 percent. Unit
3 240 had 100 percent. Unit 491 had 100 percent. District
4 13 had -- Unit 564 had 104.55 percent. District 14 had
5 Unit number 3 at 102.67 percent. District -- Unit 191 had
6 101.64 percent. District 15 had Unit 26 at 102.33 percent
7 and Unit 94 had 110.17 percent -- I'm sorry. 71 percent.

8 District 16 had Unit 48 at 100 percent and Unit
9 534 at 100 percent. District 17 had Unit 302 at 108
10 percent -- I'm sorry. 108.51 percent, Unit 309 at 130.43
11 percent, and Unit 628 at 148 percent -- 148.39 percent.

12 District 18, Unit 30 at 111.54 percent, Unit 180
13 had 129.41 percent, Unit 261 had 100 percent, Unit 397 had
14 130 percent. District 19 had Unit 134 at 131.25 percent,
15 Unit 314 was at 100 percent, Unit 359 had 113.28 percent,
16 Unit 411, 100 percent, Unit 465 was 118.18 percent, Unit
17 833 had 120.69 percent.

18 District 21, Unit 53 had 103.5 percent, Unit 79
19 had 103.16 percent, 328 had 108.15 percent, Unit 500 --
20 oh, I'm sorry. Unit 519 had 100 percent, Unit 574 had
21 131.58 percent, Unit 595 had 100 percent, Unit 800 had
22 102.75 percent, and Unit 951 had 106.67 percent.

23 District 22, Unit 258 had 116.28 percent, Unit
24 303 had 108.33 percent, Unit 416 -- I'm sorry. My ruler
25 keeps getting away from me. Unit 434 had 100.52 percent,

1 Unit 460 had 104.46 percent, Unit 731 had 100 percent.
2 District 23, Unit 228 had 100 percent, 252 had 101.15
3 percent, 578, 109.59 percent, 639 had 131.11 percent, and
4 794 had 100 percent.

5 And then going into District 24, Unit 283 had
6 105.3 percent. District 25, Unit 14, 128.13 percent, 106,
7 106.21 percent, 112 had 115.52 percent, 256 had 100
8 percent, 421 had 102.90 percent, 426 had 118.52 percent,
9 466 had 148 percent, 497, 116 percent, 584 had 106.67
10 percent, 650 had 103.37 percent, 751 had 151.7 percent.

11 District 26, Unit 105 had 160 percent. District
12 27, Unit 118 had 101.41 percent, Unit 457 had 100 percent.
13 District 28, Unit 41 had 103.85 percent, Unit 512 had 100
14 percent. District 29, Unit 72 had 100 percent, 133 had
15 104 -- 105.75 percent, Unit 354 had 104.48 percent, Unit
16 555 had 109.84 percent, Unit 679 had 100 percent, Unit 716
17 had 100.83 percent. And District 30, Unit 135 had 100
18 percent and Unit 802 of 105.88 percent.

19 Congratulations, units. Very great job. Thank
20 you. Real quick I will do the districts. Give me one
21 second. Let me just get my numbers back here. So those
22 numbers from taken from 6/21 of '21 when we compiled this
23 report. So our districts that had 100 percent are -- give
24 me one second. We had District 10. They closed out --
25 I'm sorry. We had District 9 who closed at 102.50

1 percent. We had District 10 at 107.04 percent. I had
2 District 17 that closed at 125.74 percent, and we have
3 District 23 at 105.42 percent. That was District -- I'm
4 sorry. District 23 was at 105.42 and District 25 at
5 104.44 percent.

6 Great jobs, ladies. Thank you so, so much. So
7 like I said, Madame President, may I please continue with
8 my supplemental awards?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: For my unit
11 supplement, First Place Supplemental went to Rebecca
12 Glenny, Unit 64 -- 694, District 28. And this has been
13 passed on to National. And First Place District went to
14 Gigi Manno in District 22.

15 Madame President, with your permission, Sandy
16 Kurkoske from District 25 has a short presentation for
17 you. Is that okay, Madame President?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Sandy, are you
20 on?

21 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE KURKOSKE: Yes, I am.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Okay.

23 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE KURKOSKE: District 25 took
24 first place in 5th Area and the money that that was raised
25 at the 5th Area meetings, we took a vote. District 25

1 took a vote to pass that money onto Kathie for her
2 project. So Cyd told me the check is in the mail to you,
3 Kathie. And my unit, Triple 7, also the Legion Family of
4 Triple 7, we've been collecting pennies. And that has not
5 been sent to you yet, but it will be in the mail this week
6 because Diane was on vacation and she's our treasurer.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, thank
8 you, thank you.

9 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE KURKOSKE: You're welcome.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: So appreciated.
11 Thank you.

12 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE KURKOSKE: You're welcome.

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Madame
14 President, this concludes my report. Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Tracy.
16 Job well done. Thank you.

17 Dee Ann, can you do your poppies?

18 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Yes, I can.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All right.

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21 **POPPY CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)**

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23 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Our committee reconvened at
24 4:00 o'clock last night and we are proposing to add a Code
25 7(a) to read as: "Department Chairman will notify

1 District Presidents and District Poppy Chairmen of units
2 who did not order poppies by November 10th will owe \$25 to
3 the Department Treasurer by April 15th."

4 Madame President, I'd like to move to accept this
5 addition to Code 7 as read.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
7 to add Code 7(a) to the Poppy Code: "Department Chairman
8 will notify District Presidents and District Poppy
9 Chairmen of units who did not order poppies by November
10 10th will owe \$25 to the Department Treasurer by April
11 15th."

12 Is there any discussion?

13 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yes, I have a
14 question.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Who's speaking?

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Cindy with Unit
17 10, District 14. So would that mean that technically the
18 district would be paying for those units if the units
19 don't pay?

20 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: No. We simply let them
21 know.

22 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay.

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
24 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I think we should remove
25 "Treasurer" out of there and just put it to "Department."

1 They don't owe the Department Treasurer, they owe the
2 Department. So I think we need to remove "Treasurer" out
3 of there.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That's true.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And just leave it
6 as "Department."

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is that a motion,
8 Ruby?

9 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I move that we
10 remove "Treasurer" from the original motion and that's it.

11 NATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG:
12 Second.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
14 and seconded to amend Poppy Code 7(a) to remove the word
15 "Treasurer." Is there any discussion?

16 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Madame President,
17 Kathy Newlen.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Kathy.

19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Just a typo.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's probably just
21 my typo. Don't --

22 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Because
23 department --

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's just me typing
25 too quickly. I typed these last night after our meeting

1 yesterday after all the chaos. It's my typo. It's not --
2 anything you see on screen today is my stuff. This will
3 not be going into code anywhere. I've been deleting these
4 as we go along today actually.

5 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Okay. Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I will make sure I
7 type properly and slowly when I actually do put them into
8 the code for these guys' sake.

9 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: We have all the faith in the
10 world for you, Elizabeth.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
12 District 23. Maybe -- I might have missed something that
13 the Poppy Chairman wanted to do which was to make the --
14 after it's notified that they owe, who is going to enforce
15 the -- you know, obtaining the money. So is there someway
16 -- I know that the Treasurer is supposed to get a
17 notification of the Poppy orders; is that right?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, I believe
19 so.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're saying the
21 Department Treasurer?

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes. Do you
23 get a notification of the Poppy orders and who owes this
24 money? Wasn't that the intent, that they wanted the
25 enforcement of getting the \$25?

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm sorry. I
2 missed your -- I missed you what you said, Anita.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We -- are we
4 trying to make it so that there's some enforcement with
5 the \$25 fee? Because it's already stated on the order
6 form that you owe \$25, you know. Are we wanting to -- I
7 know we're notifying the district they're to notify the
8 unit, but is the Treasurer going to be following up on the
9 notification which obligations are outstanding? I think
10 we discussed that yesterday.

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
12 through you to Anita. And my recommendation as a previous
13 Treasurer of the Department of California, I would
14 recommend that the responsibility be on the Chairmen to
15 notify the Presidents and the whoever, whoever she said in
16 her --

17 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Chairman.

18 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And then if the
19 Treasurer is needed to follow up. If that doesn't get --
20 the notification from the chairman doesn't take action,
21 then the Treasurer can also go out and assist the Poppy
22 Chairman by sending an invoice from Department.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's what I
24 was meaning. Thank you, Ruby.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there --

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And another thing
2 too, Madame President, you see what people don't realize
3 is it's a hassle for the Treasurer because the Treasurer
4 doesn't have all the information on the chairman's
5 addresses of all the units like the Poppy Chairman does.
6 And so it's easier for the Poppy Chairman to do all this
7 than it is for the Treasurer to get involved. And I was
8 trying to -- I was trying to pop in on yesterday's --
9 yesterday when you guys were talking about this. I was
10 going crazy because here I was, I couldn't talk. My
11 volume wasn't --

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's fine.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And so it was
14 driving me crazy. Anyway, I do think that the Treasurer
15 can assist the Chairman.

16 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Madame President, do you
17 want me to reread it eliminating "Treasurer"?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We haven't voted
19 on that yet.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madame
21 President, Susie Tozier, District 22.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Susie.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHAIR TOZIER: The
24 amendment is not up there on the screen anymore so I'm
25 going to do it by memory, but instead of by April I think

1 they should be notified by mid-year.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hold on. It's
3 coming. It's coming to the screen now.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It says --
5 after you take out the "Treasurer," by mid-year.
6 Follow-up by mid-year. They have to be notified by
7 mid-year, not April 15th because they've already
8 forgotten, you know. But I think it should be done by
9 mid-year.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The way I'm
11 reading this is they will notify them by November 10th.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Oh, I can't
13 see that. It's chopped off. Your beautiful pictures are
14 there.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It reads:
16 "Department Chairman will notify District Presidents and
17 District Poppy Chairmen of Units who did not order poppies
18 by November 10."

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She's stating that
20 those who didn't order by November 10. Poppies are due
21 October 31st and I recommended in their meeting last night
22 that they give a little bit of leeway because we know the
23 mail is horrible, so I said to November 10th. So if you
24 don't receive an order form by November 10th, then they
25 will automatically get the hundred poppies which would be

1 told to the Poppy production members. And then they would
2 be told after November 10th that they owe the \$25, but
3 they are required to pay it by April 15.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay.
5 "Payment due." Instead of it says "owe," how about
6 "payment due"? "Payment of \$25 due to Department by April
7 15." How about that?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. We've got
9 one --

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I know, but
11 I'm modifying the amendment. I know you're taking the
12 word "Treasurer" out, so instead at the beginning I'm
13 modifying it to say "payment" and "payment due."

14 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: To Department.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: "To
16 Department." "\$25 to Department by April 15th."

17 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: That's why --
19 I move for that modification of the modification. Got
20 that one?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Second it.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I had to make
23 that one difficult for everybody, Kathie.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm just trying
25 to keep things in the right order.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Can you repeat it
2 one more time, Susie? Sorry.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: "Payment of
4 \$25 due," D-U-E, "to Department by April 15th."

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's good.

6 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: This is Lois.
7 Department is the one that's got the power to do things to
8 the units. We who make poppies don't have any kind of
9 control.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Oh, come on,
11 Lois. You're tough.

12 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: I know.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: The President
14 does.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Can we have a
16 second on this?

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It was
18 seconded. It was seconded.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. It
20 has been moved and seconded to amend Poppy Code 7(a) to
21 read -- we should have voted on the other amendment for
22 the removal first?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Yes. You
24 amended the amendment.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No. She had to

1 vote on the first amendment and then the second amendment.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah, it was
3 seconded and we hadn't voted on that.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So vote on this one
5 first.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The first
7 amendment is to remove the word "Treasurer." Can we call
8 for a vote on that?

9 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Madame President, can I just
10 withdraw the motion and read it as it's read right now?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You can withdraw
12 the amendments?

13 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: I don't know. I'm just
14 making a suggestion to expedite this.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
16 President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
19 President, Melanie Taylor, Department Parliamentarian.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: If you want
22 Dee Ann to reread this amendment with the corrections,
23 then everybody who made amendments after her needs to
24 withdraw their amendments -- I mean their motion to amend.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's what I was

1 trying to ask for. Thank you, Melanie.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: You're
3 welcome.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: So, Susie, can
5 you withdraw your amendment to the amendment?

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I withdraw my
7 amendment to the amendment.

8 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: And, Liz, can you put the
9 amendment back up since you typed it? Thank you. Thank
10 you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And, Anita, who
12 made the --

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I withdraw my
14 second and Ruby made the other amendment to the motion.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ruby?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She wants to
17 redo the whole thing as amended.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ruby, take your
19 motion away.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I remove my
21 motion.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Would you
23 withdraw your motion as previously --

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes, I did.
25 Where do I -- where did that go?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hang on. Hang
2 on.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Dee Ann?

4 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Yes.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Are you
6 withdrawing your motion as previously --

7 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Madame President, I wish to
8 withdraw my first motion for the amendment of 7(a). I
9 move for further Code 7(a) --

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

11 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: -- to read -- can I read it
12 now?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, please.

14 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: "7(a) Department Chairman
15 will notify District Presidents and District Poppy
16 Chairmen of units who did not order poppies by November 10
17 and payment of \$25 due to Department by April 15th."

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
20 and seconded to change Poppy Code 7(a) to read --

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Add. Add
22 Poppy Code.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Or add Poppy
24 Code. I'm sorry, a little confusing. To read:

25 "Department Chairman will notify District Presidents and

1 District Poppy Chairmen of units who did not order poppies
2 by November 10 and payment of \$25 due to Department by
3 April 15th."

4 Is there any discussion?

5 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: Yes. Madame
6 President, this is Carol Rael, District 26. The payment
7 of \$25 per unit because the unit pays it, the district
8 doesn't pay.

9 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Right.

10 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: It's the unit that
11 pays the \$25 and it doesn't sound like the unit is paying
12 it. It sounds like the District is going to pay it.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're defining the
14 district of the units who did not pay for their poppies
15 and --

16 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: That I understand.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's the
18 responsibility to contact their units to pay the \$25.

19 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: Right, but somewhere
20 in there it should say something in payment of \$25 due by
21 the Unit to Department. Because the District doesn't
22 cover the cost of the delinquent Unit.

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
24 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I think the member speaking
25 is mis- -- misunderstanding what the notification to the

1 District Presidents is for. The District President
2 oversees all units in her district and is responsible for
3 them and that's why she's being notified.

4 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAELE: I understand that.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right. The
6 District isn't being paid. The District is not paying,
7 she's just getting notification from the Department,
8 Department Chairman telling her that some units in her
9 district have not ordered poppies.

10 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAELE: Yeah. Ruby, I
11 understand that, but there's nothing in there that says
12 the Unit is paying it. So the Unit can come back to the
13 District and say, well, it doesn't have to say I pay it so
14 you pay it. We've had that problem in this in my
15 district.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It already says
17 that in the Poppy code.

18 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: Madame
19 President, may I speak? This is Lois Cornish from
20 District 22.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Lois.

22 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: Poppy
23 Production Manager. We're putting the onus on the
24 District President to work with their Poppy Chairmen of
25 all units. That's what this actually is saying. And then

1 we're putting the onus on the Department if District can't
2 push them to do it, pay the \$25.

3 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President?
4 Madame President, through you to Carol -- is it Carol --

5 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- that I'm
7 talking to? How about we have Dee Ann amend her -- all
8 the amendments and put "and payment of \$25 by the
9 units" --

10 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: Okay.

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- "due to
12 Department by April 15." Would that satisfy you?

13 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: Yes, it definitely
14 would. Because there's been some conflict in some of the
15 units where -- or, pardon me, some of the districts where
16 the units say, well, it doesn't say that I have to pay
17 this. Because I've had that happen in my district.

18 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And --

19 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAE: And, Ruby, you had to
20 step in for me, if you remember.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right. I think
22 what you should say is, "and payment by the units of \$25."

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Madame
24 President, Melanie Taylor, Department Parliamentarian.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Melanie.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Thank you.
2 Per the Department Poppy Code Number 3, it states: "All
3 units are required to order and pay for poppies to be in
4 good standing."

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: We knew that.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: I know that,
7 Ruby, but there seems to be a question as to whether the
8 units have to pay for the poppies. It states right there
9 that they have to pay for it.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right.

11 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEL: But if we're putting
12 in this addition regarding this since there was such a
13 controversy about this yesterday, let's make it very
14 clear, which by payment by the units of \$25 due to
15 Department by April 15th makes it very clear.

16 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: I think it's --

17 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEL: There's a lot of
18 redundancy in a lot of these codes, but I think this --
19 this clears it up.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
21 President?

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: And as Ann
23 Sanchez just said in the Chat and I agree, the Poppy order
24 form says that the units pay for those poppies. They pay
25 that. So this is just a clarification --

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: -- that the
3 Department Chairman will let the District Presidents and
4 the District Poppy Chairman know that she has units in her
5 district who did not order the poppies and they have to --
6 they have to pay the \$25 for those 100 poppies that they
7 received.

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
9 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I don't see why if it's going
10 to resolve some issues at unit level and they know their
11 units, why we can't put "by the unit," add that into this
12 code just for that purpose to clarify all of this --

13 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEL: Thank you.

14 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- and end it.
15 There's no reason why "by the unit" cannot be added to
16 that code even though it's stated other places.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Madame President,
18 Diane Rapport.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Unmute.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're muted.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's not
22 unmuted.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Diane, you need to
24 unmute.

25 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPORT: It got it. I was

1 Looking for it when the other share screen is not here.
2 All right. I almost hate to even bring this up that there
3 is one other slightly confusing part to this Poppy code
4 addition that I wanted to bring up. Where it says, "will
5 notify District Presidents and District Poppy Chairmen of
6 units who did not order poppies by November 10," November
7 10th is not the date that they're to order poppies. And I
8 think to avoid any confusion, it should be slightly
9 changed to say, "will notify District Presidents and
10 District Poppy Chairmen by November 10th of units who did
11 not order poppies."

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
13 President, I agree with Diane. Madame President?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is Anita
16 Biggs, District 23. I agree with Diane. I was a Poppy
17 Chairman who added the code back in the day to assess
18 these units for \$25 for not ordering poppies. So if
19 poppies are due -- Poppy orders are due October 1st. You
20 need to remember that. We're giving a lot of leeway here.
21 They are -- we give them 30 days, which is October 31st,
22 to get their order and now we're giving the until -- so
23 the way that Diane stated it is more clear that this is
24 just a time frame to let them know that they had not
25 ordered their Poppy. This is to let the District

1 Presidents and the District Poppy Chairmen know they have
2 not ordered their poppies and that they are already
3 assessed the \$25. It's already assessed on October --
4 after October 31st.

5 So we need to be clear so there's not a
6 contradiction of what we're doing on the other side of the
7 podium. So, Diane, whatever you stated, I would just make
8 a motion to amend so that you can fix that verbiage
9 because that's the way it -- to me that's the way it
10 should sound, that they know they're getting notified by
11 November 10th.

12 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: So I would move
13 that it would state: "Department Chairman will notify
14 District Presidents and District Poppy Chairmen by
15 November 10th of units who did not order poppies."

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's it.

17 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: With a payment
18 of -- with a payment of \$25 due to Department no later
19 than -- well, if we -- this is Lois again. I'm sorry.
20 District 22, Poppy Production Manager. If we wait until
21 we get payment from these people, that's going to put the
22 Poppy production people packaging up poppies in April and
23 trying to get them delivered to the units by the 1st of
24 May because our Poppy Days start in May. It just dawned
25 on me that that's --

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: If we notify
2 November 10th when you guys get your list, the Poppy
3 Chairmen should just automatically put a hundred in each
4 of those units' lists on that spreadsheet so that you guys
5 when you get the list in November, whenever you get it,
6 you guys automatically put a hundred for those units.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The Chairmen
8 automatically -- the Poppy Chairmen -- Madame President,
9 I'm sorry, Anita Biggs, District 23. The Poppy Chairman
10 is supposed to put on her spreadsheet for the order to the
11 production manager the hundred poppies that go to that
12 unit on that spreadsheet. Automatically if they don't
13 have a Poppy order, they put a hundred on that unit. When
14 they submit those Poppy orders, that would include that.

15 And remember Poppy money is not due until the
16 following year, but we want to let them know -- we want to
17 give these units notice that you are assessed \$25 and it
18 is due to the Department by April 15th because you
19 violated our rules here. You know, there's got to be some
20 kind of penalty.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Anita.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.

23 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Okay. This is Betty
24 Ramos from District 18. In our meeting the reason that it
25 was suggested that by November 10th is because of the

1 mail. Perhaps we could change the wording that the
2 Department Chairmen will notify District Presidents and
3 District Poppy Chairmen of units who did not order
4 poppies -- wait a minute. I had it and that's not the way
5 I had in mind. But I was trying to say receive by
6 November 10th. I had it in my mind before and now I lost
7 it. That's not the way I was reading it to you.

8 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: We're fighting
9 a losing battle here. Lois again. Because how is the
10 Department Chairman going to know who the Poppy Chairmen
11 for each unit is? The District Presidents should be
12 responsible for getting in touch with the Poppy Chairman
13 of each unit in their district if you're going to put --
14 because the Department Chairman, if she doesn't get an
15 order form, she's got to get in touch with the District
16 President and the District President has to get in touch
17 with the Unit President and it's rolling downhill.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay, ladies.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madame
20 President? Madame President, Linda Workman.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Linda.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Okay. To
23 answer that question, the Poppy Chairman has a list by
24 district, by unit. If there's a bank there, then she
25 knows they didn't order any poppies because she didn't get

1 a Poppy order form. So she's going to put the hundred
2 poppies in on that line and notify the District Presidents
3 and the District Poppy Chairmen so it's -- the Poppy
4 Chairman already has that list.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Linda?

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Yeah.

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
8 I move the question.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ruby.
11 All in favor of this Poppy Code 7(a) as amended, please
12 vote.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Where is it?
14 Sorry. I changed it for the amendment. Oh, well, I have
15 another one in there.

16 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: Do we have to
17 fill out one before we vote on the other?

18 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Madame President, Tamra
19 Duron, District 25.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Tamra.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Aren't we supposed to
23 vote on calling for the question before we vote on the
24 amendment?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh, yeah.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thanks, Tamra.

2 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: I have learned a few
3 things from Diane DeLashmit.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, I know and
5 so have I, but my brain is befuddled right now.

6 Madame Parliamentarian, help.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN TAYLOR: Tamra is
8 correct and if I would have ever gotten a word in
9 edgewise, I would have let you know.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Why do people keep
11 calling me?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: What do we do?

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We go back and go
14 in there.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Let's call for
16 the question. Thank you, Melanie.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Right here.
18 There's your --

19 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAEL: Is that for the
20 corrected one?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No. That's the
22 call for the vote.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That was for the
24 vote a minute ago.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. The

1 question is good. Thank you.

2 Liz, will you put the vote up?

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Share screen. Let
4 me find it real quick. Go there. There you go.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We are now voting
6 on Poppy Code 7(A) to read as follows: "Department
7 Chairman will notify District Presidents and District
8 Poppy Chairman by November 10th of units who did not order
9 poppies and payment by the unit of \$25 is due to
10 department by April 15th."

11 We will call for the vote.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Motion
13 carried.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
15 ladies. 7(a) is now code. Ladies, let me remind you all
16 again, when we're having discussion on these motions and
17 code changes, we cannot just jump in. Our Department
18 Parliamentarian was trying to get in to counsel me and
19 everybody else kept chiming in. Once you have had your
20 say, please put yourself back on mute until called for
21 again so that we can get through this. Thank you.

22 Dee Ann, back to you.

23 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am. I put -- I had
24 25 districts that reported. I put a bulletin for June
25 with all the districts that had reported and the unit

1 supplementals and district supplemental winners. First --
2 so I will announce the winners at the end of my floor
3 remarks if you don't mind.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

5 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: When our members are met
6 with adversity, they can remain status quo or rise up like
7 the Phoenix to find new ways to accomplish their goals.
8 It is true we ordered less poppies in 2021, but the
9 reality is we found new ways to distribute our poppies to
10 continue our mission of serving our veterans and their
11 families.

12 Our districts decorated windows of their Legion
13 halls, city hall, libraries, and local businesses.
14 Posters were created thanking our essential frontline
15 workers, firemen, policemen, EMT, hospitals, nurses, and
16 doctors.

17 Poppy corsages and boutonnières were presented to
18 local mortuaries and offered to military families in
19 remembrance of their loved ones who served our great
20 nation.

21 On Veterans Day an assisted living facility
22 allowed a unit to honor 15 veterans. An honor guard
23 presented a ceremony outside while members distribute
24 Poppy pins and Poppy pops. I don't know if you know what
25 a Poppy pop is, but it's a pop -- a popsicle with a Poppy

1 wrapped around it. It is not the end there. They
2 presented a quilt of honor to the Past Post Commander,
3 then paraded down the boulevard carrying their flags and
4 baskets filled with Poppy pins and Poppy pops. The
5 celebration continue by driving past nearby homes of
6 veterans.

7 Units throughout the state continue to promote
8 our poppies at community events such as first responder
9 runs, farmers' markets setting up Poppy display tables to
10 distribute poppies. And some had their own little Miss
11 Poppy to help promote the mission.

12 Many units included their Legion Sons, SALs,
13 S-A-L, members to stuff envelopes with a Poppy donation
14 letter. They included the Poppy poem and two poppies,
15 then mailed to their Legion Family members. District 29
16 reported a unit made over 10,000 poppies and painted Poppy
17 rocks in hope that they can have a drive-by pickup on
18 Veterans Day. They plan to distribute those poppies while
19 standing by a nearby corner. This doesn't -- this unit
20 doesn't whistle while they work, but sings to the melody
21 of Hey Diddle, Diddle. No, I'm not going to sing, but you
22 can kind of hum the tune in your head.

23 "We are the Poppetts from 1921. We make the
24 poppies and do it one by one. All we wish for is that
25 everyone will get one, to honor our veterans who fight in

1 all the wars. Hey Diddle Diddle. Hey Diddle Di. We are
2 also the Rockets from 1944. We paint the rocks and leave
3 them by your door. All we wish for is a smile upon your
4 face. We are the Rockets from 1944. And again Hey Diddle
5 Diddle. Hey Diddle Di."

6 Our Poppy Pushers rose up like the Phoenix,
7 spreading their wings with renewed enthusiasm continued to
8 honor our veterans and our families.

9 Madame President, I'd like to tell that you who
10 won our poster contest last year. First Place Division 4
11 National winner Emily Payne, Unit 383, District 6. One
12 Poppy poster has been submitted to National for this year,
13 and I've got my fingers crossed on that one. And that one
14 was from Kylie Castoreno from Unit 832 in District 6.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excellent.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Madame
17 President, I want you to know that all the awards were on
18 my June bulletin. All the certificates, awards, and gifts
19 have been mailed and I want to congratulate First Place
20 Unit Supplement District 25, Unit 777. Did I have -- if I
21 had too many 7s there, it's a lucky number. Janet Paxton,
22 Unit Chairman. First Place District Supplemental,
23 District 29, District Chairman Jane Sudbeck and forwarded
24 -- and it was forwarded to National.

25 Madame President, it's been a wonderful two

1 years.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Dee
3 Ann. And I have to say a special thank you for the
4 wonderful gift that I got last year when you made those
5 clear balls and distributed those to the district. They
6 were given back to me as Christmas tree ornaments and I
7 will be hanging them on my tree not in '21, but in '22
8 because I won't be home this coming Christmas. So to all
9 the districts who participated in that creativity, thank
10 you. I am so looking forward to putting them on my tree.
11 Thank you.

12 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Thank you, Madame President.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: Madame
14 President? Diane DeLashmit, District 25. I don't think
15 we're finished with poppies yet. I tried to get your
16 attention, but I don't do this Chat business very well. I
17 don't do it at all.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DELASHMIT: So we were
20 doing 7(a.), there's a whole lot of that wordage about the
21 \$25 and the this and the that in 7, just plain 7. Does
22 that not have to be deleted?

23 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Madame President, can I
24 clarify that?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

1 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: On my spreadsheet for
2 poppies, if I did not get a report, I left it blank.

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: No.

4 Madame --

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: She's talking
6 about the Poppy Code.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: The code is
8 what I'm talking about. Seven, plain old 7 goes into a
9 whole bunch of detail about -- oh, let's see. I really
10 don't want to have this read this whole thing, but Poppy
11 shall be accepted only from units of the American Legion
12 Auxiliary. The American Legion may purchase poppies. It
13 goes on about that. And then it says, order blanks shall
14 be supplied by Department, the Department's name and
15 address and all that is to be on there and forwarded to
16 Department Chairman by office October 1st. "If Poppy
17 order form is not received by October 31st, units will be
18 assessed \$25 fee and shall be allocated 100 poppies.
19 Requests for additional Poppy orders shall be made to the
20 Department Chairman who will confirm the availability of
21 extra poppies. Upon confirmation the unit will send an
22 additional Poppy order form to the Department Office with
23 copies to the Department and District Chairman."

24 So since we put some of that stuff in (a),
25 shouldn't we be taking it out of 7?

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Madame President,
2 through you to Diane, I don't think we need to. This --
3 in regards to not receiving the poppies, this is just
4 saying that we're going to assess the \$25. The new code
5 is specifically saying that we're going to notify the
6 District Presidents of that \$25 charge at this point so
7 that they can follow-up with units. All we're doing is
8 putting in something now telling the district that we're
9 going to follow-up on that \$25. Because here we're not --
10 we're assessing it, but how.

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay. Okay.
12 I get what you're saying. Because I just saw all this \$25
13 assessed and 100 poppies and the thing went on forever and
14 forever and I kind of blacked out.

15 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Diane, it makes the Poppy
16 Chairman responsible for getting the \$25 to Department by
17 notifying the District Presidents and the District Poppy
18 Chairs.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay. So
20 there's no repetition in this?

21 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Well, it would be a reminder
22 that they owe the \$25 for sure.

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay. Thank
24 you and I'm sorry for not picking up on that.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's --

1 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: -- quite all
3 right.

4 Go ahead, Lois.

5 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: May I speak
6 now?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Go ahead, Lois.

8 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: I would like
9 to reiterate, as soon as you get -- if you get orders in
10 before -- get paid for these orders, I will not -- as the
11 Poppy production manager, I will not allow a Poppy unless
12 I know that it's paid for. So we get a lot of orders that
13 are not paid for and we're told they'll be paid when they
14 receive them. And I don't know if they ever get paid, but
15 with the -- this particular type of order, I need to know
16 that before I send them out. And is there some way that
17 we can put it maybe in a procedure book telling the
18 Department Chairmen to send me copies or let me know?

19 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Lois, I'm going to notify
20 the next Poppy Chairman on this spreadsheet those units
21 that did not order I left blank and to the far column I
22 wrote "owe."

23 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: Okay.

24 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: And because some units do
25 order the hundred and they pay the 18.

1 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: Absolutely,
2 but then there are some that order a thousand and pay when
3 they get them.

4 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Yes, yes.

5 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: But that's for
6 another time.

7 POPPY CHAIR GRAHAM: Yeah, that 7(a) just
8 notifies, like Liz said, that the District Presidents and
9 the District Poppy Chairman need to let them know they owe
10 the \$25 even though they didn't submit an order.

11 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: I think we've
12 at least put a --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Ladies,
14 ladies, ladies, please. We would not be doing this on a
15 convention floor, this chitchat back and forth. We need
16 to get back to business. I understand what everybody is
17 saying and there are recommendations and it will be
18 addressed by the Chairman to the incoming Chairman. All
19 concerns will be taken into account. We need to get back
20 to the business at hand.

21 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: Thank you,
22 Madame President. You can rest assured I will not
23 interrupt again.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. We will
25 now hear from -- let's go to some short ones.

1 Anita, Convention Commission. Did we do that
2 yesterday?

3 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: I am ready,
4 yep.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Oh, good. Thank
6 you.

7 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: And I can
8 segue to mid-year too if you want me to.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excellent.

10 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: Okay. Thank
11 you, Madame President.

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13 **CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT**

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15 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: At this time
16 we have not been called to meet with the American Legion
17 Convention Committee concerning the future locations of
18 convention sites after 2023. Due to the pandemic, we were
19 not able to hold our 2020 and 2021 conventions in Visalia.
20 The American Legion convention dates are scheduled to
21 remain in Visalia at the convention center for 2022 and
22 Visalia June 21st through 26, 2022.

23 In my discussion with the American Legion
24 Department of California Adjunct and the Wyndham sales
25 department, the American Legion has secured the dates of

1 June 20th through June 25, 2023 for the 2023 convention
2 that will also be held in Visalia.

3 The contract for 2023 has not been signed at the
4 time of this report, however, it is scheduled to be
5 executed prior to the end of June 2021. As a reminder,
6 the Auxiliary preferred housing location and our
7 convention will be held inclusively at the Wyndham Hotel
8 in Visalia. There are enough rooms for the Auxiliary
9 Family at the Wyndham. There are additional affordable
10 hotels approximately three miles away.

11 The convention center where the American Legion
12 and the Sons of the American Legion are meeting is located
13 six miles from the Wyndham. The Marriott Hotel is the
14 Legion's preferred housing that is attached to the
15 convention center. The Sons of the American Legion will
16 be housed at the Comfort Inn & Suites which is across the
17 street from the convention center.

18 We made our site visit in 2019 and determined the
19 location is acceptable for all of our needs. The hotel is
20 located right off the freeway with free parking. The room
21 rates remain at \$119 per night for 2022 and further
22 information will follow regarding the 2023 Convention once
23 the extended contract is signed. And we have the copy.

24 May I add, Madame President, that I think
25 Veronica Concila, she resigned and with her went a lot of

1 information. So the Department is rebuilding what they
2 need to know and do in order to facilitate our future
3 conventions in Visalia. So basically that's good news.
4 Later on we'll learn where future sites will be after
5 2023.

6 Thank you, Madame President, for this opportunity
7 to serve our great department. That is my report. And
8 that's my report, Wendy O'Brien and Linda Fercho.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Anita.
10 And part two.

11 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: Part two.

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13 **MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE CONVENTION REPORT**

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15 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: Midway --
16 mid-year, which is midway. The 2022 Mid-Year Department
17 Executive Committee meeting will be held January 14th
18 through the 16th, 2022 at the Long Beach Marriott as we
19 had previously held in 2020. The hotel graciously allowed
20 us to roll over our 2021 contract into 2022 with no
21 changes. Because we already had sent them money, so they
22 kept that money and we will move forward in 2022. Because
23 we're going to stay in Long Beach until we get it right.

24 Anyway, further details will be provided with a
25 flier on the website and at the Clovis workshop and sent

1 to all districts. The 23rd District hostesses, we are
2 looking forward to seeing you all again and in person at
3 the beautiful LBC. That ends my mid-year report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Anita.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're welcome.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I really don't
7 want to get into VA&R because I know that's an extended
8 one, so I'm looking for shorter ones.

9 Advisory. Diane, can we hear from the wonderful
10 senate, please?

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Yes, you
12 may.

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14 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT**

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16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay.
17 Madame President, your Eagle Senate has stayed pretty
18 close to the ground these past two years as we have not
19 had to soar to new heights to give much advice. We
20 appreciate being involved in the challenge of helping put
21 this convention agenda together. It was fun and what
22 would we have done without Zoom. That is from me.

23 And then from Terry Mikesell, she wrote: What a
24 great year the American Legion Auxiliary has had. You
25 picked a strong leader and she needed no advice from us.

1 And that was from Terry.

2 And on a personal note, I wish to thank everyone
3 for the prayers, thoughts, cards, visits, phone calls,
4 concerns and meals. They all were very much appreciated
5 and they have inspired me. I am doing very well and I
6 plan on being at as many events as possible. God isn't
7 ready for me yet because he doesn't know what to do with
8 me. Thank you.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Diane.
10 It was an honor to have you three ladies in my head for
11 the last two years. I may not have called a lot, but I
12 had you in my head.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Thank you
14 very much.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And I knew.
16 Thank you, thank you, thank you.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Yeah, he
18 really isn't ready for me yet.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is Linda
20 Distinguished Guest, are you ready?

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Mom, are you
22 ready? She's right here.

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24 **DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT**

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1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Okay. All
2 right. Mine is kind of short too. I sent it in already
3 so you might have already seen it.

4 Madame Kathie, President Kathie, first it has
5 been a pleasure being your Distinguished Guest Chairman
6 for the past two years, but I really only got to do one
7 thing, your DEC in Long Beach January of 2020. That was
8 great fun and as the membership knows, I do love to dress
9 up in costume.

10 I can't thank everyone enough that participated
11 in my wild and crazy dress-up theme and especially in
12 making the banquet, one we won't soon forget. You were
13 all amazing.

14 We do so many serious things honoring our
15 Auxiliary mission that it's good to have a little fun.
16 Your Flappers were amazing, and the costumes, wow. We get
17 lots of compliments about how much fun we have, so I want
18 to thank you for allowing me to get a little crazy.

19 I did get ready for your 2021 DEC and the
20 National President visit and I was a little disappointed
21 to say the least that we weren't able to do that. I've
22 only had one task for the 2021 Department Convention, so I
23 think my predecessor, Linda Workman, would agree it has
24 been pretty easy for me. But I do regret not getting to
25 dress up in the '60s, '70s, and '80s for you and doing all

1 the fun things I had plan for you as president.

2 Thank you again for giving me the honor to serve
3 as your Distinguished Guest Chairman. And of course I'd
4 like to close with a little joke. I feel like my body has
5 gotten totally out of shape, so I got permission to go to
6 a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to join an
7 aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated,
8 jumped up and down and perspired for an hour, but by the
9 time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

10 That is my report. Thank you again. Great time
11 with you. Love you, talk to you soon. Bye now.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. Yes,
13 I like Linda was looking forward to what her creativity
14 would be at Convention. That will be for another day.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Madame
16 President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Madame
19 President? This is Dee Ann. Can I be excused from the
20 meeting? I am heading to Post 26 to prepare for
21 installation while the post is open. I do not have a key
22 to the post. Maybe they'll give me a key, but if I could
23 be excused, I would appreciate it.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You may be
25 excused. We're getting ready to wrap up for today anyway.

1 Thank you, Dee Ann.

2 Okay. Can't do Ways & Means. Well, we could.

3 Marion, can you do Ways & Means?

4 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Yes, Madame
5 President, I can.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

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8 **WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT**

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10 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Hello, Madame
11 President Kathie, Officers, Members, and Guests. First I
12 would like to thank Department President Kathie for this
13 chairmanship. It has been a challenging two years. I
14 cannot have done it without my amazing and hardworking
15 committee: Jeri Johnston, Nancy Heinisch, and Sharon
16 Moore.

17 I would also like to thank all of the Districts,
18 Units, and members that supported the Ways & Means
19 committee. That concludes my report.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
21 Marion. And I am sorry that we couldn't have put you to
22 work a little bit harder over these last couple years. We
23 would have made lots and lots of money for the Department.

24 Okay. Editor Donna Scott. Donna, are you here?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No. Okay. Yeah,
2 I hesitate getting into VA&R and Girls State this
3 afternoon, so we will do those in the morning. So we will
4 adjourn for today if our Department Chaplain Cece will
5 offer prayer. Where is Cece at?

6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: I'm here, Madame
7 President. I lost a page. I am getting there. You can
8 talk a little bit more, just a little bit more.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm tired of
10 talking.

11 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Okay. Where are
12 you? I'm sorry. I am not paying attention. I thought we
13 got another report. And this is -- what happened? I
14 don't want funeral service.

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16 **CLOSING INVOCATION**

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18 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HARVEY: Okay. Lord, we
19 thank you for the beautiful day and for our -- first,
20 let's bow our head. Lord, we thank you for this beautiful
21 day, for our family and friends and our fellow Auxiliary
22 and for our veterans who have given us so much that we
23 have remained a free country. Please watch over our
24 members and keep them in your care. Bless those who are
25 ill and lonely. Thank you for our servicemen and women

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and keep them safe until they return home. Be with our families and wait for them home may be soon. In your name we pray. Amen.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Amen. We are now in recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Once again, the Zoom link will open up at 8:30.

Ladies, thank you. Love you all. We'll see you in the morning.

(The American Legion Auxiliary Convention was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS) ss.
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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 101st Annual
9 Convention was taken Friday, June 25, 2021, at the time
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California
13 100th Annual Convention members were written down by me in
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 101st Annual
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19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for
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21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

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23 California.

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