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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: This convention is
10 reconvened. Our Chaplain Madeline Lee will offer
11 invocation.

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13 **INVOCATION**

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15 HONORARY CHAPLAIN LEE: Good morning, ladies.
16 Heavenly Father, thank you so much for your love and the
17 blessings you have given us throughout the year. Thank
18 you for bringing us back today to complete the necessary
19 tasks before us. Continue to give us patience and
20 open-mindedness as we face the challenges of today.

21 Be with our servicemen and women and keep them
22 safe as they serve to protect our freedoms. Bless our
23 members assembled here today and bless the awesome work
24 they have done to serve our veterans, activity duty
25 military, our children, and our communities. Amen.

1 DELEGATES: Amen.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Our Secretary will
3 offer roll call.

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5 ROLL CALL

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7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: President Glenda
8 Schultz.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Ladies, please.
10 Let's not start off this way.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President
12 Linda Hayes.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT HAYES: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Past
15 President Gloria Williams.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Excused.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Secretary Elizabeth
18 Doidge. I am here.

19 Treasurer Katherine Tellyer.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLER: Here. NEC Person
21 Kathie Martinez.

22 NEC PERSON MARTINEZ: Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate NEC
24 Person Dee Ann Graham.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Liz, can you hold

1 on a moment? You know what, if you continue the talking
2 I'm going to have to ask our Sergeant-at-Arms and
3 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms remove you. We can't go on
4 like this today. We've got too much to do. Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Chaplain Patty
6 Martinez is excused.

7 Historian Erika Hernandez. I get it right when
8 she's not here.

9 Parliamentarian Anita Biggs.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Good morning,
11 Liz.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
13 Sergeant-at-Arms Jean McGinnis.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MCGINNIS: Really here, Madam
15 President.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate
17 Sergeant-at-Arms Melise Munroe.

18 ALTERNATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MUNROE: I'll get it.
19 Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee
21 Linda Workman.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Teresa Lugo-Nunez.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Hello.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ann Sanchez.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER SANCHEZ: Here.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Advisory Committee
3 Linda Workman.
4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Joan Cannon.
6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CANNON: Present.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Kathie
8 Martinez.
9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARTINEZ: Here. Good
10 morning.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Americanism Cindy
12 Rogers.
13 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Right here.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: AEF Linda
15 Karnstedt.
16 AEF CHAIR KARNSTEDT: Here.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Children & Youth
18 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.
19 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good
20 morning, everyone.
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
22 Community Service Patricia Galatioto is excused.
23 Constitution & Bylaws Sharon Moore.
24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Good morning,
25 Liz.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
2 Convention Chairman Dee Ann Graham.
3 CONVENTION CHAIR GRAHAM: Here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
5 Co-Chairman Terry Oclaray.
6 CONVENTION CO-CHAIR GRAHAM: Here. Good morning.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
8 Convention Commission Chairman Anita Biggs.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: She's here.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
11 Commission Committee Gloria Sinopoli.
12 CONVENTION COMMISSION SINOPOLI: Present.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials
14 Madeleine Reed. Distinguished Guest Linda Workman.
15 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Still? Editor
17 Nancy Heinisch. Excused. Education Linda Hayes.
18 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elections Rebecca
20 Glenny.
21 ELECTIONS CHAIR GLENNY: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State Vice
23 President Alternate Linda Lara-Guzman.
24 GIRLS STATE VICE PRESIDENT ALTERNATE LARA-GUZMAN:
25 Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Activities
2 Chairman Martha Romano.
3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference
5 Director Jackie Cleveland. Excused. Junior Conference
6 Two Year Lucy Hunt.
7 JUNIOR CONFERENCE TWO YEAR HUNT: Present.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE TWO YEAR HUNT: Good morning,
10 Liz.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference
12 Committee One Year Rosa Hernandez. Madam President, was
13 she here?
14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She may be sick.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Is she. Due to
16 Alyssa last night. Yeah. Junior Conference Nurse Ann
17 Sanchez.
18 JUNIOR CONFERENCE NURSE SANCHEZ: Filling more
19 ice packs.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I think you need
21 more than ice packs. I think you need more than ice
22 packs this time.
23 Leadership Donna Mattox.
24 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: Good morning, Liz.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

1 Legislative Donna Smith.

2 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SMITH: Good morning, Liz.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

4 Membership Suzanne Winters.

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR WINTERS: Golden Nuggets.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support

7 Area 1 Carolyn Glenn. Membership Support Area 2

8 Rebecca Glenny.

9 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 1 GLENNY: Good morning,

10 Liz.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

12 Membership Support Area 3 Terry Miller. Membership

13 Support Area 4 Cassandra Brown.

14 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 4 BROWN: Good morning,

15 Liz.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

17 Membership Support Area 5 Cynthia Mayfield.

18 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MAYFIELD: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support

20 Area 6 Yolanda Zuniga.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's still recovering.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Excused. Thank

23 you. Music Stephanie Huff.

24 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Good morning, Liz.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

1 National Security Liz Doidge. I am here. PPP Kathie
2 Martinez.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR MARTINEZ: Good
4 morning again.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning again.
6 Poppy Robin Falkenberg.

7 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Those poppies are
8 cultivating.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Public Relations
10 Joan Cannon.

11 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Resolutions Linda
13 Fercho.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Therefore be
15 it resolved, I'm ready to go home.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Rules Linda
17 Karnstedt.

18 RULES CHAIR KARNSTEDT: I'm still here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: UD&R Tracy
20 Varne11-Fercho.

21 UD&R CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: I'm here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: VA&R Susan Baker.

23 VA&R CHAIR BAKER: Good morning, Liz.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means Arlene
25 Smith?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Excused.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Excused. I knew

3 that. Ways & Means Committee Marcia Munroe.

4 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Drawing tickets.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means

6 Committee Fran Brossman.

7 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE BROSSMAN: I've got the

8 tickets on.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page Ann

10 Sanchez.

11 PERSONAL PAGE SANCHEZ: It's been a pleasure but

12 I'm ready to go home.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page

14 Jennifer Turner.

15 PERSONAL PAGE TURNER: Let the shenanigans begin.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year Chairman

17 Joan Cannon.

18 MID-YEAR CHAIR CANNON: Present.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year

20 Co-Chairman Grace Huston.

21 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIR HUSTON: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year Co-Chair

23 Marcia Munroe.

24 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIR MUNROE: Present.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop

1 Gloria Sinopoli.

2 CLOVIS WORKSHOP SINOPOLI: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Co-Chairman Debbie

4 Hurado.

5 CLOVIS WORKSHOP HURADO: Present.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California

7 Workshop Maria Lopez. Southern California Workshop

8 Barbara Toth.

9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP TOTH: Good morning,

10 Liz.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

12 District 2 Carolyn Glenn. District 4 Samantha Valine is

13 excused. District 5 Linda Karnstedt.

14 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6 Suzanne

16 Winters.

17 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.

18 Sensational District 6 is in the house. United as One

19 we will be here until the work is done.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. I'm

21 glad you're not going home with Linda.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise

23 Munroe.

24 DISTRICT 7: Madam President, your year has come

25 and almost gone. This district will always Be The One.

1 So much to do, so too much is done, District 7 awaits
2 driving you home.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. I'm
4 ready to come.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8 Teresa
6 Canonizado is excused. District 9 Dolly Rios, excused.
7 District 10 Susan Mar.

8 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11 Grace
10 Huston.

11 DISTRICT 11: Thank you, Ms. Glenda, you led us
12 quite well. We've learned and we've grown and we think
13 you're real swell. So now take a breath and relax just
14 a bit. You're tiny, but mighty and super legit. United
15 as One is how we began and you have given us a good
16 plan. So thank you again, Miss President Glenda, it's
17 been a real pleasure to work your agenda.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you all so
19 much.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12
22 Elizabeth Estavillo.

23 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT ESTAVILLO: Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Leah
25 Williamson. Cece.

1 DISTRICT 13 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT HARVEY: Good
2 morning, Madam President.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning,
4 Cece.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Debbie
6 Ennen.

7 DISTRICT 14: Together United as One. Good
8 morning, Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 15, Linda
11 Carmichael.

12 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Madam President.
13 Friendly 15 is in the house.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16 Marion
16 Rocha-Carlos.

17 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Madam President. We
18 will always be United as One.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Teresa
20 Lugo-Nunez.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.
22 Sorry. She's over there.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 18
24 Gabriella Ramos.

25 DISTRICT 18: District 18 girls are

1 unforgettable. Serving veterans is always on top.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Diana

3 Livas.

4 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20, Carol

7 Harville.

8 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 21 Ellen

11 Federowski.

12 DISTRICT 21: Roses are red, violets are blue,

13 we're still here, but almost through. Good morning,

14 Madam President. Good morning, Liz.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

17 District 22 Janie Jackson.

18 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

20 District 23 Melissa -- no. Cassandra Brown.

21 DISTRICT 23: We are one. No matter what we do,

22 we are one. Love will see us through. We are one and

23 that's the way it is. We are one and that's my story

24 and I'm sticking to it. Good morning, Madam President.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 24 Melissa

3 Card.

4 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. Our

5 business is done. Bills have been paid. County Seat 24

6 is adjourned.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25 Barbara

9 Toth.

10 DISTRICT 25: Our veterans need us more each day.

11 We owe them more than we can say. United as One, we

12 answer your call and gave support to one and all.

13 Goodbye, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26 Peggy

15 Toye.

16 DISTRICT 26: Good morning and farewell, Madam

17 President.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 27, Jean

20 Ring.

21 DISTRICT 27: Good morning, Madam President.

22 District 27 is still in the house.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good to see you.

24 Thank you. Tell Danielle we miss her.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28 Rebecca

1 Glenny.

2 DISTRICT 28: In California Glenda held sway.

3 Auxiliary presence they say. With a team strong and

4 tight, she led with all her might. United they were,

5 come what may. Good morning, Madam President.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

7 Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And District 29

9 Carol Borgman.

10 DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: PPPs. 1989-1990

13 Beverly Sparks. 1992-'93 Willie Burke. 1995-'96 Judy

14 Lloyd. 1996-'97 Ruby Kapsalis. 1998-'99 Linda Workman.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: The old broad

16 is still here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2001-2002 Madeline

18 Lee.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Still here, old

20 broad two.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2002-2003 Nancy

22 Brown-Park is excused. 2003-2004 Linda Caples.

23 2004-2005 Melanie Taylor.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I've run out

25 of hot air so I guess I'm grounded.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2005-2006 Bonnie
2 Christner.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: The prom is
4 over, it's time to go home.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2006-2007 Sandy
6 Jacob. 2007-2008 Shelby Hitch. 2010-2011 Pilar Reyes.
7 2011-2012 Linda Fercho.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2013-2014 Anita
10 Biggs.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Still shooting
12 hoops.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2016-2017 Wendy
14 O'Brien. 2017-2018 Loretta Marsh. 2018-2019 Joan
15 Cannon.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2019-21 Kathie
18 Martinez.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Eagle One is
20 in the nest.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '21-'22 Dee Ann
22 Graham.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh. Surf's
24 up.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '22-'23 Gloria

1 Williams. Excused. Fresno Representative Cynthia
2 Oliphant.

3 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: I'm here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Deputy
5 Sandra Dowell. Loma Linda Representative Sandra
6 Kurkoske.

7 HOSPITAL REP KURKOSKE: Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loma Linda Deputy
9 Tami Bell.

10 HOSPITAL DEP BELL: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach Deputy
12 Cynthia Mayfield.

13 HOSPITAL DEP MAYFIELD: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach
15 Representative Debbie Butler.

16 HOSPITAL REP BUTLER: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Villages of
18 Cabrillo CBOC Deputy Gail Spitzform. Palm Desert CBOC
19 Nancy Brown-Park is excused. Los Angeles Representative
20 Patricia Jackson-Kelley. West LA Ambulatory Clinic
21 Center Deputy Diana Williams. Downtown East LA OPC
22 Deputy Pamela Dixon-Hicks.

23 HOSPITAL DEP DIXON-HICKS: Good morning, Liz.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
25 Bakersfield OPC Deputy Deborah Goodlow. Santa Maria

1 Community-based OPC Loretta Marsh. Sierra Foothills VA
2 Clinic Lori Franceschi. Northern California Mather
3 Representative Suzanne Winters.
4 HOSPITAL REP WINTERS: Here.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California
6 Mather Robin Schmidt.
7 HOSPITAL DEP SCHMIDT: Good morning, Liz.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
9 Fairfield OPC Deputy Kelli Germeraad. She's excused.
10 Martinez OPC Linda Workman.
11 HOSPITAL DEP WORKMAN: Here.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Palo Alto
13 Representative Connie Raya.
14 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Present.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Palo Alto Deputy
16 Arlene Muller. Menlo Park Deputy Joyce Henderson-McLeod
17 is excused. Livermore Representative Grace Huston.
18 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego
20 Representative Susie Tozier. San Diego Deputy Irma
21 Mathei. San Diego Deputy Donna Smith.
22 HOSPITAL DEP SMITH: Still here.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: WAVE Clinic/Poppy
24 Production Manager Lois Cornish is excused. Barstow
25 Veterans Home Representative Angie Acosta. Barstow

1 Veterans Home Deputy Judy Samples. Chula Vista Veterans
2 Home Lois Cornish is excused. Fresno Veterans Home
3 Representative Gloria Sinopoli.
4 HOSPITAL PRE SINOPOLI: Here.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Lancaster
6 Representative Marcy Velador.
7 HOSPITAL REP VELADOR: Here.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ventura
9 Representative Madeline Lee.
10 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Still here.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: West LA
12 Representative Deloris Artis.
13 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Here.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior
15 President Oliva Thuney is excused. Honorary Junior Vice
16 President Alyssa Alcaraz is excused. Honorary Junior
17 Secretary/Treasurer Hailey Doidge. She's late.
18 Honorary Junior Chaplain Laura Landis.
19 HONORARY JUNIOR CHAPLAIN LANDIS: Here.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior
21 Historian Laura Smith. Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms Annie
22 Edson. I saw her this morning. She was the first
23 junior this morning.
24 HONORARY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS EDSON: Here. Sorry.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And then Honorary

1 Junior Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms McKayla Doidge. I'm
2 assuming she's late as well.

3 That includes -- or that concludes your roll
4 call.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Liz.
6 When you have a moment, can you please double check that
7 list for the reps and deps. I know some of those names
8 have changed.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I thought -- okay.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

11 Linda Workman, do you have a Golden Note for us?

12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good
13 morning, ladies. Last night the catering manager got in
14 touch with me and she is very concerned about people who
15 may have gotten sick because of food substances that
16 were gotten at the hotel, so she's asked if we can get a
17 list of your name, contact, where you ate and what you
18 ate. They want to contact you to make sure that
19 everything is okay and, you know, take care of issues
20 that they may have here at the hotel.

21 So if you can either write that down or come over
22 and see me, I will put it together and make sure that
23 the catering manager gets that before we leave today.
24 Okay. Thank you.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Kathie, do you

1 want to start with your change?

2

3 **PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)**

4

5 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR MARTINEZ: Good
6 morning, ladies.

7 DELEGATES: Good morning.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: As you are
9 aware, on Friday Past Presidents Parley proposed a code
10 change to add "grandchild" to the eligibility for the
11 scholarship. After further investigation and
12 interpretation, we -- the committee met this morning at
13 8:00 a.m. out here in the lobby and, Madam President, we
14 move to rescind that code change to Past Presidents
15 Parley Code 2. Rationale being Poppy funds, which are a
16 portion of the contribution to the scholarship, can only
17 be used by the grandchild if they are living in the home
18 with the grandparent. And until National addresses this
19 and changes it, we cannot add it to our code.

20 By direction of the committee, Madam President, I
21 move to rescind our code change.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: There's a motion
24 on the floor to remove the code change for Past
25 Presidents Parley. Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
3 favor.

4 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR MARTINEZ: Thank
7 you, Madam President.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.
9 Martha, do you have yours?

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excuse me.
11 Madam President, I apologize. Past President Department
12 Madeline Lee gave me this piece of paper. I thought it
13 was to go to Finance, but I believe she would like for
14 me to announce these.

15 (Singing.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And I went
17 two years with "feather fluttering." Chaplains Prayer
18 Book First Place District goes to District 23, Joyce
19 Patton, Chaplain.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Madam
22 President, do you also want me to announce the second
23 because they were not included in the committee because
24 they weren't judged until -- thank you.

25 Second Place District goes to District 28, Connie

1 Raya.

2 (Applause.)

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: First Place
4 Unit goes to Unit 302, District 17, Rodi.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm not even
7 going to try your last name.

8 DISTRICT 17 DELEGATE ANDRESSCI: Oh, man, come
9 on.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Second Place
11 Unit goes to Unit 252, Faye Reed, District 23.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And third
14 place goes to Unit 694, Janet Wohlgemuth, District 28.

15 I apologize if I did not pronounce that properly.

16 Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Chaplain
17 Madeline.

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19 **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)**

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21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I know we're not
22 supposed to do gifts, but the blue bag is for Susan
23 Baker. One has three items for Glenda and three items
24 for Linda Hayes.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Martha, we're

1 having a little bit of a hard time hearing you, if you
2 need to get closer. I know you have a soft voice.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. So
4 they're trying to give out gifts. There's three for
5 Glenda and three for Linda and the blue bag is for Susan
6 Baker. I just wanted to accommodate that.

7 So I just want to remind everyone when you're
8 putting the district numbers, there are no numbers so
9 the Juniors are having a hard time trying to find you
10 because they don't know where you are. I know that most
11 of you are sitting in the same place, but there's no
12 numbers and they didn't memorize where you were sitting.
13 So when you're sending notes and you send it to district
14 so-and-so, they don't know where that is.

15 Okay. So we left off -- and just a point of
16 order, we left off with a code change and we were in a
17 discussion we never finished, so I would call the
18 question.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry, Martha.
20 I didn't understand what you said.

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: There was a code
22 change. It was moved at the direction of the committee.
23 It was seconded -- I mean I don't need a second, but it
24 was moved on behalf of the committee, we had discussion,
25 and I call the question.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You mean the
2 travel one?

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Yes.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Did you go back to
5 Finance to talk to Linda?

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: We did talk to
7 her, but we have our own budget. But I'm already
8 calling the question so I don't think there's discussion
9 after that.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Linda, can you
11 check with Martha on that, please?

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: We checked, but
13 it was at the direction of the committee and we have our
14 own budget and I'm calling the question.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Your budget is
16 not exclusive of our budget. We still control your
17 budget.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yesterday I
19 thought you said it was coming from the General Fund,
20 Martha. Did I not understand that?

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: The Junior
22 budget has their own budget.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I know they do,
24 but the way it was worded, I thought you were saying
25 that it was coming from the General Fund and that's why

1 I thought it needed to go to Finance.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: It doesn't need
3 to go to Finance, but I call the question already.
4 There is no discussion.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Calling for
6 the question is a motion. It has to be voted on.

7 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: The Junior
8 budget is in itself. It has nothing to do with the
9 Department budget. So if they raise the funds and the
10 Juniors -- for the Junior budget, the funds stay in the
11 Junior account.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Okay. I
13 understand what you are saying. You're saying that you
14 made a motion or --

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: The committee
16 made a motion.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: The committee
18 agreed, you brought it to the floor, there was
19 discussion, there were questions, we asked -- the
20 President asked you to go back and refer to the Finance
21 Chairman. That was done. We wanted to cap it. There
22 was some talk about capping the amount. I see that the
23 budget line item is \$1,000 for Mission Training. I
24 could move to amend. But calling for a question is a
25 motion which has to be voted on by the body and that

1 hasn't been done.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Exactly. And I

3 want them to vote.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: A motion and

5 second. You're calling for the question. We have

6 questions so we wanted to get those clarified prior to

7 changing this code. Okay?

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Right. And I

9 think that you already spoke twice to the motion

10 yesterday, and so I'm calling the question.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You're saying

12 I spoke twice?

13 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Yes.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Oh, I can have

15 somebody else speak if that's a concern of yours. I'm

16 explaining what we discussed yesterday.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Right.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: It wasn't

19 about you coming and saying we're calling for the

20 question to vote on. You just want to vote on this

21 as-is?

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Correct.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: And you don't

24 want any changes to it?

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Correct.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
2 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President.

3 Martha, if you can just read what it was that you
4 presented. Because there was a bit of confusion about
5 air travel, mileage. Just for clarification so that we
6 can vote on that.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: So what I'm
8 asking the membership to vote on is travel plus \$100 per
9 diem for two days and the registration fee will be paid
10 for by the Department Office for two representatives to
11 Junior Mission Training. Should the representatives not
12 be available to attend, two alternates will move up to
13 representatives. The Department President, Junior
14 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and
15 Junior Conference Committee will select the Juniors that
16 attended the current year Junior Conference to attend as
17 representatives and alternates. (2024).

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Great. Thank
19 you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. So we have
21 a motion for Department Code No. 2. If adopted, it will
22 read: "Travel plus \$100 per diem for two days and the
23 registration fee will be paid by the Department Office
24 for two representatives to Junior Mission Training.
25 Should the representatives not be able to attend, two

1 alternates will move up to representatives. The
2 Department President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior
3 Conference Director, and Junior Conference Committee
4 will select the Juniors that attend the current year
5 Junior Conference to attend as the representatives and
6 alternates."

7 Is there any discussion? A second. I'm sorry.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
10 discussion?

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I believe we've
12 already done that. It's already been moved and --

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Good morning.
14 Katherine Tellyer, Treasurer, District 11, Unit 22. The
15 amount needs to be capped. It needs to be amended to be
16 capped at a certain amount.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: It doesn't -- we
18 already called the question. There is no discussion.
19 This -- this violates the rules. We already discussed
20 it. I called for the question. We're not doing another
21 motion. It was at the direction of the committee and I
22 was told that the direction of the committee you don't
23 need a second.

24 And we had discussion yesterday. This violates
25 the rules. We're supposed to be voting at this time. I

1 would like for the membership to proceed to vote.

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: I move to cap it
3 to \$1,000.

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: You can't make a
5 motion when it's closed already. We are -- we're in the
6 process of voting. We need to vote.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motions can be
8 amended.

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: The maker of the
10 motion has the final say. I was the maker of the
11 motion. I've already ended, and I'm not accepting a
12 friendly amendment.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. The motion
14 has not been decided yet.

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I call for the
16 question. The motion has already been made. It's
17 automatically seconded by the direction of the
18 committee. We had discussion.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Calling for the
20 question has to be seconded. Is there is a second?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I heard several
23 seconds.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: When someone
25 asks to call for the question, that means they want to

1 end debate on the motion. Okay? We had asked yesterday
2 to see if the amount of money could be capped. That's
3 what we thought the Chairman was bringing that back in
4 order for us to decide how much the cap would be so that
5 it could not just be an arbitrary number, an exorbitant
6 amount we don't know. We still have to be in charge of
7 the finances even though they have their own budget and
8 the Treasurer is the one responsible for dispensing
9 funds.

10 So it is in order for anyone because we were
11 still in discussion on this motion to amend the motion.
12 Calling for the question means no one can discuss it
13 anymore if the delegation wants to stop discussing it.
14 That's what calling for the question means. I move to
15 stop debate, that's what it really is.

16 So calling for the question doesn't mean you can
17 say it and it stops. It's not one person can say we
18 stop debate. It's up to the delegation. That's the
19 point that we're trying to make.

20 So discussion was continuing from yesterday to
21 today. We were not done with this code change. We
22 asked the Chairman to go back and discuss it with the
23 Finance because we want to see if we're going to do the
24 40 cents per mile, what were we going to do with regard
25 to how much we were going to allow them to spend.

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Point of order.
2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You're
3 doubling the amount that you're going to spend because
4 there's two girls, not one. You have to just remember
5 what we're doing, what we did yesterday and what we are
6 doing today. Her -- I'm sorry, but calling for the
7 question is out of order during the discussion that we
8 were going to do to change this code. You're supposed
9 to come back and tell us what was decided from your
10 discussion with the Finance Chairman.
11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I'm sorry, it's
12 not out of order. It was already said and it was
13 seconded. We have several seconds. Can we just vote?
14 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: The Finance Committee did
15 say 40 cents per mile en route not to exceed \$500.
16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Again, point of
17 order. The question has been called, it has been
18 seconded. There's no discussion.
19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Madam
20 President. Madam President.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.
22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda Fercho,
23 Past Department President. In the Junior budget it has
24 a cap of \$1,000 budgeted for the National Junior Mission
25 Training and it is for the registration fees, air or

1 mileage and room nights equals for two delegates. It
2 seems to me that's a cap. If we vote this budget in,
3 that would be a cap.

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: We're not
5 supposed to be having discussion right now. We're
6 supposed to be voting. Discussion has ended. We need
7 to vote.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So all those in
9 favor.

10 DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in favor
12 of the code change.

13 DELEGATES: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

15 DELEGATES: No.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We need a
17 hand vote. Jean, Melise, only delegates are voting. So
18 if there are any alternates or visitors, no voting.

19 All those in favor raise your hand. Keep them up
20 high.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Fifty-two and
22 28, so that's 80.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Eighty.

24 Opposed. Eighty-three. Motion denied.

25 Can we go ahead with the report, Martha.

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I just want to
2 point out that they are -- as it currently stands has no
3 cap.

4 PERSONAL PAGE SANCHEZ: There's no discussion.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I didn't really
6 hear what you said, but the discussion is over.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Right. I said
8 for clarification, so I am going to rescind. I'm not
9 going to make changes.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I don't think
11 that's your call when the membership has voted, Martha.

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Right. That's
13 what -- that's what I'm saying.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. So you're
15 going to rescind the motion?

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Correct.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, they voted
18 not to do it, so it's already -- the motion is denied.

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Right.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So you don't need
21 to rescind it.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: That's what I'm
23 saying, it stays the same. And the way it is what you
24 voted on has no cap. What you -- what you voted on
25 right now and approved to leave --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Martha, please,
2 you're out of order.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: So I want to
4 bring Rebecca up to the floor and I also want to
5 recognize we had an applicant for the Past Presidents
6 Junior Scholarship to be awarded to Grace Edinama from
7 Unit 589, District 28. And I believe the Department
8 will contact -- will contact the Junior and let them
9 know how much the scholarship is.

10 I wanted to recognize Rebecca. Rebecca is going
11 to be awarded the Junior Member of the Year for the
12 Western Division.

13 (Applause.)

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: That concludes
15 my report.

16 One more thing. Sorry. Sorry. Would the floor
17 recognize Lucy Hunt. Come on, Lucy.

18 JUNIOR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TWO YEAR HUNT: Good
19 morning, everyone. I'm Lucy Hunt from the 23rd
20 District, Unit 578. I just want to let everybody know
21 that I have the Junior Conference tickets. Can all
22 District Presidents please come over to the get the
23 Junior Conference tickets before you leave. It would be
24 greatly appreciated because I don't want to take them
25 back home. Have a great day. Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Next we will have
3 Public Relations Joan Cannon. After Joan will be
4 Finance.

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6 **PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT**

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8 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: Good morning.

9 The convention committee on Public Relations met on June
10 19th, 2024 on Zoom at 5:00 p.m. The statistical report
11 for Public Relations appears on page 35. The committee
12 agreed on the following appointments: Carolyn Glenn,
13 Unit 92, District 2 was appointed secretary, Grace
14 Huston, Unit 249, District 11 offered prayer, and Lynn
15 Jewell, Unit 165, District 5 was appointed
16 sergeant-at-arms. A total of 16 delegates answered roll
17 call and there were 15 visitors.

18 Grace offered prayer, Lynn led the Pledge of
19 Allegiance, and Carolyn took the roll call. The
20 committee agreed upon the following report: The code
21 was read with no code changes.

22 (Applause.)

23 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: Discussion was
24 held on Public Relations and how to network with others
25 especially the Public Relations Chairmen in our units.

1 100 percent reporting certificates were announced as
2 well as Second and Third Place Supplemental Awards.

3 Madam President, this concludes my preconvention
4 committee committee report. May I continue with my
5 supplemental, which somehow or another I did --

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: Thank you. My
8 year as Department of California started on a sad note
9 when Valerie Hill, Public Relations PR Chairman, passed
10 away. Valerie's smile welcomed anyone that spoke with
11 her as well as the kindness she showed to all. We
12 shared a love for a certain succulent plant I gifted
13 Valerie when I was Department President. It was just
14 like Valerie, full of life and would rise towards the
15 sun. She is greatly missed by me and I'm sure by many
16 others.

17 To support our mission, our members provided
18 magazine gift subscriptions to public libraries,
19 doctor/dentist offices and other locations throughout
20 their communities. We use the National eNews to keep
21 informed as well as ALA brochures and other ALA
22 materials. American Legion Auxiliary brochures are
23 provided at Unit/Post events, provided to the community
24 during fairs and while out in the public.

25 Our units are using social media to help get the

1 word out about our programs and how we are working those
2 programs. Newspapers, ALA magazines, radio, public
3 service announcements and our Department Hub newsletters
4 are shared with our communities to keep them informed.
5 Many units are on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Our
6 members use ALA attire, hats, aprons, jewelry, pins,
7 banners, signage, flyers, booths, canopies, posters,
8 name badges, and websites.

9 Mary Stouthall Cloverdale Unit 293, District 5 PR
10 Chairman understands the importance of befriending the
11 staff of their local newspaper Connect. They had
12 several articles published on their Girl State delegate
13 and an article showcased their scholarship awarded in
14 the amount of \$1,000. PR chairman Mary had articles
15 published in July, October, November, and December and
16 also last May.

17 Stephanie Huff, District 18 PR Chairman reported
18 their Past District President, District President, First
19 Vice President, and Poppy Chairman go to Disneyland and
20 pass out pens to the veterans in attendance during the
21 retreat ceremonies.

22 Public Relations Chairman Lorrie Lewellyan,
23 District 19 reported Lakewood Unit 496 has no chairman,
24 but this doesn't stop them from getting the word out.
25 They belong to their Chamber of Commerce. They attend

1 events where they represent the Auxiliary sharing
2 information with local business owners and residents of
3 their city.

4 James Vass, District 21 PR Chairman and Morrison
5 Memorial Unit 575 PR Chairman have a successful social
6 media presence. They have a robust Public Relations
7 program aimed at fostering strong community connections
8 to promote their activities. They use Facebook and
9 Instagram updating their information on activities when
10 needed. They have a detailed website with information
11 on their mission, programs, events and how to get
12 involved. They had an article published in the
13 Department's Hub October/November on strengthening
14 junior program -- excuse me. Got lost. February/March
15 edition of the Hub they authored an article celebrating
16 dual membership.

17 Unit 457 Big Pine Glacier's District/Unit
18 Chairman Rosemarie Todd publishes events in their Inyo
19 Register newspaper regularly, as well as the Sierra
20 Reader, KIBS Radio Station and the Sierra Wave. This
21 year they added Big Pine 411 on Facebook. Big Pine is a
22 small unit, but they are very active in their small
23 community of 1,500 people. They hold events in
24 conjunction with the Civic Club, which the president is
25 a member of Big Pine's Unit. This enables the community

1 not to duplicate service to their veterans.

2 The Easter Bunny stopped by Big Pine as they dyed
3 300 eggs and stuffed 700 plastic eggs. The article in
4 the newspaper was written by an Auxiliary member. May
5 is their biggest month, but I could not tell you all of
6 them. There were so many.

7 The Units in the Department of California
8 continue to support the American Legion Auxiliary's
9 Public Relations program. Whether big or small units or
10 big or small communities, our Units are using Public
11 Relations to their best advantage.

12 A favorite way of branding as reported by
13 District 19 Chairman Wendy Hart Hagen is very simple.
14 Their ALA name badge. It has all the information the
15 community needs. Our ALA name, the individual's name,
16 their unit name, and the number which they wear out in
17 public. What a conversation starter.

18 Public Relations Chairmen are -- I'm sorry. It's
19 my bifocals. Public Relations Chairmen are hard at
20 work, are a resource for the Department and Unit and
21 District touching every committee. I thank you all for
22 your hard work and support for our mission this year and
23 I leave with you an quote: "Everything you do or say is
24 Public Relations."

25 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I

1 pass out my awards?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

3 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: Make sure I got
4 the right one. First Place District Supplemental goes
5 to Stephanie Huff.

6 (Applause.)

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: District 18.
8 First Place Unit Public Relations Supplemental goes to
9 Rosemarie Todd, Big Pine District 27.

10 (Applause.)

11 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: We have the
12 Odette Cuccaro Award and it will be presented by
13 Odette's daughter, Susie.

14 (Applause.)

15 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: And the check is
16 inside.

17 SUSIE CUCCARO: The check is in the mail.

18 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: No, it's in here.
19 Thank you, all.

20 SUSIE CUCCARO: In 2021 District 18 created my
21 mom's award to recognize a member or a unit of the
22 American Legion Auxiliary for their outstanding Public
23 Relations efforts on a positive image that we represent
24 the Auxiliary. For those that didn't know my mom,
25 Odette was the Past Department President in 1971-'72 and

1 truly advocated the purposes of the American Legion
2 Auxiliary and of course the family and our services to
3 our country, our veterans, active military, and their
4 families.

5 Odette also believed in service above all else by
6 creating and maintaining a positive public image
7 representing the American Legion Auxiliary, their
8 programs within the Department of California. It is my
9 distinct honor and privilege to present this year's
10 award to District 18, Unit 180 Christine Adams.

11 (Applause.)

12 SUSIE CUCCARO: Thank you so much.

13 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: This concludes
14 the Public Relations report.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Now we're going to
16 have our Finance report.

17 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam President, we're
18 having a little bit of technical difficulty which we're
19 going to take care of, so I'm going to give my Advisory
20 report right now if that's okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Anything you want,
22 Linda.

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24 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT**

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1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam
2 President, first I would like to introduce the other
3 members of this committee, Joan Cannon and Kathie
4 Martinez. They're both up here. Thank you, ladies.

5 (Applause.)

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We did have
7 a question though. We wondered why you would choose
8 three women who are shy, quiet, and reserved. Okay,
9 guys, stop laughing. Okay.

10 Okay. These three women seldom speak their
11 minds, but we took your charge here. We were happy to
12 give you advice when you asked for it, but we were even
13 happier to give you advice when you didn't. You have
14 served this Department with grace and fairness this year
15 and we were so happy that we could share with you our
16 combined 160 years of experience. Happy memories.
17 We're all old ladies. Okay? Happy memories and keep up
18 the good work. Thank you, Madam President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Linda.
21 I'm older than all of them so I wish I had the
22 experience that -- and the knowledge that they have, but
23 some day I'll get there. Thank you, the three of you.
24 I love you.

25 Linda, are you doing Finance now? Okay.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: It takes a team and we all thank God for Rebecca who has -- you know, the rest of us are IT blonde, but, you know, we got her so it works. She's behind the curtain or what? We'll start with you.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: This is in your Book of Reports I believe.

FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: It's in your Book of Reports, but we're putting it on the screen because there were changes made in committee so that way you can see it and write it, although we will say it here on the stand.

Madam President, first I would like to introduce the committee: Teresa Nunez is our Senior Member and Ann Sanchez is our Junior Member. The committee on Finance met on June 27th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sierra B Room of the Marriott Hotel.

Senior Member Teresa Nunez served as secretary and Junior Member Ann Sanchez served as Chaplain. Anita Biggs, District 23, acted as Sergeant-at-Arms. Prayer was offered and Pledge was recited. A total of 13 District delegates answered roll call and there were

1 four visitors present.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report:

3 The code was read and with four housekeeping changes,
4 which will be reported to the Department Secretary, we
5 submit the following code changes for your approval.

6 No. 3 now reads: "The General Ledger as posted
7 in SharePoint in QuickBooks shall be available to the
8 Finance Committee and Treasurer."

9 The change will read: "The General Ledger as
10 posted in the secure cloud storage system and QuickBooks
11 shall be available to the Finance Committee."

12 We're only changing the name of "SharePoint" to
13 "shared cloud storage system."

14 Madam President, by the direction of the
15 committee, I move the acceptance of this code change.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
18 on the floor for changing Code No. 3 to read: "The
19 General Ledger as posted in the secured cloud storage
20 system and QuickBooks shall be available to the Finance
21 Committee."

22 Is there any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
25 those in favor.

1 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

5 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you. No. 5 now

6 reads: "The outsourcing bookkeeping company shall

7 provide the Finance Committee and Treasurer a

8 profit/loss budget performance report, investment

9 accounts and bank statements monthly. These are due no

10 later than the end of the following month."

11 No. 5 will then read: "The Treasurer shall

12 provide the Finance company" -- company -- "Committee"

13 -- we are a company -- "Committee a profit/loss budget

14 performance report, investment accounts and bank

15 statements monthly. These are due no later than the end

16 of the following month."

17 So we're just changing it to take out the

18 bookkeeping company and it's just the Treasurer will be

19 doing that.

20 Madam President, by direction of the committee I

21 move the acceptance of this code change.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

25 on the floor for Finance Code No. 5. If adopted it will

1 read: "The Treasurer shall provide the Finance
2 Committee a Profit/Loss Budget Performance Report,
3 investment accounts and bank statements monthly. These
4 are due no later than the end of the following month."

5 Is there any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
8 we'll vote. All those in favor.

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

13 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Now 6 reads: "The
14 Department Treasurer is authorized use of a credit card
15 for official use only and shall provide copies of the
16 credit card statement with copies of receipts to the
17 Finance Committee and outsourcing bookkeeping company
18 monthly, for review, verification, and internal control
19 of expenditures."

20 No. 6 would then read: "The Department Treasurer
21 shall be authorized use" -- "is authorized to use a
22 credit/debit card for official use only and shall
23 provide copies of the statement with copies of receipts
24 to the Finance Committee monthly for review,
25 verification, and internal control of expenditures."

1 So we're adding "debit card." And I'm awake.

2 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
3 move the acceptance of the following code change.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Finance Code 6 --
6 sorry. We have a motion on the floor for Finance Code
7 No. 6, if adopted it will read: "The Department
8 Treasurer is authorized to use" -- "authorized use of a
9 credit/debit card for official use only and shall
10 provide copies of the statement with copies of receipts
11 to the Finance Committee monthly for review,
12 verification, and internal control of expenditures."

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
16 those in favor.

17 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

21 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Code No. 9 now
22 reads: "A fee of \$35 will be charged to any Unit,
23 District, Department Officer and Chairman, Past
24 Department Presidents, and individual members who wish
25 to receive bimonthly mailings in paper form. All

1 receipts of bimonthly mailings via email will not be
2 charged."

3 The whole thing is kind of changing so it will
4 now read: "Monthly mailings will be emailed to all
5 Units, Districts, Department Officers and Chairmen, Past
6 Department Presidents, and individual members who wish
7 to receive monthly mailings. All receipts of monthly
8 mailings via email will not be charged. A fee of \$50
9 will be charged to any of the above who wish to receive
10 monthly mailings in paper form. A. Units, Districts,
11 Department Officers and Chairmen and Past Department
12 Presidents will receive mailings/emails prior to
13 Mid-Year DEC to include Mid-Year forms and DEC
14 information and prior to Convention to include
15 end-of-year reports and Convention information."

16 This is because postage and paper and all that is
17 really going up, so we have to increase that.

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

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
22 on the floor for Finance Code No. 9. If adopted it will
23 read: "Monthly mailings will be emailed to all Units,
24 Districts, Department Officers and Chairmen, Past
25 Department Presidents, and individual members who wish

1 to receive monthly mailings. All receipts of monthly
2 mailings via email will not be charged. A fee of \$50
3 will be charged to any of the above who wish to receive
4 monthly mailings in paper form. A. Units, Districts,
5 Department Officers and Chairmen and Past Department
6 Presidents will receive mailings/emails prior to
7 Mid-Year DEC to include Mid-Year forms and DEC
8 information and prior to Convention to include
9 end-of-year reports and Convention information."
10 Is there any discussion?
11 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Liz is happy so you know
12 I'm happy.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Is
14 there any discussion?
15 (No response.)
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
17 those in favor.
18 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
20 (No response.)
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
22 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Under Allowances
23 and Expenses No. 7, Code No. 7 now reads: "Members of
24 the official family called to the Executive Board
25 meeting and Convention shall receive mileage of 25 cents

1 per mile in route, not to exceed \$500, provided they
2 have filed their expense sheet with the Department
3 Office."

4 No. 7 will then read: "Members of the official
5 family called to the Executive Board meeting and
6 convention shall receive mileage of 40 cents per mile in
7 route, not to exceed \$500, provided they have filed
8 their expense sheet with the Department Office."

9 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
10 move the acceptance of this code change.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a
12 motion --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We have a
15 motion on the floor in Allowances and Expenses No. 7 if
16 adopted will read: "Members of the official family
17 called to the Executive Board meeting and Convention
18 shall receive mileage of 40 cents per mile in route not
19 to exceed \$500 provided they have filed their expense
20 sheet with the Department Office."

21 Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
24 those in favor.

25 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

4 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Now No. 13 reads:

5 "Department Officers, Chairmen, District Presidents and

6 Medical Center Representatives shall calculate travel

7 expenses at 25 cents per mile in route, or coach fare.

8 This shall apply to called meetings or conferences

9 within the State of California."

10 The change will now read: "Department Officers,

11 Chairmen, District Presidents, and Medical Center

12 Representatives shall calculate travel expenses at 40

13 cents a mile in route, or coach fare, not to exceed

14 \$500. This shall apply to all called meetings or

15 conferences within the State of California."

16 Madam President, by direction of the committee I

17 move the acceptance of this code change.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

20 on the floor Allowances and Expenses No. 13 if adopted

21 will read: "Department Officers, Chairmen, District

22 Presidents, and Medical Center Representatives shall

23 calculate travel expenses at 40 cents a mile in route,

24 or coach fare, not to exceed \$500. This shall apply to

25 all called meetings or conferences within the State of

1 California."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Linda, I have a
5 question. Before we have said that the Treasurer would
6 calculate the mileage and this says that the individual
7 is calculating the mileage.

8 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: This is for reporting.
9 Because like representatives report, everybody has to
10 report somehow and we're reporting 40 cents a mile
11 rather than 25 cents a mile because you're expending
12 those funds.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And I understand
14 that. I just thought before that it was -- the Finance
15 sheet said that the Treasurer --

16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: No, it's not just what
17 the Finance Chairman is sending out. It's when you are
18 calculating like the Reps, they travel back and forth to
19 the hospital.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

21 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: The Chairmen travel back
22 and forth, the Leadership, you know, they've done so
23 many miles. Not that they're going to get paid that
24 back, but maybe your taxes. It's volunteer time, so you
25 can calculate it at 40 cents a mile.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Linda.
2 Is there any further discussion?
3 (No response.)
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
5 we'll vote. All those in favor.
6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
8 (No response.)
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
10 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Under Department Budget,
11 No. 7 now reads: "All contacts, when executed, shall be
12 provided to the Department President, Department
13 Secretary, and Department Treasurer and shall be
14 reviewed at Mid-Year/DEC and stored on SharePoint."
15 One of them was a typo error. It would then
16 read: "All contracts, when executed, shall be provided
17 to the Department President, Department Secretary, and
18 Department Treasurer and shall be reviewed at the
19 Mid-Year/DEC and stored on a secured cloud storage
20 system."
21 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
22 move the acceptance of this code change.
23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
25 on the floor for the Department Budget No. 7 if adopted

1 will read: "All contracts, when executed, shall be
2 provided to the Department President, Department
3 Secretary, and Department Treasurer and shall be
4 reviewed at the Mid-Year/DEC and stored on a secured
5 cloud storage system."

6 Is there any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none
9 I'll --

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No more executing
11 contacts?

12 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: I know you wanted to
13 execute a couple of them. Okay.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Off with their
15 heads.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
17 favor.

18 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I'm glad
23 we can still have a sense of humor this morning. The
24 budget was reviewed and there are a few changes. Now
25 everyone has a budget in their book. We will be -- we

1 will be reading the right amounts and they'll show up
2 here as correct so it will be easier to change them as
3 you go. Okay? But the budget was reviewed. There were
4 a few changes. Being no further business, the meeting
5 was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

6 So for the fun stuff. I'm going to put these two
7 guys to work and they will review the budget.

8 Madam President -- well, I guess we have to read
9 the budget first and then I'll conclude my meeting.

10 You're up, girlfriend.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Okay.
12 General Fund Program Income. Online Dues \$265,000. She
13 made this super small. Americanism Donations \$5,000.
14 Dues Membership Senior and Junior \$123,000. Dues - Unit
15 1000 \$7200. Postage Income - Bimonthly Mailings \$1,000.
16 Department Supply Orders \$150.

17 Going down to Ways & Means \$3,000. Current
18 Department President Pins \$4,000. Donations - In Living
19 Tribute \$750. Donations - President Club \$500.
20 Interest Income - Unrestricted \$150. Admin Income -
21 Other Accounts \$11,000. Fidelity Bond \$1,000. Delegate
22 Fees - Convention \$18,000. Income/Reimbursement item --
23 I'm sorry -- from National \$500. Department Convention
24 Proceedings \$300. California Disaster Fund \$3500. Live
25 Units \$5700. Department President's Special Project

1 \$8,000. Department Convention Banquet \$9,000. PPP
2 Luncheon \$7,000. Mid-Year/DEC meals \$4,000. General --
3 oh, I'm sorry. I'm telling you, it's small.

4 Okay. So Mid-Year/DEC was \$4500. General Fund
5 miscellaneous \$400. National Convention Income \$3100.
6 National Candidate Campaign Fund \$500. General Fund
7 Program Income \$482,250.

8 General Fund - Administrative Expenses.

9 Salary/Net \$66,500. Payroll Tax 6,656. Sorry. Payroll
10 Tax 6,665 -- 6,656. Right? Sorry. Insurance zero.
11 Supplies 3500. Postage Mailing Service 3500. Telephone
12 Telecommunications \$350. Computer License/Website
13 \$5,300. Workers' Comp Insurance \$500. Equipment Rental
14 and Maintenance \$5,000. ALWMC (Rent, Utilities) \$2,400.
15 Fidelity Bond/dishonesty insurance \$1,500. Finance
16 Committee zero. Accounting and Audit \$24,000. Payroll
17 Services \$2400. Filing Fees & FTB Fees \$400. Bank Fees
18 and Return Checks \$800. New Computer/Office Equipment
19 \$1,000. Management Fees - Sierra Financial 3,300.
20 Charitable Trust \$150. For General Fund Administrative
21 Expense, a total of \$127,316.

22 General Fund - Other Admin Expense. National
23 Dues 90,000. Department President Pins 2100. Ways and
24 Means zero. Department President Special Project
25 \$8,000. There's a lot of pages. Membership PUFL 3500.

1 Live Units Access - Online Payments 5,000 -- 5,800.
2 Sorry. I guess I could bring it up to my face if I can
3 see it. It's really hard for me.

4 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Stand on the other side.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ:

6 Membership PUFL 3,500. Live Units Access - Online
7 Payments 5800. Why didn't you guys tell me to do this a
8 long time ago? Membership - Promotion \$500. Online
9 Dues \$140,000. General Fund Miscellaneous \$400.
10 General Fund - Other Administrative Expense 250,300.
11 General Fund - Administrative Expense 377,616.
12 Department President -- oh, sorry.

13 General Fund - Executive Expense. Department
14 President 8,000. Department Vice President 200.
15 District Presidents 5,000. Training and Program
16 Workshops 8500. Authorized Travel By Department
17 President 2,000. Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting
18 22,000. Secretary & Treasurer Travel Allowance 2,000.
19 Past Department President Pins 700. National
20 Candidates' Reserve 500. National President's Visit
21 3500. Officers & Chairmen Liability D&O 5,000. General
22 Fund Executive Expense 57,400.

23 General Fund Outsourcing --

24 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: There were two changes to
25 that in your book. The -- excuse me. Let me go here.

1 The authorized travel expense by the Department
2 President was 500. It is now 2,000. The Department
3 President -- the Past Department President Pin was zero
4 and it's \$700. Right. Okay. Which changed your figure
5 which was 55,200 to 57,400. It was changed in
6 committee.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: General
8 Fund. Okay. General Fund - Outsourcing. Micro Project
9 Management Company, MPMC, \$10,011. General Fund -
10 Outsourcing. Same thing. General Fund - Convention
11 Expenses. Department Convention/including mileage
12 12,800. Department Convention Proceedings 300.
13 Convention Reporter --

14 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. That was also
15 changed in committee. Because we will -- because we're
16 going to not be sending everything out and printing
17 things on paper and postage and all of that, that was
18 changed from 22,000 -- 2,250 to \$300 because it will cut
19 the costs down completely.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: General
21 Fund - Convention Expenses. Department
22 Convention/including mileage \$12,800. Department
23 Convention Proceedings \$300. I did it again.

24 Okay. General Fund - Convention Expense.
25 Department Convention/including mileage \$12,800.

1 Department Convention Proceedings 300. Convention
2 Reporter 7,500. Convention Commission - Chair 200.
3 Convention Department Convention - Chair \$150. ALA
4 Convention \$20,000. National Convention \$5,000.
5 General Fund Convention -- oopsy. Sorry. General Fund
6 Convention Expense \$45,950.

7 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: That number changed
8 because of -- okay. That number changed because of the
9 changes we made up above. So it is now 45,900 which is
10 on the screen.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER SANCHEZ: It's
12 \$45,950.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: General
14 Fund - Committee/Chair Expense. Emergency Auxiliary
15 Fund Chair \$50. Americanism Chair \$75. Constitution &
16 Bylaws Chair \$250. Chaplain Memorial Program Chair
17 \$300. Community Service Chair \$100. Distinguished
18 Guest Chair \$400.

19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I have to
20 buy hats. Okay?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Editor
22 - Auxiliary News \$50. Finance Chair \$50. Finance --
23 oh, sorry. Historian Chair \$50. Junior Activities
24 Chair \$50. Leadership Chair \$150. Legislative Chair
25 \$50. Music Chair Allowance \$25. Treasurer \$500.

1 Membership Chair \$350. Parliamentarian \$25. UD&R Chair
2 \$500. National Security Chair --
3 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Slow a little bit.
4 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Okay.
5 I'm sorry. UD&R \$500. National Security Chair \$50.
6 Public Relations Chair \$50. Ways & Means Chair \$50.
7 Salute to Active Service Women \$250. California
8 Disaster Fund \$3,500. Americanism Essay Awards/Grants
9 \$6,200. Americanism Admin Fee \$1,250. General Fund -
10 Committee Chair Expense \$14,525.
11 Summary of General Fund Expense \$505,502.
12 General Fund - Program Expense. Administrative Expense
13 127,316. Other Admin Expense \$250,300. Executive
14 Expense 57,400. You're going to stand with that big hat
15 in front of me?
16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: That was a change so make
17 sure you write that in there. It was 55,200. It is now
18 57,400 in your book. Okay?
19 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ:
20 Convention Expense 45,950. Outsourcing Expense \$10,011.
21 Committee Expense \$14,525. Total General Fund Program
22 Expense \$505 -- \$505,502. General Program Income
23 \$482,250, for a deficient of \$23,252.
24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.
25 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: For a

1 deficit of \$23,252. We're in the red, but look how good
2 we did from last time. We were 94,000.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Teresa, can
4 you please repeat the 505,000 and whatever that was?
5 I'm sorry.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Total
7 General Fund Program Expense \$505,502.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Oh, I'm
9 sorry. So maybe it was the next one.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Total
11 General Fund Program Income \$482,250 for again a deficit
12 of \$23,252.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Thank you.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Summary
15 General Fund Reserves and Restricted. General Fund
16 Reserves - AmeriTrade 3380 \$500,000. Reserves - General
17 Fund \$198,137. Americanism Essay \$108,975. California
18 Disaster 89,162. National Candidate \$6,500. Total
19 General Fund Restricted \$402,774. Total General Fund
20 Reserves \$97,226.

21 Summary of welfare funds goes to Ann.

22 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Ann will do the Welfare.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER SANCHEZ: Okay.

24 This is pretty small, but I'm going to try it. Welfare
25 Fund VA&R Income. VA&R Donations/Units Income 15,000.

1 Poppy Proceeds-.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'm sorry.

4 It's 15,000. Poppy Proceeds Distribution 850.

5 Donations --

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: 8,000.

7 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: \$850 is Poppy Proceeds

8 Distribution.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER SANCHEZ: I started

10 way up there instead of up there. Okay. I apologize.

11 I'm on the wrong part of the page. Okay. Here we go.

12 Summary of Welfare Funds. My leader led me astray.

13 Poppy Orders 20,000. Poppy Distribution 8,500.

14 Interest Income Restricted zero. Poppy Donation 1,000.

15 Poppy Fund Miscellaneous zero. Poppy Production Fund

16 Income 29,500. Poppy Production Fund Expense. Postage

17 for Poppy Production Managers 1,000. Poppy Proceeds

18 Distribution 1,000. Administrative Fee 2,000. Poppy

19 Production Labor 6,000. Poppy Production Poppy Kits

20 18,000. Miss Poppy Awards 200. Poppy - Chair 175.

21 Bank Fees/Service Charges 150. Poppy Fund Miscellaneous

22 350. Poppy Production Fund Expense 28,875. Total

23 Income and Expense \$625.

24 Welfare Fund VAR Income. VAR Donations/Unit

25 Income 15,000. Poppy Proceeds Distribution 850.

1 Donations - Gift/Patient Remembrance 8,000. Interest
2 Income - Restricted zero. VAR TFA 6,000. Welfare
3 Income Miscellaneous zero. Welfare Fund VAR Income
4 29,850.

5 Welfare Fund VAR expense. Administrative Fee
6 3,750. TFA Cases 6,000. Patient Welfare Funds 1,200.
7 VAMC Tours 1,500. Gift Shop/Patient Remembrance 8,000.
8 Hospital Representatives Allowances/Mid-Year Meeting
9 2,200. Chairman 400. Okay. Make sure I'm on the right
10 page. Bank Fees/Service Charges 50. Miscellaneous
11 zero. Total Welfare Fund VAR Expense 23,100. Total
12 Income and Expense 6,750.

13 Welfare Fund Children & Youth Income. Children &
14 Youth Donations Unit Income 5,000. Poppy Fund
15 Distribution 850. Interest Income Restricted zero.
16 Children & Youth TFA 2,000. Welfare Fund Children &
17 Youth Income is \$7,850.

18 Welfare Fund Children & Youth Expense.
19 Administrative Expense \$1,250. TFA Welfare Cases 2,000.
20 Chairman \$150. Welfare fund Children & Youth Expense
21 3,400. Total income expense 4,450.

22 Welfare Fund Education Expense. Education
23 Donations Income 6,000. Poppy 10 percent Distribution
24 850. Income Restricted Funds -- I see what you mean.
25 After a while your eyes go crossed. Income - Poppy Seal

1 750. Children of Warrior Scholarship 500. Connie
2 Settles Memorial Scholarship 5,000. Welfare Fund
3 Education Other zero. Welfare Fund Education Income
4 13,100.

5 Welfare Fund Education Expenses. Administrative
6 Fee 1,500. Spirit of Youth Fund 5,000. Scholarships
7 General 13,500. Connie Settles Memorial Scholarship
8 5,000. Poppy Seals 300. Chairman 225. Welfare Fund
9 Education Expenses, total is \$21,025. Total Income
10 Expense \$7,925 in the red.

11 Welfare Fund PPP Income. PPP Donations Unit
12 Income is 5,000. Poppy Fund Distribution 850. Interest
13 Income Restricted is zero. Welfare Fund PPP Income
14 Total 5,850.

15 Welfare Fund/PP Parley Expense. Administrative
16 Fee \$1,250. Nurses Scholarship 4,000. Chairman 100.
17 Welfare Fund PPP Luncheon Awards zero. Total Welfare
18 Fund PP Parley expense 5,350. Total income expense 550.
19 Oh, 500. I'm sorry. \$500.

20 Okay. On to summary of income. Poppy Production
21 Fund Income 29,500. Welfare Fund VA&R Income \$29,850.
22 Welfare Fund Children & Youth Income \$7,850. Welfare
23 Fund Education Income \$13,100. Welfare Fund PPP Income
24 5,850. Total Welfare Income Accounts 86,150.

25 Summary of Expenses. Poppy Production Fund

1 Expense 28,875. Welfare VA&R Expense 23,100. Welfare
2 Fund Children & Youth Expense 3,400. Welfare Fund
3 Education Expense 21,025. Welfare Fund PPP Expense
4 5,350. Total Welfare Expense Account 81,750. Total
5 Income Expense \$4,400.

6 Summary of Welfare Reserves. Reserves Welfare
7 Fund AmeriTrade \$424,000. Veterans Affairs &
8 Rehabilitation 207,750. Children & Youth 59,360.
9 Education 76,320. Past Presidents Parley 80,560. Poppy
10 Fund AmeriTrade 122,000. Total Welfare Reserves
11 \$546,000.

12 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: So if we look at our
13 total revenue for General Fund is \$482,250, Welfare Fund
14 56,650, Poppy Fund 29,500, Expenses for General Fund
15 \$505,002, Welfare Fund 52,875, Poppy Fund 28,875, gives
16 us a deficit budget of \$18,852.

17 Summary of the reserves in the General Fund
18 Restricted we have 402,774, General Fund Reserve 97,226,
19 for a total of 500,000 in General Fund Restricted Funds.
20 Welfare we have \$424,000 and Poppy Fund Restricted is
21 \$122,000.

22 I hope you all have enjoyed having it this way.
23 It makes it a lot easier. I'm hoping that -- Liz, we
24 love you. Would you be able to send this out to our
25 Chairmen, Officers, and District Presidents via email so

1 that they all have the correct numbers? And we would
2 appreciate that.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Thank you, Liz.

4 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you, Liz. We love
5 you, Liz.

6 (Applause.)

7 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam President, by
8 direction of the committee, I move the acceptance of the
9 budget for the 2024-'25 fiscal year.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
12 on the -- we have a motion on the floor for acceptance
13 of the budget for 2024-'25. Is there any discussion?

14 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: I'm so sorry.

15 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Rebecca.

16 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Rebecca Glenny, District
17 28, Unit 694. I'm hoping that it's just because I can't
18 see it over here because of the speaker, but the numbers
19 that you read for our totals for expenses, the General
20 Fund it was read \$505,002 but there were corrections
21 that were read and that was increased. If I wrote it
22 down right it was 505,502 and then --

23 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes.

24 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Okay. So what was read
25 was not what was in here. Are the numbers up on the

1 board different?

2 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: You're asking for General
3 Fund -- wait a minute.

4 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Expenses.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's currently up --

6 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Is what's currently on
7 the screen, is that correct? Because what was read is
8 what was exactly in our books what was the unupdated
9 numbers.

10 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, that's right. Yeah.

11 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Okay. So you read what
12 was in the book. Can you read what was on the screen?

13 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Are you talking
14 about this General Fund expense of 505?

15 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: We can't hear you, Linda.

16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And that's what I had in
17 my paper, but that's not what I have in my eyes. I'm
18 sorry.

19 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Okay.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Say it in the mic,
21 please.

22 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh, I'm so sorry.
23 General Fund Expenses \$505,502. There's too many 5s.
24 505,502.

25 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Thank you.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
2 further discussion?

3 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And thank you, Rebecca,
4 for helping us out. We really appreciate it.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any --

6 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Go ahead.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
8 further discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
11 we'll vote. All those in favor.

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
16 (Applause.)

17 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam President, that
18 concludes our platform remarks.

19 And, Sharon Moore, you're still the winner of
20 code changes.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Also
22 really quick, if you filled out your expense report and
23 you're entitled to a check, see me quietly and
24 unassumingly.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Linda, do you have

1 more?

2 So next up we'll do Americanism. Oh, I'm sorry,
3 let's do Education because our Vice President will need
4 to be going over to The Legion shortly, so lets let her
5 do hers first.

6 Are you ready? Education.

7 I'm sorry. I didn't realize this was happening.

8 Past Commander Dennis Fercho.

9 (Processional.)

10 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Dennis is the chairman of
11 the Gophers, the Past Department Presidents husbands, so
12 he's here.

13 PDG FERCHO: My name is Dennis Fercho and I'm
14 representing our Past Gopher Club. And I have a
15 donation here of \$150 for your special project. I'm
16 going to list who was involved in there, and then
17 evidently Lonnie is going to give us some money.

18 Okay. I'm not going to tell you who we were
19 gophering for, I'll let you figure it out. Lyle
20 Workman, Ralph Jacobs, Thomas Christner, David Graham,
21 Dennis Fercho, Bob Taylor. And also our new recruit,
22 Richard Hayes.

23 (Applause.)

24 PDG FERCHO: We invited -- it's in here then.
25 And you can -- I'll get it turned around here right.

1 Congratulations for a job well done, the PDGs for your
2 special project. And there's a check there for 150 and
3 another 25. And this is from Anita Biggs, I'll say, but
4 it's from Lonnie, from Mr. Biggs.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Thank you.
6 Thank you, Dennis. And I'm glad you brought the gopher.
7 He's looking good. Thank you so much, Dennis.

8 (ProceSSIONal.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I just want to
10 show you that last night my Pages gave me a buddy to go
11 with my gopher today. And this is my dog Beau and he
12 looks just like this. And he also has the shirt on so
13 they will be protecting me when the gopher is gone.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Next we'll have
16 our Education report. Linda Workman is going to have to
17 be taking Linda Hayes to bring greetings to the
18 Legionnaires, show them our new president.

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Good morning,
20 everybody. Kathy Tellyer, District 11, Unit 22. I just
21 wanted to update everybody's on Glenda's special
22 project. The amount she's raised including the \$150 --
23 oh, it's 175. Okay. So add 25. Is \$14,495.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: I would like to

1 maybe pass a bucket to get her to \$15,000, if possible.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I think Ways &
3 Means in the back of the room has something to add to
4 that. Fran is coming up. Wait until you get up here.
5 It's just that it really echoes in here and if there's
6 any noise anywhere, it just splits right here and I
7 don't hear what people are saying. It's garbled.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT HAYES: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Just a minute.

10 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: So as you all
11 know we had a beautiful quilt in the back of the room
12 and all of the proceeds to that quilt goes to your
13 special project, Madam President, so we would like for
14 you to draw the number, the name because, you know, I
15 have sticky fingers on my own.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Michelle
17 Vindichio.

18 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Wow, we can hear
19 that without a microphone. Thank you all. And then
20 we'll give you a total that we add to your special
21 project once we get the money counted.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh, yeah. It will
23 be over it then.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I just wanted
25 to let you know who made the quilt. Jeff Freeman, a

1 Legionnaire from District 11's wife made it for Glenda.
2 And it's beautiful.

3 (Applause.)

4 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Beautiful, beautiful
5 quilt. I was pretty sure that ticket said "Linda
6 Hayes."

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8 **EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT**

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10 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Okay. The convention
11 committee on Education -- the convention committee on
12 Education met on June 17th, 2024 via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.
13 The statistical report of this Chairman appears on page
14 29 in the Book of Reports. Carolyn Glenn, Unit 92,
15 District 2 was the appointed secretary, Barbara Toth,
16 Unit 299, District 25 offered prayer, and Teresa Nunez,
17 Unit 628, District 17 was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

18 A total of 18 District delegates answered roll
19 call and there were 12 visitors present. The committee
20 agreed on the following report. The committee
21 recommended the following changes to Education Code.
22 Department Code No. 12 to become No. 13 and add No. 12.

23 No. 12 reads: "Deadlines for scholarships are:
24 A. Scholarships offered by Department. 1. Each Unit
25 will select one applicant for each type of scholarship

1 and forward the applications to the District Education
2 Chairman on or before March 1. Applicant is eligible to
3 win one scholarship only. (Other limitations may
4 apply.) (2024). 2. The District will select one
5 applicant for each type of scholarship and forward them
6 to the Department Education Chairman on or before March
7 15th. (2024). 3. The Department selects one winner per
8 scholarship and announces the winners during the June
9 Convention (2024). 4. Winners are notified by the
10 Department Education Chairman (2024). B. Scholarships
11 offered by National. 1. National scholarship
12 applications are due to National on or before March 1st.
13 (2024). 2. National will forward applications to the
14 Department Chairman. (2024). 3. After judging, the
15 Department Chairman will select the top three applicants
16 for each type of National scholarship and forward them
17 to the Western Division Chairman on or before April 1st.
18 (2024). 4. Winners will be notified by National.
19 (2024)."

20 By the direction of the committee, I move to
21 accept these -- this new code.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
23 on the floor for Education Department Code No. 12 to
24 become No. 13.

25 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Okay. Just read this

1 part.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Sorry. We
3 have a motion on the floor to change Department Code 12
4 with an addition. If adopted it will read: "Deadlines
5 for scholarships are: A. Scholarships offered by
6 Department. 1. Each Unit will select one applicant for
7 each type of scholarship and forward the applications to
8 the District Education Chairman on or before March 1.
9 Applicant is eligible to win one scholarship only.
10 (Other limitations may apply.) (2024). 2. The District
11 will select one applicant for each type of scholarship
12 and forward them to the Department Education Chairman on
13 or before March 15th. (2024). 3. The Department
14 selects one winner per scholarship and announces the
15 winners during the June Convention (2024). 4. Winners
16 are notified by the Department Education Chairman
17 (2024). B. Scholarships offered by National. 1.
18 National scholarship applications are due to National on
19 or before March 1st. (2024). 2. National will forward
20 applications to the Department Chairman. (2024). 3.
21 After judging, the Department Chairman will select the
22 top three applicants for each type of National
23 scholarship and forward them to the Western Division
24 Chairman on or before April 1st. (2024). 4. Winners
25 will be notified by National. (2024)."

1 Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,

4 we'll vote. All those in favor.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

9 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Thank you. Is that

10 better? Okay. So by direction of the committee I

11 propose that -- okay. Department Code No. 13 reads:

12 "In June 1991, the Ganey Family presented the Department

13 of California a gift of \$5,000 to establish a Memorial

14 Scholarship in honor of their mother, Past Department

15 President Lucille Ganey. The Ganey Family specified

16 that the scholarship be granted to a California student

17 attending Stephens College one \$500 scholarship to be

18 awarded annually. Since the Ganey Family did not

19 specify the scholarship to be awarded to a veteran's

20 child, grandchild, or great grandchild, donations to

21 this scholarship cannot be made from the Poppy Funds.

22 Any donations to the Lucille Ganey Memorial Scholarship

23 must be made from the General Fund and should be

24 earmarked specifically for the scholarship. (2003)."

25 If adopted this Code No. 13 will be deleted

1 because the Ganey Scholarship has never been -- there's
2 never been an applicant. There are no family members
3 that are known to the American Legion Auxiliary left to
4 contact and there's no longer a Ganey Scholarship line
5 in the budget. I move that we delete the current No. 13
6 from the Department Code.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: There's a motion
9 to delete Code No. 13 under the Education Code. Is
10 there any discussion?

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
12 Past Department President. If we delete this code where
13 will there be any reference to the scholarship in our
14 documents? Where will we know that the funds for
15 Lucille Ganey has been moved to the General Fund? Is it
16 going to be in another code? Where is there reference
17 anywhere that the monies that we're just taking the
18 money out completely and -- there's no money? Oh, I
19 thought there was money. Are we positive there's no
20 money?

21 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam President, no one
22 has applied for the Ganey Family Scholarship in years,
23 years, years. I can't even remember back, and let me
24 tell you I've been around for a long time. No one has
25 ever applied for it. It has to be a California student

1 going to this certain school in Missouri for journalism
2 and no one has ever applied for it, so it's just been
3 sitting there.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: There's money.

5 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: There's money in that
6 Poppy donation whatever that's been sitting there.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So we're just
8 going to move it over.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
11 further discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
14 we'll vote. All those in favor.

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those opposed.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

19 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Okay. So we'll be
20 renumbering for the addition of No. -- a new No. 12 and
21 deleting the current No. 13. And there are also
22 household -- household -- housekeeping changes.

23 The Unit Second Place Supplemental report was
24 awarded to Danielle White, Unit 118. The Unit Third
25 Place Supplemental was awarded to Kristin Landis of Unit

1 716. The District Second Place Supplemental Report was
2 awarded to LaSharon Perez of District 21. The District
3 Third Place Supplemental Report was awarded to Gayle
4 Stewart of District 19.

5 Department scholarship winners are as follows:
6 The first Education Assistance application for \$2,000
7 was won by Riley Collins of Unit 169, District 7.

8 (Applause.)

9 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: And then the second
10 Educational Assistance application for \$1,000 was won by
11 Noah Kwanoski of Unit 52 in District 28.

12 (Applause.)

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 152.

14 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Oh, okay, Unit 152. The
15 Scholarship for Continuing or Reentry Students was won
16 by Madison Ammirati from Unit 292, District 5.

17 Congratulations to all the winners.

18 Closing prayer was offered by Barbara Toth.

19 Madam President, may I continue with my platform
20 remarks?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

22 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Okay. This year's Board
23 of Education has worked hard to get out the Education
24 information to the Units and it shows. I would like to
25 share with you some impressive work the Units have done

1 this year. For instance, the total donation amount for
2 the Give 10 to Education program was \$44,204. Besides
3 the usual paper, pencils, pens, folders, backpacks,
4 crayons and notebooks, Unit 302 donated 150 laptops to
5 local schools and another Unit donated \$300 for
6 backpacks with school supplies. And one Unit purchased
7 T-shirts with an anti-bullying logo on it and Stop
8 Bullying cards.

9 For National Education Week, Unit 14 held a
10 crossover event with the American -- Americanism Program
11 named "American as Apple Pie" which I reported on at
12 DEC. And what impresses me the most is that everyone
13 attending the event received fliers with instructions on
14 how to sign the Pledge of Allegiance. Unit 79 donated
15 playground games and exercise equipment.

16 Units promoted scholarships by discussing
17 scholarship opportunities with Girls State delegates,
18 local colleges, and local high schools. They sent
19 letters to school counselors. Links to the application
20 were emailed to high schools. Flowers were handed out.
21 Articles were sent to newspapers and qualifying junior
22 members received scholarship information.

23 Units reported on their Veterans in the Community
24 School Project. One unit invited a female veteran to
25 share her experiences. She spoke about her military

1 service and what it was like to be one of the first
2 females to serve aboard a Navy ship. She brought her
3 memory books to share with the students. The students
4 asked her how to join the military after graduation.

5 Unit 716 had three veterans visit school campus
6 and interact directly with students, sharing stories and
7 experiences and answering questions from students.

8 There are many impressive things our Units have
9 done that deserve recognition. I can talk for an hour,
10 and I know I don't have that kind of time.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Not if you want to
12 get installed.

13 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Units have given out
14 local scholarships totaling \$38,450. And I already said
15 who the Department recipients were.

16 The Department received 53 Children of Warriors
17 applications, five nontraditional and one Spirit of
18 Youth scholarship application. Winners, California
19 winners are Lindsay Carstairs, Western Division Children
20 of Warriors Scholarship for \$5,000. Bailey Haywood won
21 the National Spirit of Youth Scholarship for \$5,000.
22 And because Bailey won her scholarship, California will
23 also receive \$1,000 for our scholarship program.

24 (Applause.)

25 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Out of, what, four

1 different divisions of scholarships and we had three
2 winners from our state.

3 (Applause.)

4 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Okay. The National
5 Nontraditional Scholarship was not the National winner,
6 but is a winner in our eyes. Jessie Castillo was the
7 first place department winner and won \$500.

8 I want to thank Suzanne Baker and Rebecca Glenny
9 for taking the time to read and judge 59 scholarship
10 applications. Fifty-nine. As you can imagine, it was
11 grueling work and it took hours, but they made my job
12 easy because believe it or not, they independently chose
13 the same top winners.

14 Madam President, may I hand out my awards? Okay.
15 Should I go down there to do it?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Ladies, come on
17 up. Not you again.

18 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Okay. First Place for
19 the District Supplemental Report goes to Molly Smith
20 from District 828.

21 (Applause.)

22 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: And then First Place Unit
23 Supplemental goes to Unit 392 Rodi. Rodi.

24 (Applause.)

25 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Madam President, I have

1 genuinely enjoyed being your Education Chair and Vice
2 President. Thank you for making this year a memorable
3 one.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And, Linda, I just
6 want you to know that I will be here for anything,
7 anything that you need.

8 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Oh, I know.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And I love you.

10 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: I love you too.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you so much,
12 Linda.

13 Next we are going to have someone that I would
14 like to say thank you to so much because I know I've --
15 this the third time I've asked you to come up, Cindy.
16 And she's waited so patiently over there after I ask her
17 to be there. Our Americanism Chairman.

18 Liz, will you be next after that, National
19 Security? And I just want you to know we made great,
20 great progress. National Security, Poppy, and
21 Convention Commission is left. So we're doing great so
22 we'll have an early installation.

23 Let's go, let's go. I'm sorry. Resolutions at
24 the end. I shouldn't jinx it.

25

AMERICANISM CHAIR CONVENTION REPORT

AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: The Americanism

Committee met on June 27th, 2024 in the Sequoia A Room.

The statistical report is on page 24 in the Book of

Reports. Diane Livas was appointed secretary, Ruth Kahn

was chaplain, and Sandra Tolfson sergeant-at-arms.

Fifteen delegates -- 15 district delegates

answered roll call. There were three visitors present.

The code was read. The committee agreed upon one

proposed change and one housekeeping change. Second and

third place certificates were given to Districts with

their committee packets.

Proposal 1 read -- oh, I'm sorry. Proposal 1.

Program Americanism. Department Code No. 9b currently

reads -- I gave one of them to you. I gave mine --

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It's okay. I did

the same thing last year. Luckily Liz Tungate had one

for me and came running up with it.

AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Okay. It currently

reads: "The Veronica Spence Award (pertains to Junior

members only). (1982) To be judged by the Department

Chairman in the same manner as the Department

Americanism Essays (2008). Must be" -- "Must use titles

as approved for Department Americanism Essay Contest.

1 All other rules apply as printed for the Department
2 Americanism Essay Contest with one exception: Junior
3 member essay may be written under the direction of her
4 classroom teacher, Unit President or Unit Americanism
5 Chairman. (2008). Prizes are as read" -- "as follows
6 (2008): No. 1. Grades 4 and 5 Citation and \$20. No. 2.
7 Grades 6 and 7 Citation and \$20. 3. Grade 8 and 9
8 Citation and \$30. 4. Grades 10th, 11th, and 12th
9 Citation and \$50. Citations are given by the Department
10 of California. (1999)."

11 I propose to remove the Code 9b as Veronica
12 Spence Award no longer has any funding. There has not
13 been any applications for the Veronica Spence Award in
14 several years. I move to remove code 9b.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
16 on the floor under Americanism Code 9b to remove it from
17 the code. Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
20 favor.

21 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those opposed.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

25 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Madam President, can I

1 continue with my first place supplemental awards?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

3 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: My First Place

4 Supplemental Award goes to District 24, Unit 283, Ruth

5 Kahn Wells. Congratulations.

6 (Applause.)

7 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Second Place First

8 Place District Supplemental goes to District 29 Kristin

9 Landis.

10 (Applause.)

11 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Madam President, can I

12 continue with my First Place Americanism Essay winners?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

14 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Group 1 - 4th and 5th

15 grades, first place goes to Ian Arias, District 4, Unit

16 98 awarded \$100.

17 (Applause.)

18 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Group 2 - 6th and 7th

19 grades, first place Aniyah Rose Jones. Aniyah? Is that

20 how you say it? Sorry. Unit 98, District -- Unit 4 --

21 District 4, Unit 98 awarded \$100.

22 (Applause.)

23 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Okay. Group 3 - 8th

24 and 9th grade first place, Larrissa Gomez, District 20,

25 Unit 348 awarded \$200.

1 (Applause.)

2 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: There you go. Okay.
3 Group number 4 - 10th and 11th grade first place goes to
4 Hunter Gomez, District 20, Unit 384 awarded \$500.

5 (Applause.)

6 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Are you here? Oh,
7 yep. Okay. And group 5 - students with special needs,
8 first place goes to Elijah Lopez, District 28 -- or 27,
9 Unit 457 awarded \$200.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Cindy, before you
12 continue with the rest of your report, we need to take a
13 five-minute pause. So everybody please don't leave, but
14 you can talk.

15 (Recess from 10:47 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Ladies, our
17 pause is over. Thank you again, Cindy, for being so
18 flexible. Okay. So we're going to continue as you're
19 talking. Please no talking.

20 Go ahead, Cindy.

21 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Okay. Glenda, this is
22 not on the report, but --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Quiet.

24 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Okay. Can I go?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

1 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Okay. I have group
2 4 - 11th through 12th grade Americanism Essay goes to 29
3 -- District 29, Unit 716.

4 (Applause.)

5 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: And we have third
6 place to William Mars District 27, Unit 457.

7 (Applause.)

8 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: The Americanism essays
9 will be posted in the Convention Office afterwards.

10 Madam President, can I continue with my report?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes. Yes, you
12 may.

13 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Thank you, Madam
14 President, for giving me this Americanism appointment.
15 Thirteen districts participated in Get the Vote Out
16 Campaign, thirteen districts promoted the district Essay
17 Contest, and 26 essays were received. Six districts
18 promoted the National Essay and six were received.
19 5,527 and 44 certificates were presented to residents
20 and/or businesses.

21 Nineteen districts promoted daily flying of the
22 American flag. Eighteen districts promoted patriotism
23 in our schools. Twenty-two districts participated in
24 holiday events. 15,627 flags were handed out and 7,482
25 flags placed on grave sites. Twelve districts supported

1 the Legion Baseball and Oratorical Contest. Sixteen
2 districts educated students in proper display/retirement
3 and -- of the flag. Twenty-two Gold Star and 27 Blue
4 Star Banners were given to military families. Fourteen
5 districts delivered the flag etiquette brochures to
6 schools. Ten districts promoted the Star Spangled Kids
7 program with 350 Star Spangled Kids kits were
8 distributed. Twenty districts participated in Wreaths
9 Across America. A total of \$24,208 was spent or donated
10 to purchase 6,767 wreaths and 10,284 wreaths were laid
11 to rest.

12 District 28, I'd like to mention, Unit 589 had
13 been supporting the Veterans' Day Parades for 13 years,
14 and this year Unit 81 stepped up to help.

15 (Applause.)

16 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: However, this year was
17 special. It was the first time with --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Excuse me. Just a
19 second, Cindy.

20 Ladies, if you're going to talk in the back, go
21 talk outside. Please go out.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: However, this was the
23 first -- however, this year was special. It was the
24 first year with a float. One of the members' father had
25 made a picnic table for the back of the float for the

1 members that were not able to walk this year, but
2 unfortunately he passed suddenly and was not able to be
3 here. The family came together to fulfill his dreams.
4 They had a poster-size photo of one of the veteran
5 members who recently passed away on the side of the
6 float and Unit 589 Ebe the clown dressed in red, white
7 and blue and walked with Auxiliary members handing out
8 flags. They also made a point to shake the hands of
9 every veteran wearing a military hat or in uniform
10 thanking them for their service. They also were
11 interviewed and recognized on the 6:00 o'clock news that
12 evening.

13 I wish I could go on and on to recognize
14 everything the Districts have done, but I don't have
15 time. They were awesome, all of them. Thank you Units
16 and District Chairmen of the Department of Defense. You
17 all did amazing job with showing your patriotism to our
18 country. That concludes my report.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Cindy.
21 We will now have our National Security Chairman.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Pardon me?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I said thank you.

24 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: Oh, thank you. Thank
25 you so much.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. I was
2 looking for Liz. There she is.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Does it matter if
5 your phone vibrates? I didn't turn it off.

6

7 **NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT**

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9 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: Good morning,
10 Madam President, and everybody else. So National
11 Security preconvention Zoom was called to order at 6:30
12 p.m. via Zoom on June 19th, 2024. Diana Livas acted as
13 secretary from District 19, Linda Sundberg from District
14 22 acted as chaplain, and Ann Williams from District 24
15 acted as sergeant-at-arms.

16 The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:30.
17 A total of 14 districts were present with 11 guests
18 present.

19 The code was read and there are a couple
20 housekeeping changes. Kathie Martinez moved that we
21 adopt housekeeping for grammatical changes as needed,
22 second by Diana Livas and motion was passed.

23 We have two code changes that I'll get to in a
24 moment. Oh, the second and third place awards were
25 listed or were read and I will have first place winners

1 shortly. Closing prayer by Linda Sundberg at 7:05 and
2 our meeting adjourned.

3 I'm going to move into code changes. Nope, I'm
4 not because those are not the right ones. It's on the
5 form. I have the right ones here. I do have the right
6 ones here. It's been a long weekend, you guys.

7 Proposal No. 1 for National Security Department
8 Code No. 7. It currently reads: "The nomination form
9 and rules for nominating women who are currently serving
10 our Country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
11 Force, Space Force or Coast Guard (including National
12 Guard and Reserve components of each branch) for the
13 Salute to Service Woman Award can be found on the
14 Department Website. The completed form and a written
15 narrative (750 words or less) or a YouTube video (3
16 minutes or less) done by the nominee must be sent to the
17 National Security Chairman by deadline set by National.
18 A copy of this nomination must also be sent to the
19 Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman by the second
20 Friday in May so that she can contact the nominee
21 regarding the Department function that she will be
22 honored. Additionally, if the Salute to Service Woman
23 Award honorees attend the Past Presidents Parley (PPP)
24 luncheon, then their corsages and PPP luncheon tickets
25 will be paid out of the convention fund."

1 So National has opened the eligibility to
2 activity duty service members male and female. The
3 award is also submitted directly through the National
4 website, not via email to the chairman, though a copy
5 does need to come to the Department National Security
6 Chairman. The award submission is not due until June
7 1st so we can't notify a PPP chairman as of May 15th of
8 submissions when you've got another 15 days for them to
9 submit.

10 So if adopted it will read: "The nomination form
11 and rules for nominating enlisted personnel who are
12 currently serving our Country in the U.S. Army, Navy,
13 Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force or Coast Guard
14 (including National Guard and Reserve components of each
15 branch) for the Salute to Service Members Award can be
16 found on the National Website. The completed form and a
17 written narrative (750 words or less) or a YouTube video
18 (3 minutes or less) done by the nominee must be
19 submitted via the National Website by deadline set by
20 National. A copy of this nomination must also be sent
21 to the Department National Security Chairman by June 1st
22 so that the Chair can contact the nominee regarding the
23 Department function where they will be honored.
24 Additionally, if the Salute to Service Member Award
25 honorees attend the Past Presidents Parley (PPP)

1 luncheon, then their corsages/boutonnieres and PPP
2 luncheon tickets will be paid out of the convention
3 fund."

4 I move that we accept this change.

5 DELEGATES: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
7 on the floor for the National Security Code No. 7. If
8 adopted it will read: "The nomination form and rules
9 for nominating enlisted personnel who are currently
10 serving our Country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine
11 Corps, Air Force, Space Force or Coast Guard (including
12 National Guard and Reserve components of each branch)
13 for the Salute to Service Members Award can be found on
14 the National Website. The completed form and a written
15 narrative (750 words or less) or a YouTube video (3
16 minutes or less) done by the nominee must be submitted
17 via the National Website by deadline set by National. A
18 copy of this nomination must also be sent to the
19 Department National Security Chairman by June 1st so
20 that the Chair can contact the nominee regarding the
21 Department function where they will be honored.
22 Additionally, if the Salute to Service Member Award
23 honorees attend the Past Presidents Parley (PPP)
24 luncheon, then their corsages/boutonnieres and PPP
25 luncheon tickets will be paid out of the convention

1 fund."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
5 those in favor.

6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

10 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: Thank you. And
11 I lied when I said I had two. I only had one. Oh, I
12 can -- oh, that's minutes.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I thought she said
14 she had two more.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No.

16 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: May I continue
17 with my floor report, Madam President?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: Members
20 throughout the Department of California spent the year
21 supporting and relying information for the National
22 Security program. Units spent this year supporting
23 military service members and their families, working
24 with the Family Readiness Groups and raising awareness
25 of POW/MIAs.

1 Members supported military service members and
2 their families this year by welcoming home and sending
3 off 3,050 soldiers. Units spent \$20,334 putting
4 together over 45 care packages.

5 The mission of Comfort, Hope and Promises, which
6 was founded by a member of Unit 222, is to provide moral
7 support to our deployed troops through care packages and
8 supporting soldiers' families at home. Unit 222
9 supports this organization through monetary donations.
10 They spent several months selling handmade fabric
11 Christmas stockings to raise money to purchase more
12 fabric, treats, and cards and to defray costs of
13 shipping.

14 Unit 222 sent 1,035 stockings to troops serving
15 overseas and across the country. They also helped stuff
16 5,000 stockings at Christmastime.

17 In December 12 members of Unit 552 partners with
18 the Pacific Beach Women's Club and held a Whoville
19 holiday extravaganza for 46 activity duty families.
20 They bought commissary gift cards for each family, had
21 games, food, and fun. Santa and the Grinch were both
22 present. Members spent over 200 hours and \$3,000 in
23 support of this event. Additional gift cards and goody
24 bags were donated to the San Diego Military Outreach
25 Mission for their holiday campaign for active duty

1 families.

2 Travis Air Force Base is located within our 5th
3 District. They held a ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial
4 in Vacaville. Three Unit members provided over 30 hours
5 of help and planning time for the ceremony. Units
6 donated money to ensure successful outcomes. They had
7 approximately 150 attendees which included leadership
8 from Travis Air Force Base, elected officials, and
9 former POWs and their families.

10 Unit 302 is made up of mostly veterans, active
11 duty, and their families. This year they lost seven
12 veterans to suicide. This Unit made sure to recognize
13 the families and offer them a purple banner. They also
14 worked with the families through the grieving process.
15 They had two PTSD and trauma debriefing therapists who
16 are regularly out helping soldiers and their families
17 through free counseling sessions.

18 Damn you, Rodi. Sorry. You made me cry and
19 cuss. Good thing my kids aren't here.

20 Unit 283 had a Spirit Walk. The unit handed out
21 T-shirts to participants in support of National
22 Security. After the hike members attended a luncheon to
23 show support for former POW Jessica Lynch. She spoke
24 about her experience and her rescue.

25 One unit in District 27 invited forty 9th graders

1 to a mock military funeral. Students learned how to
2 unfold the American flag, why it was laid on the casket,
3 what a 21 gun salute was, how to fold the American flag
4 and how to present the folded American flag to the
5 family of the deceased soldiers. Four junior members
6 and two senior members made 40 poppy wreaths which each
7 student placed on a deceased military grave after the
8 cemetery.

9 And that concludes my report. Oh, may I continue
10 with my awards?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

12 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: First Place
13 District Supplemental is awarded to District 22 Gigi
14 Manno.

15 (Applause.)

16 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: And then the
17 First Place Unit Supplemental goes to District 29, Unit
18 222 Laguna Beach, Beth Johnson, Chairman.

19 (Applause.)

20 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR DOIDGE: And I am done.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Next we will have
22 our Poppy Chairman Robin Falkenberg.

23

24 **POPPY CONVENTION REPORT**

25

1 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you for your
2 patience. Besides all those other notes that I sent out
3 prior, I would also like a representative from District
4 6, 10, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 28, and 16 to meet over here
5 to pick up your 100 percent reporting after my report.
6 Got lots of fun stuff here, ladies.

7 The preconvention meeting for the Poppy program
8 was held at the Visalia Convention Center in the Kaweah
9 A Room at 9:10. The start time was delayed
10 accommodating members who were coming from the DEC
11 meeting that was running late.

12 Alberta Cummings, District 23, was appointed
13 secretary, Sandy Felix, District 14, was appointed
14 chaplain, and Rosemary Barron, District 28 was appointed
15 sergeant-at-arms. Roll call showed 20 delegates and 12
16 guests in attendance.

17 The Pledge of -- the chaplain offered prayer and
18 the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The statistical
19 report for this program can be found in the convention
20 Book of Reports on page 34.

21 The committee agreed upon the following report:
22 Department code was read. Addition to Poppy Code 7a to
23 read: "Poppies shall be ordered in groups of 25 with 25
24 being the minimum number allowed to be ordered.
25 (2024)."

1 The rationale is that poppies are bundled in
2 groups of 25. It is not realistic to accept orders for
3 ten or 15 poppies. By direction of the committee, I
4 move to accept this addition to the Poppy Code.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
7 on the floor for Poppy Code 7a. If adopted it will
8 read: "Poppies shall be ordered in groups of 25, with
9 25 being the minimum number allowed to be ordered."

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
13 we'll vote. All those in favor.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

18 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you. Now we have
19 housekeeping. So the current --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You don't have to
21 read housekeeping.

22 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Okay. I was just going
23 to say it's a relettering and then we just had some
24 punctuation that had to be fixed.

25 One also that I should mention was Poppy

1 Production No. 8, California Veterans Home at Yountville
2 has been removed. It does not change the meaning of the
3 code. Yountville does not participate and has not
4 participated for years. Our Past Poppy Production
5 Manager has noted that it's been years so we removed
6 Yountville from any Poppy production.

7 Following after this, the floor was opened for
8 discussion and suggestions. Some of the discussions
9 included --

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Excuse me,
11 Robin. That --

12 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Is that a code change
13 just moving it? Okay. My apologies. So by direction
14 of the committee I move that Poppy Production Code No.
15 8 to remove "California Veterans Home at Yountville" is
16 the only change to the code. I do not have the full
17 reading in front of me. I just thought because it was a
18 remove, it was a housekeeping so I apologize.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Anita has the
20 code. Hold on just a minute.

21 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Yes, please, Anita.
22 Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Code 8 Poppy
24 Production Code currently reads: "A year-round poppy
25 production is authorized at the California Veterans

1 Homes at Yountville, WAVE Clinic San Diego, and Long
2 Beach VAMC to give veterans the opportunity to
3 participate in the therapeutic and incentive work
4 programs without the pressures of a short-term
5 production."

6 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: By direction of the
7 Poppy preconvention committee, I move for the change of
8 that code.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
11 on the floor Poppy Code No. 8 to remove "California
12 Veterans Home at Yountville."

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I don't even want
16 to say all those in favor because I loved it there and
17 they did such great work. I'm sorry. All those in
18 favor.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

23 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: I concur, Madam
24 President, it's very sad to lose a Poppy production.
25 It's just -- that concludes my committee report. May I

1 continue with my floor remarks?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

3 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you, ma'am. The
4 Department of California, aka Department of Forestry,
5 has been very busy cultivating poppies throughout the
6 Golden State this past year. In all the 220 units
7 throughout the state ordered a total of 143,374 poppies.

8 (Applause.)

9 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you. That is a
10 decrease from 2,000 from last year, but I know my
11 numbers may differ from Ms. Liz's numbers due to the
12 fact that we both are supposed to get copies of the
13 orders and some of us they didn't.

14 I will -- let's see here. Additional orders were
15 placed and some units did not submit their orders by the
16 deadline. I will be recommending next year's Poppy
17 Chairman to not allow flexibility in ordering. Every
18 late order means an adjustment to the supplies that need
19 to be ordered. If units want their poppies in a timely
20 manner, make sure your orders are in on time, plain and
21 simple. I will say no more about that at this time.

22 Many units have conducted various activities to
23 include mailing out self-addressed envelopes with a
24 poppy and a donation letter. Other units had poppies
25 available at community events as well as information

1 about the poppy and the poppy story. Other members have
2 poppies available at bingo nights, church craft fairs,
3 and even provided poppies to veterans at a local Stand
4 Down. We had unit members handing out poppies at the
5 local farmers market and several units hand them out at
6 their annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at
7 their local posts and parks, other units at their local
8 veterans building.

9 There were poppy quilts, such as the one that was
10 just won at the back of the hall, as well as corsages
11 and boutonnieres for special events and ceremonies,
12 poppy Christmas ornaments and so on and so forth.

13 There are so many more examples of how the
14 American Legion Auxiliary members promote the poppy and
15 the Poppy program. We would be here all day and many
16 more hours if I were to mention them all. I just want
17 to say a special thank you for all you do to promote the
18 poppy program.

19 Don't all districts and units have donated funds
20 to a local -- some of them, excuse me, not all.

21 Districts and units donate to a local food pantry that
22 serves homeless and at-risk veterans and they covered
23 the costs of turkeys and ham during the holiday season.
24 Another unit raised over \$2,000 from their poppy
25 mailing.

1 During the COVID shutdown, many units were not
2 able to work the poppy program as they had in the past.
3 They found new and inventive ways to share this
4 information with their communities. As most of the
5 poppies are made by hospitalized veterans, the number of
6 veterans participating in the poppy production has
7 decreased. Our Department has had to have units and
8 districts help with poppy production to meet the needs
9 of the unit. Thank you.

10 During the shutdown, our Department lost a couple
11 poppy production sites, so filling the orders was a
12 challenge. Our Department Secretary reached out to
13 other departments to fill our orders. She was amazing.
14 Thank you, Liz.

15 Also thank you to those districts and units who
16 made poppies as well as the units who donated their
17 existing extra poppies -- thank you, 694 -- to ensure we
18 were able to fill the orders. You know who you are and
19 I greatly appreciate your willingness to help. We are
20 also working on getting additional poppy production
21 facilities up and on board for the coming year.

22 District and units, please consider joining the
23 poppy production program. The more hands we have doing
24 the work, the lighter the work will be. Please reach
25 out to your 2024-2025 Poppy Chairman if you would like

1 more information.

2 Two of our districts submitted entries for our
3 Poppy poster competition. There was some amazing
4 artists participating this year. Thank you so much for
5 sharing your talents with the Department of California
6 and our nation. Good luck on the National level.

7 And a side note, I had framed copies with me to
8 bring and a couple of the frames got broke, so I will be
9 taking those with me to Clovis to present to Madam
10 President Glenda.

11 As far as our Poppy Display and our Poppy Hat
12 competition, thank you to all who took the time to
13 create these awesome works of art. I appreciate your
14 adhering to the guidelines and the rules. It is
15 extremely painful for a chairman to have to disqualify
16 an entry for not following those guidelines. You all
17 made my job much easier with your compliance.

18 When it comes to judging the displays and those
19 hat entries, I recused myself from judging as I knew
20 there were entries from my own district. I did not know
21 which ones this were, but I did not want any appearance
22 of impropriety. Thank you to the volunteer judges. It
23 was a pleasure to work with you.

24 The second and third place winners for both the
25 displays and hats were delivered to the districts. I

1 have more here. The first place awards will be awarded
2 here after this report. I must say the votes were very
3 close and all entries are beautiful and all entries did
4 get at least votes, so it was very difficult to
5 determine our places. Thank you all for your hard work.
6 For you are to be commended.

7 I could go on and on shouting out the amazing
8 work done by our districts and units promoting the Poppy
9 program. I have only one thing to say. Thank you for
10 all you do to support our organization, our veterans,
11 and their rehabilitation. As the saying goes, it takes
12 a village to raise a child. This is also true for the
13 American Legion Auxiliary and our programs. It takes
14 more than one person to get it done. Together we can
15 move mountains. Thank you.

16 May I continue with my awards, Madam President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

18 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you. I'm just
19 going to go down the pile here. Poppy Hat Program Third
20 Place Debbie Butler, District 19, Unit 496.

21 (Applause.)

22 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Best Poppy Hat Second
23 Place Christine Watson, District 25, Unit 751.

24 (Applause.)

25 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Best Poppy Hat First

1 Place, Sandy Seddon Wright, District 6, Unit 383.
2 (Applause.)
3 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Moving along, Poppy
4 Program Best Poppy Display President's Theme, Third
5 Place goes to Hazel Rodriguez and Kimberly Stuhler,
6 District 28, Unit 41.
7 (Applause.)
8 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Like I said, I could not
9 judge these. These were just too close. Best Poppy
10 Display President's Theme Second Place, Carol Harville,
11 District 20, Unit 311.
12 (Applause.)
13 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Best Poppy Display
14 President's Theme First Place, Cindy Rogers, District
15 25, District 421.
16 (Applause.)
17 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Come on down. Yeah,
18 don't go anywhere; you don't know what might happen.
19 Moving right along as quick as possible, Poppy Program
20 Best Poppy Display Theme Freestyle Third Place, District
21 12, Unit 420.
22 (Applause.)
23 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: And all winners please
24 don't go anywhere because when I'm done here I have a
25 gift for each one of you, so don't go too far.

1 Quickly, quickly. Best Poppy Display Theme
2 Freestyle Second Place, Diana Alvarez-Ward, District 28,
3 Unit 591.
4 (Applause.)
5 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Best Poppy Display Theme
6 Freestyle First Place, Susan Baker, District 28.
7 (Applause.)
8 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: I swear I did not judge.
9 Best District Supplemental First Place goes to District
10 21, Sharon Mordetzky.
11 (Applause.)
12 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: There you go. I'm
13 almost done. Best Unit Supplemental First Place,
14 Community Unit 46, Linda Ramirez Pearson, Chairman.
15 (Applause.)
16 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: And then the piece de
17 resistance, Best Poppy Display President's Choice,
18 Debbie Scanzano, I apologize, District 7, Unit 64.
19 (Applause.)
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, Debbie.
21 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: Beautiful. Thank you.
22 And then, like I said, I have 100 percent reporting
23 District 6, 10, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 28. I apologize
24 for not having those with me. And District 16 as well.
25 I apologize for not having them the other day, but we'll

1 get that.

2 Madam President, that concludes my remarks.

3 Thank you so much for this appointment. It has been an
4 honor and a pleasure and a huge learning experience.

5 Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Robin.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Next we have our
9 Department of California Convention Commission
10 Commissioner.

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12 **CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT**

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14 CONVENTION COMMISSIONER BIGGS: Good morning.

15 Short and sweet, Madam President. The Auxiliary
16 Convention Commission has met with the American Legion
17 Convention Commission every week for the past two months
18 to discuss this convention in Visalia. Still some kinks
19 to work out, but we've been trying our best to plan it.
20 This is the first year we have been able to hold our
21 convention in the same location as the American Legion
22 and the Sons of the American Legion for the Visalia
23 event.

24 At the time of this, of writing this report, I am
25 hoping that we've been having a good time here.

1 (Applause.)

2 CONVENTION COMMISSIONER BIGGS: It's kind of good
3 to be all together. I kind of like it. The American
4 Legion has a three-year contract and we will be meeting
5 here again in Visalia in 2025 and 2026. The dates for
6 the next two years are as follows: June 26th through
7 June 29th, 2025 and June 25th through June 28th, 2026.

8 Once again the Auxiliary's preferred housing and
9 location and our convention will be held where we are
10 right now at the Marriott Hotel Visalia Convention
11 Center here in Visalia. The room rates for the next two
12 years will remain the same per night for 2025 and 2026.

13 As a reminder, there are additional affordable
14 hotels across the street at the Comfort Inn & Suites and
15 the Hampton Inn approximately three miles away.

16 I will add we are working out something with the
17 Legion because our reservations go through the American
18 Legion and we don't want what happened to some people
19 this year who circumvented, they may have circumvented
20 the forms and made their reservations directly with the
21 hotel. That's something that we can get a link or a
22 group number or something we can have our own members
23 make their own reservations and then they won't run the
24 risk of having a problem of not having a room and having
25 to go somewhere else. That's just not acceptable.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You're
3 welcome. The American Legion Convention Committee is
4 actively holding searches for future locations which
5 include the cities of, and these are strong contenders,
6 Anaheim, Ontario, Long Beach, Riverside, and Los
7 Angeles, you see it's all southern locations though, for
8 the three-year block of 2027, 2028, and 2029.

9 All future conventions will be held in three-year
10 blocks. There will be extensive negotiations to get a
11 location that can accommodate us and that will be
12 cost-effective.

13 Madam President, that concludes my report.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Anita.
15 We will now hear from our Past Department Presidents for
16 their donations.

17 Ways & Means, you'll be after this. Thank you,
18 Marcia. I knew you'd be on it.

19

20 **PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS DONATIONS**

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22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Do we have
23 any of Linda's Workmen in the audience? On behalf of
24 Linda's Workmen, we are donating \$100 to the Children &
25 Youth TFA.

1 (Applause.)

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Do we have any
3 Bev's Stars in the room? I'm one. And Madeline's Love
4 Princesses? Do we have any Love Princesses in the room?
5 Ruth is here.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ruth is over
7 there.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Where is Ruth?
9 Princess Rose. All right. We are donating \$150 to
10 VA&R.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Do I have any
13 of the Hot Air Balloon Pilots here? On behalf of my
14 wonderful Balloon Pilots, we are donating \$120 to VA&R
15 TFA.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Do I have
18 any Prom Princesses out there? Please stand. How about
19 any of Sandy's Colonels? Thank you, ladies, so much.
20 On behalf of Bonnie's Prom Princesses and Sandy's
21 Colonels, we would like to donate \$120 to the VA&R TFA
22 fund.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hello. Do we
25 have of the Dream Team Team Captains in the room? Yeah,

1 thank you, ladies. These are some amazing women. And
2 our Department President, she's a team captain. On
3 behalf of these wonderful women, we are donating \$200 to
4 the VA&R TFA in memory of Diane DeLashmit, PDP, we are
5 donating \$100 to the ALA Girls State program in memory
6 of our Team Captain Tammy Sollazo, and we are donating
7 \$100 to our Team Captain President Glenda's Special
8 Project Be the One, for a total of \$400 from the Team
9 Captains. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCH0: Are there any
12 of my Rodeo Queens out there? Yeah. And how about
13 Susie's Farmers? Got Susie's Farmers. Hey. All right.
14 And Dee Ann's Surfer Girls? All right. Well, we would
15 like to donate in honor of Diane DeLashmit \$280 for TFA.

16 (Applause.)

17 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR CANNON: Are there any of
18 Joan's Sunflowers out there? Yeah. Okay. We would
19 like to donate \$110 to Department President Glenda's
20 Special Project, \$50 to National Security, \$25 to the
21 Junior Committee, and \$25 to Junior Conference for a
22 total of \$210.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I get
25 to pick up the rest. Where are the Freedom Fighters?

1 Please rise. Diane's Circus Acts. Do we have any
2 Diane's Circus Acts here? Terry's Treasures? Because I
3 did meet with a couple of those. And Harriet's
4 Quilters? None in the room. On behalf of those four,
5 we are presenting \$240 to the Department of California
6 General Fund.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Thank you,
9 thank you.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You're
11 welcome. And it is my honor -- let me get through this
12 one. In memory of my mentor Diane DeLashmit, from the
13 Past Presidents Parley \$200 to VA&R TFA, which was her
14 -- for the Past Department Presidents, I know I'll get
15 this right, \$200 to VA&R TFA which was Diane's special
16 project. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. Thank
19 you so much to all of you who donated to these Past
20 Department Presidents.

21 We will now hear from Ways & Means Chairman
22 Marcia Munroe.

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24 **WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT**

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1 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Not chairman.

2 This is my partner. I'm Marcia, this is Fran. And I
3 hope you got a sweet for all your sweet, sweet people.
4 I would really like to convey my personal thanks to all
5 of the individuals, units, and districts who so
6 generously donated to the Ways & Means department. And
7 most of all, I want to thank all of you wonderful,
8 wonderful American Legion members who purchased the
9 tickets. Thank you.

10 As we're standing in for the Chairman, we are
11 grateful, grateful for all that you've done. We
12 couldn't have asked for a better support from all of
13 you, not only for the quilt and the total tickets sold
14 for the quilt, the total raised was \$1,100 -- \$1,010,
15 and so that puts her special fund over \$15,000 which is
16 fantastic.

17 (Applause.)

18 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Thank you, all.
19 You definitely need to give a big applause to
20 yourselves. Thank you all for donating the beautiful
21 baskets. Every District donated something and they were
22 fabulous. I didn't win very many and I was not happy
23 about that, but it's okay. It's okay.

24 With that, our grand total for the basket sales
25 for raffles, the charms -- my fingers feel it -- and the

1 Past Presidents Pin was \$3,189. So thank you all.

2 And on behalf of Unit 108 in Amador, sorry, thank
3 you for your generosity. Our president will truly
4 appreciate it. The donations you did for her house that
5 she lost. Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE BROSSMAN: No report.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Marcia
9 and Fran, for stepping into this job for us.

10 Okay. I'm a little bit torn right now. I know
11 some people want to get checked out by noon, but if we
12 break I'm afraid you won't come back. So yeah, I would
13 just like -- if you need to leave to go check out,
14 you're free to do so, but we -- we can't take a break
15 right now. I'm sorry.

16 The total donations for my special project,
17 \$15,715.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. Thank
20 you all so, so, so much. Wow.

21 We will now have our Resolutions Chairman Linda
22 Fercho. If you hurry really fast we can be done by
23 noon.

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25 RESOLUTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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2 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Madam President, thank
3 you so much for this opportunity to bring Resolutions to
4 the body. And I don't really have a written report.
5 Our convention committee meeting though we met in the --
6 on June 27th in the Sequoia A Room. There's no
7 statistical report for this chairmanship.

8 Past Department President Joan Cannon was
9 appointed secretary, Connie Raya offered prayer, and
10 then Joan subbed in too as Sergeant-at-Arms. She was a
11 very business lady. We had 12 District delegates answer
12 roll call and there were four visitors. The code was
13 read and at this time there is no code changes this
14 year.

15 (Applause.)

16 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And I think that's a
17 good thing this year. Next year though we had some
18 discussion and the Resolutions committee had some very,
19 very good questions. And the code is not very clear, so
20 we're taking that back to our -- I will be chairman,
21 thank you very much, Madam Vice President Linda Hayes,
22 so we will address that next year. I think we've had
23 enough this year.

24 So at this time though I have asked some -- what
25 we're doing today is bread and butter. Bread and butter

1 is to thank people who have done some amazing things and
2 that's called bread and butter. If you want to make a
3 change to the Resolutions, if you want to like, for
4 instance, change something in Finance or that, those are
5 called resolutions, but they are to make changes.

6 So at this time though with your permission, I'd
7 like to read some resolutions. And I have asked three
8 to help me. And I want to thank District 18 President
9 Gabriella Ramos for helping, District 25 President
10 Barbara Toth for helping, and District 28 President
11 Rebecca Glenny. Thank you for helping me.

12 So I'm going to let them go ahead and read
13 theirs, and then I'll follow-up with a couple after.
14 Thank you. I don't care what order.

15 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: All righty.
16 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California
17 Department Convention. Whereas, the management and
18 staff of the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center
19 have been most efficient and courteous and have made
20 every effort to make our stay in Sacramento enjoyable.

21 Whereas, the professionalism contributed
22 significantly to the success of this meeting and in
23 making our stay in Sacramento both enjoyable and
24 pleasant -- Visalia both enjoyable and pleasant.

25 Therefore be it resolved, that we express our

1 gratitude and our appreciation for their outstanding
2 service. And be it further resolved, that a copy of
3 this resolution of appreciation be sent to the manager
4 of Visalia Marriott.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Whereas, Olivia
7 Thuney, a dedicated member of the American Legion
8 Auxiliary, Unit 716, District 29 who is serving as the
9 Honorary Junior Auxiliary Department President for
10 2023-2024 was unable to be with us at this Department
11 Convention. Whereas, she is a delegate at the Girls
12 State session for 2024, she showed her dedication to her
13 role as an Honorary Junior Auxiliary President by
14 sending her greetings through a call from the Girls
15 State session in Sacramento.

16 Whereas, this lovely young lady has represented
17 our Junior Auxiliary with grace and poise, reminding us
18 all that our Juniors are our future and through the
19 mentoring that Olivia has received, a lesson that we can
20 all learn from, we know our future is in good hands.

21 Now therefore be it resolved, that we express our
22 thanks and appreciation for her service this year. And
23 be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be
24 given to Olivia Thuney and a copy sent to her unit, Los
25 Alamitos Unit 716, District 29.

1 (Applause.)

2 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Whereas, it has
3 been a pleasure to have our Honorary Junior Auxiliary
4 Vice President Alyssa Alcaraz from Laguna-Elk Grove Unit
5 233, District 6 bring greetings on behalf of our
6 Honorary Junior Auxiliary President Olivia Thuney who is
7 currently at the 2024 Girls State session in Sacramento.

8 Whereas, Alyssa Alcaraz showed her leadership
9 skills by stepping up and filling in for Olivia.

10 Whereas, her message was informative and inspiring. We
11 can all feel confident our Junior Auxiliary is
12 representing our organization with enthusiasm.

13 So be it resolved, that we give this young lady a
14 rousing round of applause for a job well done.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: And so it be
17 further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be
18 given to Alyssa Alcaraz and a copy sent to her Unit 233
19 Laguna-Elk Grove in District 6.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: Whereas, the
22 Department of California takes great pride in the
23 members of this Department who are serving in the
24 National Organization. Therefore be it resolved, that
25 we recognize the following members: Mrs. Nancy

1 Brown-Park who brought honor to this Department by
2 serving as the National President and who is currently
3 serving as a member of the National Finance Committee
4 and Foundation Appointed Director. Valerie Hardy,
5 National Western Division Chairman for Americanism.
6 Teresa Lugo-Nunez, National Western Division Chairman
7 for Education. Pat Alvarez, National Western Division
8 Chairman for National Security. Anita Biggs, National
9 Western Division Chairman for Public Relations.
10 Lauralee Gooch, National Foundation Elected Director.
11 Sandra D. Rice, National Foundation Elected Director.

12 And be it further resolved that we give a
13 standing ovation to thank these members for the honor
14 and prestige they bring to this Department.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: Next one. Whereas,
17 there were ten Past Department Presidents in attendance
18 at this Department Executive Committee meeting and,
19 whereas, their presence and willingness to make
20 themselves available to share their knowledge, insight,
21 and experience with others demonstrates a true and
22 genuine concern for our members and organization.

23 Now therefore be it resolved, that we give a
24 rising vote of appreciation to the Past Department
25 Presidents for their continued dedication and service to

1 our organization.

2 (Applause.)

3 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: Okay. One more.

4 Whereas, Past Heads of State, Past Presidents Parley
5 Chairman Kathie Martinez and her team did a fantastic
6 job providing us with a wonderful Past Presidents Parley
7 program and luncheon. Whereas, putting on this event is
8 no easy task, but with the help of her team PPP Chairman
9 Kathie was able to put together the wonderful luncheon
10 and amazing speakers.

11 Whereas, PPP Chairman Kathie for crocheting her
12 little fingers to the bones making those darling
13 crocheted envelopes with very cute key chains in it. So
14 be it resolved, that we give Past Heads of State, Past
15 Presidents Parley Chairman Kathie Martinez and her team
16 a rousing thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: And be it further
19 resolved that we send a copy of this resolution to Past
20 Heads of State, Past Presidents Parley Kathie Martinez
21 to share with her team.

22 (Applause.)

23 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: Whereas, a number
24 of distinguished guests found time in their busy
25 schedule to accept our President's invitation to attend

1 this meeting. And whereas we are honored to welcome
2 them and enjoyed their warm greetings and warming
3 remarks.

4 Therefore be it resolved, that we express our
5 appreciation to the following for their attendance at
6 this meeting: Mr. John Aldridge, Department of
7 California Commander. Mr. Mike Smith, Department
8 President American Legion Riders. Ms. Olivia Thuney,
9 Department Honorary Junior Auxiliary. Ms. Alyssa
10 Alcaraz, Department Honorary Junior Auxiliary Vice
11 President. Linda Carmichael, American Legion Auxiliary
12 District 15 President. Mr. Dan Wiley, Leading Candidate
13 for National Commander 2025-2026 from Kansas. Mr. James
14 Higuera, Chairman of the National -- sorry. Chairman of
15 Legion Department of California Ritual Commission. Mr.
16 Chris Wenzinger, 15th District Commander. And Sloane
17 Graham, Girls State Governor, with a round of applause.

18 (Applause.)

19 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: Whereas, a special
20 thank you needs to go out to Karen Herrera for putting
21 together the wonderful goody bags. Whereas, you and
22 your team did an amazing job getting donations.

23 Therefore be it resolved, that we express our
24 gratitude and sincere appreciation for a job well done
25 with a round of applause.

1 (Applause.)

2 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: And be it further
3 resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to
4 Karen Herrera and her team.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: Whereas, Past
7 Department President Anita Biggs, Department
8 Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Sharon Moore, and
9 Taadhimeka Stovall from Jackie Robinson Unit 252,
10 District 23 took on the task of organizing for our
11 enjoyment the President's banquet and the Commander's
12 Ball. Whereas, the Michael Jackson entertainment that
13 they arranged was fantastic and was fun by all.

14 Whereas, this body needs to recognize all of the
15 hard work that it takes to arrange entertainment and to
16 organize all the dinner tickets, to get the table
17 decorations together, and all other odds jobs that pop
18 up when you're putting on an event such as the banquet.

19 So be it resolved, that all members of this
20 convention recognize their hard work with a standing
21 ovation.

22 (Applause.)

23 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: And be it further
24 resolved, that we send a copy of this resolution to Past
25 Department President Anita Biggs, Department

1 Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Sharon Moore, and
2 Taadhimeka Stovall.

3 (Applause.)

4 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Thank you, ladies,
5 very much. And as we all get to have a mistake, I'm
6 sorry that I did not included our National Executive
7 Committeewoman when we were listing all of the National
8 positions. And thank you, Kathie Martinez, for your
9 service as our National Executive Committeewoman. And
10 thank you Joan Cannon -- I mean Dee Ann Graham -- I'm
11 looking at Joan; that's why I'm saying it -- Dee Ann
12 Graham for being the Alternate NEC Woman. Thank you
13 very much for representing us at the National
14 Organization.

15 (Applause.)

16 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Whereas, the
17 Department of California American Legion Auxiliary is
18 very, very proud of the Jackie Robinson Unit 252,
19 District 23 Color Guard. Whereas, it takes hours and
20 hours of practice to get it as perfect as these ladies
21 have. Whereas, their dedication to perfection is
22 evident in all the awards they have received. Whereas,
23 we are all anxious to see them perform at the National
24 Convention in New Orleans 2024. Whereas, we all wish
25 them the best of luck and safe travels.

1 So be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution
2 be given to Anita Biggs, Captain, Sharon Moore,
3 Co-Captain, Renee Alexander, Wardrobe Coordinator,
4 Bertha Edmundson, Co-Equipment, Cheryl Jefferson, Ticket
5 Chairman. So be it further resolved that we give them a
6 standing round of applause and ovation for such a job
7 well done representing us amazingly everywhere. Thank
8 you, thank you, thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And I know they're
11 going to win there and we're going to have some more
12 trophies coming home with their wonderful group.

13 Whereas, there has been so many helping to make
14 this wonderful convention. It has been -- but a special
15 thank you needs to go out to Dee Ann Graham, Convention
16 Chairman, and Terry Oclaray, Co-Chairman, and their
17 dedicated, hardworking committees that have given
18 generously of their time to ensure our stay was both
19 comfortable and enjoyable.

20 Therefore be it resolved, that we express our
21 gratitude and sincere appreciation for a job well done
22 and the many courtesies and warm hospitalities extended
23 during this meeting with a standing ovation.

24 (Applause.)

25 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And be it further

1 resolved, that a copy of this resolution be given to
2 Convention Chairman Dee Ann Graham and her Co-Chairman
3 Terry Oclaray and their crew.

4 Once again, Legionnaire Henry Sanchez, Post 233,
5 District 6, has given up his valuable time to take
6 fabulous pictures of all our Auxiliary and our Auxiliary
7 events. Whereas, he's not only a fantastic
8 photographer, but always willing to help.

9 So be it resolved, that we express our sincere
10 thanks for a job well done with a clapping of hands.

11 (Applause.)

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And it be further
13 resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to
14 Legionnaire Henry Sanchez, Post 233, District 6.

15 Whereas, the CIA Secret Service Agents Ann
16 Sanchez and Jennifer Turner who certainly had their
17 hands busy this year guarding our Governor, their
18 creative customs have added so much fun for this year.
19 Whereas, their diligence in guarding our Governor goes
20 without saying.

21 And be it resolved, that we show our gratitude
22 for keeping our Governor safe, helping her through the
23 year with a round of applause for a job well done
24 keeping her right on track.

25 (Applause.)

1 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And be it further
2 resolved, that copies of this resolution be given to
3 Agents Ann Sanchez and Jennifer Turner.

4 (Applause.)

5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Now last, but not
6 least, Madam Governor. Whereas Chairman of the
7 California Assembly assembled this day June 30th, 2024,
8 I would like to thank Governor Glenda for allowing me to
9 serve in this capacity. It has truly been a pleasure
10 working for you -- with you this year.

11 Whereas, the Assembly wants to acknowledge the
12 fine job you have done this year. It's not always easy
13 to be Governor, but you managed to always lead us with
14 poise, grace, understanding, and patience.

15 Whereas, your theme United as One has inspired
16 all of us to work together for the good of the
17 organization and our mission. Whereas, you truly made
18 California the Golden State as you shined every place
19 you went and represented us so beautifully.

20 So be it resolved, that the members and guests
21 assembled at this Department Convention express their
22 deep, deep, deep appreciation and sincere thanks to our
23 President, aka Governor Glenda, for her dedication and
24 service to the American Legion Auxiliary.

25 Please stand and give her the ovation she

1 deserves for a job well done.

2 (Applause.)

3 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Well done, well done.

4 So be it further resolved, that a copy of this
5 resolution be given to her for her memory book. Thank
6 you again for giving me this position. I've had great
7 fun with it. And thank you to my team. Thank you for
8 stepping up to help. It's greatly appreciated. They
9 didn't have to listen to me the whole time that way.
10 It's much better. Thank you again.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Madam Secretary,
13 will you please read the minutes of the Post Convention
14 Executive Meeting held on January 20th, 2024 Double Tree
15 Hotel in Sacramento and the Preconvention Executive
16 Meeting held on June 27th, 2023 here in Visalia.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Madam President,
18 the last Mid-Year DEC minutes are January 2023. So I
19 don't have the '24 right now. I can go print off a
20 copy. I'm sorry. I totally --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Kathy, will you
22 please read the first one for Liz while she's printing
23 out the second one?

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you, Kathy.

25 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Okay.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, it's the
2 Executive Committee Meeting that was held on the 26th of
3 June. Do you have that one?

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5 **READING OF MEETING MINUTES**

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7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: The Department
8 Executive Committee meeting was called to order by
9 President Glenda Schultz in Visalia, California on June
10 26th, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. The following actions were
11 taken: District 2, placed on probation. District 5,
12 placed on probation until January 2024.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Kathy, that's not
14 -- back up. It's the unit.

15 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Oh, sorry.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: District 2, Unit
17 746. Not the whole district.

18 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: District 2, Unit
19 746 placed on probation until January 2025. District 5,
20 Unit 28 placed on probation. District 6, Unit 604
21 placed on probation. District 9, Unit 161 cancelled
22 their charter. District 11, Unit 803 removed from
23 probation. District 12, Unit 491 placed on probation.
24 District 12, Unit 872 placed on probation. District 13,
25 Unit 217 placed on probation. Unit 13 -- I mean

1 District 13, Unit 791 placed on probation. District 14,
2 Unit 4 removed from probation. District 14, Unit 355
3 cancelled their charter. District 14, Unit 511
4 remaining on probation. District 16, Unit 49 placed on
5 probation.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Kathy, can you
7 hold up a minute? Can you please go back to District
8 14, Unit 355. I thought you said placed on probation,
9 but it's cancelled charter.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Cancelled charter,
11 yes.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Thank you.
13 Sorry I messed you up.

14 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: That's okay.
15 District 16, Unit 49 placed on probation. District 18,
16 Unit 30 placed on probation. District 19, Unit 465
17 removed from probation.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Wait a minute.

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: I don't know what
20 that is. There's no mark. Unit -- District 19, Unit
21 314 there's no indication what's going on there.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Did she say
23 Unit 18?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I mean

1 District 18?

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Okay. District
3 18, Unit 30 placed on probation. This has no mark.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Remain on
5 probation.

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: District 19, Unit
7 314 remain on probation. District 19, Unit 465 removed
8 from probation. District 20, Unit 377 placed on
9 probation. District 21, Unit 428 remaining on
10 probation. District 21, Unit 595 remains on probation.
11 District 21, Unit 848 remaining on probation. District
12 22, Unit 149 remaining on probation. District 22, Unit
13 303 remaining on probation.

14 District 22, Unit 364 cancelled their charter.
15 District 22, Unit 416 remain on probation. District 25,
16 Unit 229 remain on probation. District 25, Unit 426
17 remain on probation. District 25, Unit 466 placed on
18 probation. District 25, Unit 710 remain on probation.
19 District 26, Unit 82 remain on probation. District 26,
20 Unit 238 placed on probation. District 28, Unit 41
21 removed from probation. District 28, Unit 69 remain on
22 probation. District 28, Unit 591 remain on probation.

23 The following motions were made by the Department
24 Secretary, seconded, and carried. District 1, Unit 96
25 cancelled their charter. The District 1, Unit 205

1 remain on probation.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Remove.

3 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Or, sorry, remove
4 from probation. District 9, Unit 202 remain on
5 probation. District 29, Unit 27 placed on probation.
6 Unit 30 -- I mean District 30, Unit 24 remain on
7 probation. District 30, Unit 25 remain on probation.
8 District 30, Unit 135 remain on probation.

9 Department Secretary Liz Doidge moved that the
10 contract with Micro Project Management Company, MPMC,
11 not be renewed as of September 30th, 2024 and we move
12 forward with using the Department Office and our
13 dedicated volunteers to process Department membership
14 and bookkeeping. Motion was seconded and carried.

15 Department Treasurer Katherine Tellyer moved that
16 we retain Aprio, LLP as the auditors for the '24-'25
17 year. They have done a great job. Department Secretary
18 Liz moved that after the 2024 Department Convention, the
19 Department Treasurer may pay MPMC the balance owed on
20 the '23-'24 contract in full and the Department Office
21 volunteers process all future membership. Balance is
22 \$3,337 per month for three months for a total of
23 \$10,011. Motion was seconded and carried.

24 In September 2023 a new release from the
25 California Department of Industrial Relations states the

1 minimum wage for salaried employees will increased to
2 \$66,560 effective January 1st, 2024. I move to -- let's
3 see. The Treasurer moved to increase the Department
4 Secretary salary to \$66,560 in accordance with the new
5 minimum wage law and I move to retroactively pay the new
6 wage effective January 1st, 2024 in the amount of
7 \$1,040.08.

8 There being no further business, the meeting was
9 adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We need a motion
11 for the approval of the minutes.

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: I move to approve
13 the minutes of the DEC.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
15 on the floor to approve the minutes of the Department
16 Executive Committee DEC meeting held in Visalia June
17 26th. Is there any discussion? Any changes?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those --
20 hearing none -- this is going to be a little bit
21 confusing because we went in reverse. Okay? We read
22 the Convention DEC before we read the Mid-Year DEC. So
23 if you saw information on there that you think oh-no,
24 that's not what we did, it's because we're reading the
25 Convention before the Mid-Year. Okay?

1 Is there any further discussion? Yes.

2 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: Debbie Ennen,
3 District 14, Unit 147. Regarding the Unit reports, on
4 Unit 4 has the same reason as 511 about leaving them on
5 probation because they have no checking account. I
6 tried to verify before coming here and they wouldn't
7 respond to me. Okay. 511 I was ready to take them off.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: These are just
9 minutes of the meeting. These are not any action after
10 that.

11 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: Okay. It's just
12 it's wrong and when minutes are wrong, you're supposed
13 to I thought --

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: What was your
15 action at the DEC?

16 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: What?

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: What was your
18 action at the DEC? Was it to remain on probation?

19 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: No. She said to
20 remove 4 --

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

22 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: -- from probation.
23 They have to stay on probation because they have no
24 checking account still.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But at the DEC --

1 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: They were put on
2 probation.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: -- they were left
4 on probation?

5 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

7 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: Okay. Thank you.

8 DISTRICT 20 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TUNGATE: Madam
9 President, Liz Tungate, District 20 President Elect Unit
10 817. I sent a note up there to you. Right here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There's lots of
12 notes.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: This is just what
14 happened at the meeting. If you have questions about
15 what happened before that with this, we're not -- this
16 can still happen.

17 DISTRICT 20 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TUNGATE: So I
18 should wait until the other minutes are read?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No.

20 DISTRICT 20 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TUNGATE: No.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You should wait
22 until Mid-Year or ask for a special from the new
23 president, talk to her about it and if necessary she can
24 call a special DEC to take care of it.

25 DISTRICT 20 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TUNGATE: Okay.

1 Thank you.

2 VA&R CHAIR BAKER: Madam President, Susan Baker,
3 District 28, Unit 694. I think we met on June the 27th,
4 not June the 26th at 7:00 o'clock in the morning. Did
5 we not?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're correct.
7 Yeah.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: There will be a
9 correction to the meetings to make it the 27th.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, you're
11 making a correction, you're just --

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, you're just
13 asking for a correction. It's okay. It's a typo.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm a very tired
15 secretary.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any other
17 corrections or additions to the minutes? I should have
18 said it that way would have been clearer. Sorry.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in favor
21 of accepting the minutes as corrected.

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. So now I'm
2 going back to the minutes that we did in January DEC.
3 So these actions that I read off are no longer correct.

4 The Department Executive Committee DEC meeting
5 was called to order by President Glenda Schultz in
6 Sacramento, California from January 20th to the 21st,
7 2024.

8 The following actions were taken: Americanism.
9 Cindy Rogers moved to approve the Americanism Essay
10 Contests as follows: Category I, grades 4 to 5: Why do
11 we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag? Category
12 II, grades 6 to 7: What does it mean to be an American
13 to me? Category III, grades 8 to 9: Why do we have the
14 Constitution of the United States? Category IV, grades
15 10, 11, and 12: What does the Bill of Rights mean to
16 me? Category V, exceptional needs: What does it mean
17 to me to fly the American flag?

18 Glenda Schultz moved to amend Category II grades
19 6 and 7 to: What does it mean to me to be an American?
20 Amendment seconded and carried. Motion to approve the
21 Americanism Essay Contests as category I, grades 4 to 5,
22 Why we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
23 Category II, grades 6 to 7: What does it mean to me to
24 be an American? Category III, grades 8 to 9: Why do we
25 have the Constitution of the United States? Category

1 IV: Grades 10, 11, and 12: What does the Bill of
2 Rights mean to me? Category V, exceptional needs: What
3 does it mean to me to fly the American flag? Motion
4 seconded and carried.

5 Girls State Valerie Hardy read the '23-'24 Girls
6 State budget. Valerie moved that we accept the Girls
7 State Budget as read. Motion seconded and carried.
8 This is the approved budget that's in your Book of
9 Reports as well, just so you all know.

10 The following motions were made by the respective
11 District Presidents, seconded and carried. District 2,
12 Unit 197 Shasta removed from probation. District 14,
13 Unit 4 Charlie Waters originally was to cancel the
14 charter, and there's a note I'll read below in a minute.

15 District 14, Unit 511 State Center remain on
16 probation until June of 2024. District 15, Unit 502
17 Moorpark surrender their charter. District 19, Unit 314
18 Hawthorne placed on probation until June of 2024.
19 District 19, Unit 465 Clyde F. Hager placed on probation
20 until June of 2024. District 22, Unit 149 remain on
21 probation until June of 2024. District 22, Unit 303 El
22 Cajon remain on probation until June of 2024. District
23 22, Unit 364 Santee remain on probation until June of
24 2024. District 22, Unit 416 San Dieguito remain on
25 probation until June of 2024. District 25, Unit 112

1 Ontario remove from probation. District 25, Unit 229
2 Leo Collins placed on probation until June of 2024.
3 District 25, Unit 426 Yucaipa remain on probation until
4 June of 2024. District 25, Unit 710 Guy Wynton Morris
5 placed on probation until June of 2024. District 26,
6 Unit 82 San Mateo remain on probation until June of
7 2024. District 28, Unit 41 Monterey placed on probation
8 until June of 2024. District 28, Unit 69 San Benito
9 placed on probation until June of 2024. District 28,
10 Unit 591 Seaside placed on probation until June of 2024.

11 The following motions were made by the Department
12 Secretary per recommendation of the District Presidents,
13 seconded and carried. District 4, Unit 95 Oroville
14 removed from probation. District 4, Unit 673 Durham
15 removed from probation. District 4, Unit 807 Linda
16 removed from probation. District 9, Unit 202 Roy
17 Frerichs remain on probation until January of 2024.
18 District 21, Unit 428 San Gorgonio Pass placed on
19 probation until January of 2024. District 21, Unit 595
20 Perris placed on probation until January 2024. District
21 21, Unit 848 San Jacinto placed on probation until
22 January 2024. District 21, Unit 951 Fellowship
23 cancelled charter. District 29, Unit 717 Ray Valtoro
24 cancelled charter.

25 The following motions were made by the Department

1 Secretary based on documents not received in the
2 Department Office or tax status. Seconded and carried.
3 District 1, Unit 96 remain on probation until January of
4 2024 -- oops. June of 2024. District 1, Unit 205
5 Walker Bailey placed on probation until June of 2024.
6 District 30, Unit 24 Frank Luke placed on probation
7 until June of 2024. District 30, Unit 25 Boyce Aten
8 remain on probation until June of 2024. And District
9 30, Unit 135 Calpatria placed on probation until June of
10 2024.

11 Endorsements for the 2023-2024 -- nope. 2024-'25
12 year were made as follows: Linda Hayes was endorsed for
13 Department President by Marcy Velador, Susan Baker was
14 endorsed for Department Vice President by Rebecca
15 Glenny, Sharon Moore was endorsed for Junior Member of
16 Finance by Anita Biggs, Melanie Taylor was endorsed for
17 National Historian by Linda Karnstedt. I believe Ann
18 Sanchez was also endorsed at that point for --

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No, she was not.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She was not. Okay.
21 Thank you. Then my minutes were correct.

22 Under new business or unfinished business, it was
23 moved and seconded by the Department Secretary Elizabeth
24 Doidge to amend the status of District 14, Unit 4
25 Charlie Waters from revoked to remain on probation. A

1 motion was made, seconded, and carried. There being no
2 further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45
3 a.m.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Do we have any
5 further corrections or additions to the minutes?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We need a
8 motion to accept as corrected.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I move that we
10 accept the minutes as corrected.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
13 favor.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: The minutes will
18 be -- will stand as corrected. No, we did not -- we had
19 a special DEC to elect Ann. She was is not endorsed.
20 She was filling a vacancy, so I don't know if we need
21 minutes for that or not. We didn't have minutes for
22 that special called DEC meeting.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: There should
24 be minutes for that special called DEC.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: There should be.

1 Okay. Yeah. You probably don't have that Zoom
2 information. Is that recorded?

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have that
4 available, but not right now. I have notes somewhere.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's in my other
7 notebook that I didn't bring with me because it's full.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But I'll get
10 minutes and have them at some point.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You have a code
14 amendment?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have two code
16 changes.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Go ahead.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: As you saw with the
19 budget, we've eliminated MPMC moving forward, so I have
20 two code changes to reflect how we're planning on moving
21 membership to the Department and working on it going
22 forward. These were passed out to you guys on Thursday
23 or Friday when I did my secretary reports.

24 So Department Policy Administrative new code:
25 "Membership will be sent to the Department Office. The

1 Department Secretary will be responsible for confirming
2 the transmittal is fully paid and forwarding the
3 transmittal to the membership volunteers. A. All
4 checks will be entered into a spreadsheet and forwarded
5 to the Department Treasurer with a Committee Financial
6 Transmittal Form. B. If the transmittal is overpaid,
7 an email will be sent to the Department Treasurer noting
8 her of the overpayment and how much should be sent back
9 to the unit."

10 I move that we accept this code change.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
13 on the floor for code change Department Policy -
14 Administrative Department Code No. 1 will be new if
15 adopted. It will read:

16 "Membership will be sent to the Department
17 Office. The Department Secretary will be responsible
18 for confirming the transmittal is fully paid and
19 forwarding the transmittal to the membership volunteers.
20 A. All checks will be entered into a spreadsheet and
21 forwarded to the Department Treasurer with a Committee
22 Financial Transmittal Form. B. If the transmittal is
23 overpaid, an email will be sent to the Department
24 Treasurer noting her of the overpayment and how much
25 should be sent back to the Unit."

1 Membership -- oh, that's the second one. Sorry.
2 Is there any discussion?
3 (No response.)
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
5 favor.
6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
8 (No response.)
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Department Policy -
11 Administrative new No. 2 or new code: "Membership
12 volunteers will be responsible for processing membership
13 transmittals and Unit 1000 renewal notices via ALAMIS
14 within 72 hours of receiving it. A. If there are
15 issues with transmittals or membership applications, the
16 membership volunteers will reach out to the units to
17 correct and train to avoid future mistakes. B.
18 Membership volunteers will copy membership support area
19 representatives on correspondence with units so they are
20 aware of any issues."
21 I move that we accept this new code change.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
23 on the floor. Department Policy - Administrative
24 addition of Code No. 2. If adopted it will read:
25 "Membership volunteers will be responsible for

1 processing membership transmittals and Unit 1000 renewal
2 notices via ALAMIS within 72 hours of receiving it. A.
3 If there are issues with transmittals or membership
4 applications, the membership volunteers will reach out
5 to the units to correct and train to avoid future
6 mistakes. A" -- should that be B? You have 2 As. I
7 think you mean the second one to be B.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, B.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: "Membership
10 volunteers will copy membership support area
11 representatives on correspondence with units so they are
12 aware of any issues."

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
16 we'll vote. All those in favor.

17 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

21 Are you done?

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have notes, but
23 you can do them first.

24 (Processional.)

25 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam President, as you

1 may -- or delegates, you may have heard the Juniors were
2 selling their little bracelets they made and were doing
3 very well, and somehow the \$300 was lost. So our
4 Legion -- stop it. Here you go, Mike. Tell him what
5 you guys did.

6 DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER SMITH: Well, I didn't
7 think I was going to come back and be able to talk with
8 you guys again, but, ladies, thank you for having me.

9 So some of these -- I'm going to call these young
10 ladies, I'm going to call them angels, they're little
11 angles, they came and they found us and they said, hey,
12 we're missing something. And I said okay. And they
13 showed me what they were missing and that they said they
14 lost some money. And I said, okay, let's go take a look
15 and we'll turn this place around.

16 And so I brought my Sergeant-at-Arms with me and
17 I said, come on, Jeffrey, we're going to take a look
18 just in case. So in the meantime, we were looking and
19 we couldn't find anything. I said: All right. Hang
20 on. Let's go make an announcement at The Legion
21 Convention.

22 So we went over there, grabbed one of the
23 Sergeant-at-Arms and we said, hey, this is what's going
24 on, can we get an announcement. The Department Adjunct
25 raised it up and said this is missing, if you come

1 across it, please give it back to them if this is where
2 it belongs to these young ladies. And then from the
3 floor all I heard was, "Pass the hat."

4 (Applause.)

5 DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER SMITH: I preach American
6 Legion Family, and I'm trying not to -- darn old prison
7 guard; right? The Legionnaires came across in just
8 classic fashion of how we support each other. We kind
9 of evened it up a little bit. I like even numbers, and
10 we were able to -- The Legionnaires came up with \$2600
11 for the young ladies.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So now you can all
14 see we are United as One.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You can come back
17 any time.

18 (Processional.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Liz, Golden Notes.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, I got a whole
21 bunch. It will be quick. One, if you have any pictures
22 from this weekend, please send them to
23 pics@calegionaux.org. They'll go to our Historian, our
24 Public Relations Chairman, our Webmaster to get posted
25 everywhere.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say that again.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Pics, P-I-C-S,
3 @calegionaux.org. Calegionaux.org. Just like my email
4 if you've every emailed me.

5 I have National Convention guest registration
6 packets. Right now they're sitting on the corner of the
7 desk up here if anybody needs them. Everybody keeps
8 asking me about membership cards. They're over here.
9 They need to be signed out. I'm going to put Donna
10 Smith -- oops, I'm outing her. Sorry. Donna Smith in
11 charge of those, but they need to be signed out.

12 Lucy Hunt is over here as well with Junior
13 Conference tickets. Please check -- District Presidents
14 please check in with her as well.

15 Lots of Department Chairmen have turned in
16 their -- well, not lots. Americanism, Children & Youth,
17 Education, Elections, Leadership, Membership, Music,
18 National Security, Poppy, and Public Relations, your
19 books are in the office. Please see me while we get a
20 break to get your books.

21 I don't remember who that is. In the wagon over
22 here I have a box with lost and found items. If it's
23 yours, please take it. There's like three pairs of
24 glasses in there.

25 Estella Siegrist, if you're still here, I have

1 your corsage. I went through lost and found twice.

2 Oh, Jean McGinnis has lost -- they got taken out
3 of the office. Two like royal blue pillow covers that
4 goes for their flag stands. If anyone has seen them or
5 has them, please make sure you meet up with Jean back in
6 the back. And that's it.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. We are
8 going to be in recess for 30 minutes, at which time we
9 will reconvene for Installation of the 2024-'25
10 Department Officers, but Linda has some special
11 instructions for you.

12 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: During recess, please
13 pick up your checks.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT HAYES: Special
15 instructions are everybody please stay and enjoy the
16 installation, but -- I guess that's it.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: One more over here
18 little note I believe. I heard somebody.

19 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Please come pick up your
20 checks if you sent in your travel allowance.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All right. Now
22 who's ready for New Orleans? Okay. The Juniors are
23 going to be giving you something, so here they come.

24 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CO-CHAIR HURADO: Glenda, Debbie
25 Hurado, District 14. I just wanted to --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Just one moment.

2 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CO-CHAIR HURADO: I just wanted
3 to let everybody know that in your Book of Reports is
4 the save the date for the Clovis Workshop. Please try
5 to make your hotel reservations. We can't get any
6 special rates, but you can -- if you make them earlier
7 maybe you can with rewards or different things going on
8 there. And it is a week later than normal, so check the
9 dates when you do that. And we hope to see you all
10 there. Look on the website.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We'll see you in
12 30 minutes.

13 (Recess from 12:36 p.m. to 1:31 p.m.)

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15 **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2024-2025**

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17 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: This
18 meeting is reconvened for the purpose of installing
19 officers. I would like to introduce you to the
20 Installing Officer Bonnie Christner, Past Department
21 President.

22 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Thank you, Madam
23 President. Welcome, everyone, to the installation of
24 the 2024-2025 Officers and Chairmen. And thank you for
25 sticking around all of you that did. We appreciate it.

1 It is my pleasure to introduce the installing
2 team. Honorary Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda
3 Workman, Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms Joan Cannon, Honorary
4 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Ann Sholl, Honorary Chaplain
5 Grace Huston, and Honorary Musician Yve Evans.

6 We will now proceed with the installation of
7 Department Officers for the year 2024-2025. Will the
8 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
9 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the
10 District Second Vice Presidents.

11 (Processional.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
13 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the
14 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the First
15 Vice Presidents.

16 (Processional.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
18 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the
19 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the District
20 Presidents.

21 (Processional.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
23 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the
24 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the
25 Department Chairman for the year 2024-2025.

1 (Processional.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
3 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms along
4 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the
5 Department Officers, Musician Yve Evans, Parliamentarian
6 Anita Biggs, Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Marsteller, Assistant
7 Sergeant-At-Arms Krista Young, Historian Erika
8 Hernandez, and I'm sorry to say our Chaplain Patty G.
9 was not able to be with us today. She's still
10 recuperating, but she'll be with us next year.

11 (Processional.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Would you like for
13 me to ding you down and stand you back up? Or let's
14 just stay standing and keep going. All right? That
15 sounds good to me.

16 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
17 Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
18 please escort the Department President Elect Linda Hayes
19 escorted by her husband Richard. I'm sorry. Page 2 --
20 no, it's page 3, honey. I'm like wait a minute, she's
21 not supposed to be there yet.

22 Here we go. Oh, my goodness. Okay. Will the
23 Sergeant -- will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and the
24 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest
25 Chairman please escort the Senior Member of Finance

1 Elect Ann Sanchez. Okay. Nope. We're not doing her.
2 We're going to do -- we don't have -- Ann has already
3 been installed I do believe, so there's a little change
4 here.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: She's a senior
6 member, but we need to install her.

7 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Are you there,
8 Ann? Ann, oh, there you are. Come on up. Can we do --
9 can we bring the Senior and the Junior Member together?

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yes.

11 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Okay. How about
12 we do that. Okay. Another one. Don't keep score.

13 Okay. Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
14 Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman,
15 please bring the Senior Member of Finance Ann Sanchez
16 and the Junior Member of Finance Sharon Moore to the
17 station.

18 (Processional.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: We're having too
20 much fun up here.

21 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
22 Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
23 please escort Department Vice President Elect Susan
24 Baker escorted by her daughter Katherine Graham to this
25 podium.

1 (Processional.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Don't the Honorary
3 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms look so
4 wonderful? Love those hats. You tired yet, Linda?

5 DISTINGUISHED GUESS CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: No, not at
6 all.

7 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
8 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please
9 present the Colors of District 20 and the Honor Guard
10 Color Bearers present the Colors of Palmdale Unit 348.

11 (Processional.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: We have a Junior
13 in our midst. Way to go, Lexi. I think you need to go
14 back, girls.

15 The Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, you
16 need to meet Linda back there, please.

17 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
18 Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
19 please escort the Department President Elect Linda Hayes
20 escorted by her husband and District 20 ladies. Never
21 mind you're already up.

22 (Processional.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: The installation
24 of our newly elected and appointed officers is one of --
25 oh, sorry, Musician. Sorry.

1 The installation of our newly elected and
2 appointed officers is one of the most important and
3 impressive ceremonies of our Department Convention. As
4 we begin this transition from one administration to
5 another, we wish to express our appreciation to the
6 retiring Department and District Officers for their
7 outstanding contributions to the grand history of the
8 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.

9 As we turn from the memories of the successful
10 year we have just completed, let us look forward with
11 reviewed dedication and enthusiasm to a new year
12 conducted by our new department and district officers as
13 we honor and serve our veterans, their families, and our
14 countries. We congratulate our new officers and wish
15 them a year that will inspire us all.

16 District Vice Presidents, District Presidents,
17 and Department Officers, please rise. Officers,
18 District Presidents, Department Officers. Yes, yes.

19 Okay. Here we go. My fellow members, you have
20 been chosen to fill the various offices of the American
21 Legion Auxiliary Department of California. You will I
22 know vindicate the trust that has been reposed in you
23 and fulfill in every way the obligation which that trust
24 entails. You will familiarize yourselves with the
25 duties of your respective offices as given in the

1 Department Bylaws.

2 As always, remember that the welfare and success
3 of this administration depends upon you and upon your
4 shoulders rests the burden of preserving the integrity
5 of the American Legion Auxiliary. You must protect its
6 good name before the people of the United States and at
7 all times endeavor to have them understand its policies
8 and purposes.

9 Always remember the tolerant spirit of the
10 American Legion Auxiliary. Allow no distinction of
11 class or creed to appear among our members. There is no
12 rank among us, for each serve as the equal of their
13 fellow members and all strive towards the same goal
14 which is the realization in the life of the republic of
15 the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty.

16 Please raise your hand and repeat after me giving
17 your name where I give mine. I, Bonnie Christner.

18 (Response.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Promise to perform
20 faithfully.

21 (Response.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: All the duties of
23 the office.

24 (Response.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: I am about to

1 assume.

2 (Response.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: And I further

4 pledge.

5 (Response.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: That I am not a

7 member of.

8 (Response.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: And do not

10 subscribe to.

11 (Response.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: The principles of

13 any groups.

14 (Response.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Opposed to our

16 form of government.

17 (Response.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: You may be seated.

19 District Second Vice Presidents, please rise.

20 Yes, you. Into your helpful hands is placed the

21 responsibility of assisting the First Vice Presidents in

22 all their duties. Your responsibilities will contribute

23 much to the success of this year. I congratulate you on

24 your appointment and I wish you well. You may be

25 seated.

1 (Applause.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: District First
3 Vice Presidents, to you is given the active cooperation
4 with the President for the continued development of your
5 District programs. In the absence of the president you
6 will be prepared to assume the duties of her office.
7 This year can be a rewarding learning experience for you
8 and prepare you for future goals. I congratulate you,
9 ladies, and I wish you well.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: District
12 Presidents, please rise. There's our ladies. You are
13 assuming a tremendous responsibility in leading the
14 day-to-day activities of the units in your district as a
15 deputy to the Department President. You are the most
16 important member of the official family. For you
17 represent the link between the members of this great
18 department and the Department President. With full
19 confidence in your abilities, you have chosen -- you
20 were chosen by your District to fulfill this important
21 position. May your year of service be a happy,
22 exciting, and rewarding adventure for you and your
23 district.

24 I congratulate you, ladies, and I know you're
25 going to have a fabulous year. You may be seated.

1 (Applause.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Musician
3 Yve Evans please rise. Yours is an invaluable position
4 in the official family, for your music will set the tone
5 and beauty of our ceremonies and bring life to our
6 meetings. Your willingness to share your talent as the
7 Musician is a source of joy for all of us.
8 Congratulations, Yve.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Now my Princess
11 and Parliamentarian Anita Biggs, please rise. Your duty
12 is to advise the Department President on procedural
13 matters in the deliberation of this Department. The
14 benefit of your experience and wise counsel will be a
15 great asset to her in the performance of her duties as
16 it has been for so many of us. Congratulations, my
17 Princess.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: My queen.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Historian Erika
21 Hernandez. You're good to rise. Good for you. To you
22 is given the rather awesome responsibility of compiling
23 the history of this administration. Many memorable
24 accomplishments will occur this year and your official
25 record will preserve those golden moments for those who

1 follow. Congratulations, Erika.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: As I mentioned
4 before, our Chaplain Patty G. could not be with us
5 today. She's still recuperating. Do we do anything or
6 we do --

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No.

8 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Okay. So we will
9 give her her charge maybe at DEC.

10 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms Krista Young, please
11 rise. You are responsible to assist the
12 Sergeant-at-Arms and to perform the duties of the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms in her absence. I congratulate you on
14 your appointment to this office.

15 (Applause.)

16 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Sergeant-at-Arms
17 Sam Marsteller. You are responsible for order at all
18 Department meetings, for the advancement and retirement
19 of the Colors, for the proper care of all Department
20 materials, for courtesy to guests and such other duties
21 as may be assigned to you -- assigned to you, for
22 regular attendance at meetings, for loyalty to, and
23 cooperation with our President. Congratulations, Sam.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: These two ladies

1 are from my District, so I'm very, very, very proud.

2 Okay. Junior Member of Finance, so do I give
3 Senior and Junior same charge? She's already been, but
4 nobody ever swore her in; right? Get her now. One at a
5 time. Okay.

6 Okay. Ann, Senior Member of Finance, please
7 rise. Okay. We're going to wing this, Ann. Ann, you
8 are entering a two-year term as the Senior Member of
9 Finance. The Finance Committee is a very important
10 committee of the Department. Study carefully your
11 responsibilities, which you already know because you've
12 already been there a year, as outlined in the bylaws and
13 policies. Always remember that you were elected by the
14 membership to represent their best interests. We know
15 you will consider well your duties and enjoy your
16 service on this committee as a Department Federal
17 Reserve guarding our finances. Congratulations, Ann.

18 (Applause.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Okay. Junior
20 Member of Finance Sharon Moore. Sharon, you are
21 entering a three-year term as the Junior Member of
22 Finance. The Finance Committee is a very important
23 committee of the Department. Also you need to study
24 carefully your responsibilities as outlined in the
25 bylaws and policies. Always remember that you were

1 elected by the membership to represent their best
2 interests. We know you will consider well your duties
3 and enjoy your service on this committee as the
4 Department Junior Member of Finance guarding our
5 finances. Congratulations, Sharon. I wish you well.

6 (Applause.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
8 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please
9 escort the Department Vice President Elect Susan Baker
10 and Past Department President Glenda Schultz to the
11 podium.

12 (Processional.)

13 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Susan,
14 as the Vice President in the Department, this year's
15 theme of America the Beautiful will continue to serve
16 our veterans. You will be the President's right hand.
17 The President may call on you for counsel or to
18 represent her on specific occasions. You should be
19 prepared to do so as well as assuming the duties of her
20 office if the need should arise.

21 Your enthusiasm and cooperation will add much to
22 the success of this administration. May this year be a
23 rewarding and learning experience and help prepare you
24 for your future goals. I know you will do a great job.
25 Congratulations, Susan.

1 (Applause.)

2 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: At
3 this time it is my honor to pin the Department Vice
4 President Pin over your heart. Wear it with pride.
5 Wait, I feel it.

6 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
7 Sergeant-At-Arms, please escort Vice President Susan to
8 her seat.

9 (Processional.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Sorry. I know
11 we've been doing this all weekend. Now I'm in heels
12 today so I'm really tall.

13 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
14 Sergeant-At-Arms please escort the Department President
15 Elect Linda Hayes to the podium.

16 (Processional.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Hello, my friend.
18 Here we are. We made it. Department President Linda,
19 great trust has been reposed in you by your election to
20 the highest office within the Department of California.
21 I charge you to carry constantly in your mind the
22 obligation which is yours that of upholding the four
23 great principles expressed in the preamble to the
24 constitution: justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

25 As a Department President you have the great

1 challenge of developing and improving the programs of
2 the American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected
3 by the members to fulfill this challenge. We have faith
4 in your ability and integrity. We know that you will
5 exemplify the qualities of leadership that the members
6 expect from their Department President.

7 You will be the spokesperson for all of us to the
8 public. Our members will look to you for guidance,
9 inspiration and understanding. Linda, we know that you
10 will continue to use your talents, your strength, and
11 your love of the American Legion Auxiliary in the best
12 interests of all members. Your leadership will inspire
13 our members to achieve goals never before thought --
14 excuse me -- possible in our -- in all our programs.

15 Your theme of America the Beautiful and model
16 Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood will inspire and unite
17 our membership as they work as a team united in service,
18 ideals, commitment to accomplish service, not self your
19 year as President. As President we await your direction
20 as we work to accomplish our goals for the Department of
21 California this year. Congratulations, my friend.

22 (Applause.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Okay. Linda, it
24 is an honor and a privilege to pin over your heart the
25 insignia of the American Legion Auxiliary Department

1 President. Oh, these pins are -- there it is. That
2 little part needs to go back on its own. We should have
3 practiced this beforehand. So beautiful.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: I know that you
6 will wear it with a great deal of pride uniting our
7 members in service, ideals, and commitment leading for
8 another successful year of service to others, not self.

9 Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant
10 Sergeant-At-Arms please bring Junior Past Department
11 President Glenda and Past Department President Linda
12 Fercho to the podium.

13 (Processional.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: I'm sorry. We
15 already have Glenda's ribbon. I'm sorry. Madam
16 President, Past Department. Linda Fercho, Past
17 Department President, who was also Linda's Rodeo Queen.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yeah.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the
21 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please
22 escort Linda back to her seat.

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will all the newly
25 installed officers please rise. That's you District

1 Presidents, Officers here. I present to you the
2 Officers for the Department of California for the year
3 2024-2025. Give them a big hand.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: You may be seated.
6 My fellow members, I share in the pride that is yours
7 for these new officers whom have chosen to guide our
8 organization this coming year. They have been charged
9 with serious responsibilities and I -- and in turn I
10 charge you likewise.

11 Will all the members of the American Legion
12 Auxiliary please rise and raise your right hand and
13 repeat after me. I solemnly promise.

14 (Response.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: To renew my pledge
16 of service.

17 (Response.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: To the American
19 Legion Auxiliary.

20 (Response.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: And to give
22 wholehearted support.

23 (Response.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: To these
25 Department Officers.

1 (Response.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: The Honorary
3 Chaplain will offer prayer.

4 HONORARY DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Dear
5 Heavenly Father, as we embark on a new American Legion
6 Auxiliary year, please watch over our new President
7 Linda, her Officers, Staff and Committee Chairs. Be
8 with them as they work to lead each member in supporting
9 all our programs that we hold so important.

10 Remember and protect each of our ALA members, for
11 they are needed in our units and communities to work for
12 our veterans. Let us also work for God and Country
13 together in harmony and love. Please teach us to act in
14 love as we care for others. Amen.

15 AUDIENCE: Amen.

16 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
17 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please
18 escort the Junior Past Department President Glenda
19 Schultz and Past Department President Anita Biggs to the
20 podium.

21 (Processional.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Anita will present
23 Junior Past President with her charge and pin and her
24 ribbon.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Thank you.

1 Thank you, Madam Installing Officer, My Queen.

2 Glenda, you have come to the close of your year
3 as President of the Department of California American
4 Legion Auxiliary. Your theme of United as One
5 California - the Golden State has been inspirational
6 this year for our Department. It has been a tremendous
7 experience for you and you can be very proud of what you
8 have accomplished under your leadership.

9 As you retire from this office, be assured that
10 you take with you the love and respect of all members,
11 our members. We thank you for taking time out of your
12 busy life to serve as our president. May you have many
13 memories of your year as Department President.
14 Congratulations for a job very well done.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: There you go.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Will the Honorary
19 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please
20 escort Glenda and Anita to their seats and bring the
21 Department Linda to this podium. It seems a little
22 crazy up here, doesn't it?

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Madam Department
25 President Linda, I present you with your gavel, your

1 symbol of authority. May you use it with discretion and
2 always in the best interests of this Department.

3 Madam President Linda, may I be the first to
4 congratulate you. I wish for you a successful year of
5 heroic deeds and accomplishments to further our service
6 to veterans. I'm so very proud of this lady, so very
7 proud of her.

8 My fellow members, I present to you our
9 Department President Linda Hayes.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Sorry. Give back
12 the gavel. It was only borrowed.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: I am honored
14 to be your choice as the American Legion Auxiliary
15 Department President for the '24-'25 year. I find that
16 we can never learn enough about our American Legion
17 Auxiliary and its programs. We share many common goals
18 including our dedication to helping veterans, military,
19 and military families.

20 That is why I have chosen two organizations for
21 my special project. The first one is in Monterey County
22 and the other is in Los Angeles County. Both
23 organizations focus on helping the homeless and
24 near-homeless veterans.

25 They also have other programs that focus on

1 improving the veterans' lives after serving our country
2 which include suicide prevention, substance abuse,
3 healthcare, mental health, and PTSD.

4 In early May I had training for incoming
5 Department Presidents. Trish Ward, the National
6 President Elect, was our trainer. She enthusiastically
7 shared our goals for the '24-'25 year. One of them is
8 membership. While her goal is daunting, it is possible.
9 She has, in her words, lit a fire under the Western
10 Division ALA to reach a goal that is 10 percent higher
11 than this past year. Ooh, I'm sweating already.

12 She even named the Western Division "Fire."
13 Other divisions have other names such as "Earth" and
14 "Moon." We're "Fire." So be prepared to show her that
15 California is ready and we will meet the challenge.

16 Last year I spoke about how every day we hear on
17 the news about threats either from Russia, North Korea,
18 China, and other countries. And what are we going to do
19 to help our military and their families if war breaks
20 out. I am sure the deployed personnel will have a
21 little less stress as they fight for our country if they
22 know that the ALA is taking steps to provide for their
23 spouses and the children left behind.

24 It is my intent to form a Military Support
25 Committee. Please let me know if you'd like to be on

1 that committee.

2 Let's see. Glenda was successful in improving
3 communication between Zoom meetings, and these Zoom
4 meetings have improved our communication; therefore, it
5 is my intent to continue.

6 Now I'd like to introduce my husband.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: And believe me
9 he is my support team.

10 Now I think I've got this next part somewhere
11 else to introduce other officers and I left my list, but
12 I have --

13 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Your officers are
14 already up here and are installed.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Okay. And it
16 says Bonnie to come to the podium to call out their
17 names.

18 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Yeah, that's -- so
19 am I done? Let's do the gifts. Okay.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Okay. I know
21 what I'll do.

22 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Introduction of
23 Department Officers and District Presidents. Somebody
24 flipped this over here. Are there any presentations for
25 our Department President?

1 Our Department Gopher Dennis Fercho.
2 (Processional.)
3 PDG FERCHO: I would have the Madam President
4 call her husband up to the podium.
5 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: He's right here.
6 PDG FERCHO: I know. Richard, empowered to you
7 is the gopher. It's got pants on, but the shirt was
8 taken because the last president.
9 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I took
10 the shirt.
11 PDG FERCHO: There is an outfit in here you can
12 try later for the gopher here. And let me just set this
13 down. Let me see it. Always make sure its batteries
14 are charged.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GOPHER HAYES: Oh, he
16 answers.
17 PDG FERCHO: It's from the scene Caddy Shack.
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GOPHER HAYES: I don't know
19 if I'll play that.
20 PDG FERCHO: You need to test the batteries all
21 the time. It has that. And then hold on. Too many
22 pockets. Sorry about that. So here. Thank you and
23 congratulations.
24 (Applause.)
25 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Department

1 President Linda, I believe you have a little -- oh, I'm
2 sorry. Are there any more presentations for Madam
3 President Linda?

4 Okay. Madam President, I believe you have a
5 presentation to give our Past Department President
6 Glenda.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Yes. Glenda,
8 please come up. I have this gift to give Glenda from
9 all of us. And I'd like to -- we did have a little
10 mishap, I guess. I asked what does Glenda like, and I
11 was given three answers: expensive jewelry, steak, and
12 chocolate. So I did get her chocolate, but I thought
13 the money was better than that so that she can use it.
14 The only problem, Glenda --

15 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You
16 didn't put it in there.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: No, it's in
18 there. It's just the chocolate came melty in the hot
19 weather. But it will still taste good.

20 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It may
21 have to go back to The Legion.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Okay. I'd
23 like to clarify that this is from all your Chairmen and
24 Officers and District Presidents and those of us who
25 love you.

1 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank
2 you, thank you, thank you. And thank you to all of my
3 Officers and Chairmen for being so gracious. I love you
4 all. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Do we have any
7 further presentations for Past Department President
8 Glenda?

9 Okay. I'm going to do the introduction of
10 Department Officers and District Presidents. District
11 Presidents -- are we just going to have them come up and
12 line up? Do you have their gifts?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Yeah, it's in
14 that wagon. I have a box of envelopes in that wagon.
15 In the meantime while we're getting that, will the
16 District Presidents line up by District. Okay. Marcy's
17 got it. Up here on stage.

18 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Here's your
19 districts right here.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Okay. Put
21 them on the table for now. Thank you. The gifts are in
22 your packets. I'm going to give you your packets and
23 your gift at the same time. Okay. District 2. Okay.
24 District 4. She's not here. District 5. District 6.
25 District 7. District 8. District 9. District 10.

1 District 11. District 12. District 13. District 14.
2 District 15. District 17. Oh, 16. District 17.
3 District 18.

4 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: District 18.
5 Where is 18? Shame on her.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: District 19.
7 I know that District 20 girl. District 21. District
8 22. We're cooking it now. District 23 is up here.
9 District 24. Twenty-five. I'm sorry. District 26.
10 District 27. Bad girls, you all went home. District
11 29. Where's 28? We collected it already. District 29.
12 And District 30, they're not here. I'm going to ask --

13 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: Sorry.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: That's all
15 right. Okay. I'm going to ask about five of my
16 district people to come up and get the pins out of the
17 wagon. And the Department folders are the Chairman
18 folders.

19 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: We don't do that
20 until we close the convention.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Okay.

22 INSTALLING OFFICER CHRISTNER: This is you, Madam
23 President, right here. Department President Linda ask
24 Department President back to the podium.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT HAYES: Okay. All

1 right. Will the Honorary Past President Glenda join me
2 at the podium. At this time I will return your gavel to
3 you to close your convention.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Get your mic
5 close so we can hear you crying.

6 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I just
7 want you all to know that from the bottom of my heart I
8 truly, truly have been so honored this year and felt so
9 supported and have never felt so much love from so many
10 people. And for all of you that have come to me with
11 your comments and your thank yous, you never will know
12 how much that meant to me or how much it still means to
13 me.

14 And it's extremely difficult for me to walk away
15 from this, I want you to know that, so I truly hope that
16 you still will give everything that you gave me to our
17 new President Linda. She is a wonderful, wonderful
18 woman.

19 (Applause.)

20 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And is
21 so deserving of this. So I thank all of you for what
22 you've done for me and please continue to do it for her.
23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is

1 there any further business to come before this meeting?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: If not -- well, I
4 don't think Madeline is here, but -- oh, I didn't see
5 you. Madeline will offer prayer.

6 HONORARY CHAPLAIN LEE: Dear Father, as we close
7 this 2023-'24 convention year, we give thanks to our
8 President for a wonderful awesome year. We thank you
9 that we have had the opportunity to come together. We
10 are grateful for this time of work and fellowship. We
11 pray that what we have done has been for the betterment
12 of those we serve.

13 As we prepare to leave each other to go our
14 separate ways, we pray once again for those who serve
15 our country that they may return safely to their loved
16 ones. Now Dear Lord, keep us in your grace and be with
17 us until we meet again. Amen.

18 DELEGATES: Amen.

19 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Until
20 we meet again let us remember that our obligations to
21 our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful
22 performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service
23 to the community, state, and nation be our main
24 objective of the American Legion Auxiliary and its
25 members. Let us ever be watchful of our organization

1 and ourselves. For nothing shall swerve us from the
2 path of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

3 My Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
4 Sergeant-At-Arms will retire the Colors of District 7
5 and Alyn W. Butler Unit 169. And then please hurry back
6 up here. They're out in the hallway.

7

8 **RETIREMENT OF COLORS**

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10 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Jean
11 and Melise, I need you to come back in, please. I'm
12 sure they can't hear me out there. Not with the flags.
13 Not with the flags.

14 My Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
15 Sergeant-At-Arms along with the Distinguished Guest
16 Chairman, will retire this Past Department President
17 escorted by my dear friend and twin sister Past
18 Department President Anita Biggs. And when I reach the
19 back of this room, the 104th Convention of the American
20 Legion Auxiliary Department of California will be
21 adjourned.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Do you want me
23 to carry you?

24 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
25 was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.)

