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7 CALL TO ORDER

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: The convention
10 session is now reconvened. I request that everyone have
11 their cell phones turned off. If the phone rings, you
12 guys are going to give me \$5 for my special project.
13 Please turn your cell phones off.

14 The center doors are going to be designated as
15 the only door to come in and out of. Please do not go out
16 the left and the right-hand side of the door.

17 Ladies, please be seated. Marge Rye, Department
18 Chaplain, will offer the invocation.

19
20 INVOCATION

21
22 CHAPLAIN RYE: Good morning, ladies. Oh,
23 Heavenly Father, we come to you today in glory and
24 anticipation for this wonderful day that you have given
25 us. Help us to open our hearts, open our minds, and enjoy

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1 all of the moments that we have together here, Lord. Keep
2 us safe, keep us open, keep us with each other, and keep
3 us full of love. And thank you, Lord, for all of our
4 people here and we ask that you bless this convention and
5 give Terry the strength to carry through with all of us.
6 Amen.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: May we observe a
9 moment of silence in honor of our loved ones who have gone
10 on to be with our Heavenly Father?

11 We're going to deviate a little bit from our
12 normal Friday opening. At this point in time we are going
13 to have our National Vice President, Nancy Brown-Park,
14 with our Distinguished Guest Chairman and the
15 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort Nancy
16 Brown-Park.

17 (Processional.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: At this point in
19 time we have a special guest with us today. Will the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished
21 Guest Chairman, please escort Glenda Oakley from USAA to
22 this station.

23 (Processional.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Glenda's company
25 very graciously donated the ditty bags that you received

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1 when you registered as a delegate. She's going to give us
2 a short speech.

3 MS. OAKLEY: Yes. I have always been told to
4 keep it short and sweet. For those of you I don't know,
5 my name is Glenda Oakley. I'm a Legionnaire of Post 2 in
6 San Antonio, Texas. I help manage the relationship USAA
7 has with the American Legion Auxiliary. I'm also a
8 military spouse married to an Army Captain. My father
9 served 31 years in the Army as well.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. OAKLEY: I had it all the way around,
12 military spouse, brat, and a military service member as
13 well. I come from a family of Army veterans.

14 What I'm here to do is talk to you all today
15 about the beautiful American Legion Auxiliary credit card
16 that's out on the market. It's been a little bit over the
17 year since it's been on the market. We have the beautiful
18 poppy design that's on the front of them that's available
19 in both MasterCard and American Express. No annual fees,
20 low interest rate, as low as 10.9.

21 You also get one reward point for you on every
22 dollar you spend. On the American Express version you get
23 two points for every dollar you spend on gas and groceries.
24 And for every credit card that is opened, the American
25 Legion Auxiliary gets money back supporting programs and

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1 services.

2 And all the retail spent, you ladies out there
3 shopping -- I'm not saying run up any debt. You know,
4 just do your normal everyday purchases, put it on your
5 card and pay USAA, you know, for what you spend, the
6 American Legion Auxiliary gets a percentage of your retail
7 spent and so does the department of California.

8 The National headquarters is looking to share
9 some of that money with the department, but we have to
10 break through that initial guarantee that they're
11 receiving, and the more cards they have in the market, the
12 more you're using it, the more money goes back to support
13 your programs and services.

14 So I just wanted to let you all know about that.
15 And I know everybody has seen these lovely bags going
16 around town everywhere. And I'm always being asked how
17 can I get one. We gave these at National Convention.
18 We'll probably do the same this year, but, Madam
19 President, I also put a few back there in the office for
20 you to award however you feel. Okay? And there's also
21 some credit card applications back there for the
22 MasterCard version. If you need to apply for the American
23 Express, the phone numbers are on the back. You can see
24 it in the magazine ad or on the website or you can go on
25 usaa.com/ala.

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1 start off with President Terry Mikesell.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Present.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Vice President Anita
4 Biggs.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning,
6 Peggy.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning, Anita.
8 Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Vogeles is present. NEC Woman
9 Linda Fercho.

10 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Present. Good morning.

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER: Chaplain Marge Rye.

12 CHAPLAIN RYE: Good morning and amen.

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning.

14 Historian Carol Fuqua.

15 HISTORIAN FUQUA: Present.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Parliamentarian Ruby
17 Kapsalis.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Here.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Musician Kat Conrad.

20 MUSICIAN CONRAD: Present and watching the music.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Sergeant-at-Arms
22 Gloria Williams.

23 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILLIAMS: Present.

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Marshal Cherie
25 Galvan.

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1 MARSHAL GALVAN: Present.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Finance Committee
3 Chairman, Norma Billings.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: Cha-ching.

5 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Senior Member of
6 Finance, Kathie Martinez.

7 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE MARTINEZ: Cha-ching.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Junior Member of
9 Finance, Geri Fitzpatrick.

10 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE FITZPATRICK: Cha-ching.

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Advisory Committee
12 Chairman Sue Hooker.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOOKER: Present.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Advisor Committee
15 Member Odette Cuccaro is excused but will be here later.
16 Advisory Committee Member Pilar Reyes.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER REYES: Present.

18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: On to the chairmen.
19 Americanism, Loretta Marsh.

20 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Present.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: AEF, Diana Moreno.

22 AEF CHAIRMAN MORENO: Present.

23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Children & Youth,
24 Susie Tozier.

25 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN TOZIER: When you wish

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1 upon a star.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Community Service,
3 Karen Karanickolas.

4 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS:
5 Present.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Constitution &
7 Bylaws, Anita Biggs.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, I'm still
9 here.

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Good. I'm
11 glad. Convention Commission Chairman Linda Caples.

12 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Good
13 morning.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning.
15 Convention Chairman Stella Avina. We know she's here
16 somewhere running around.

17 Credentials, Donna Scott.

18 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Is it Sunday yet?

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I wish too.

20 Distinguished Guests Chairman Linda Workman.

21 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: These
22 shoes are made for walking.

23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Editor Estella Avina
24 is still walking the halls.

25 Education, Wendy O'Brien.

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1 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Here.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Elections, Kathy
3 Harris is excused. She's doing Auxiliary business but
4 will be back.

5 Girls State, Rhodona Enright.

6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Are you from Girls
7 State?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah.

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Oh, come on. One
10 more time, Rhodona.

11 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Are you from Girls
12 State?

13 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: That's much better.
15 Girls State Director Sherry Schnieder is excused.

16 Junior Activities, Linda Hayes.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Present.

18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Junior Conference
19 Director Stacey Platt. Stacey is still MIA. Okay. All
20 right.

21 Leadership, Diane DeLashmit.

22 LEADERSHIP DeLASHMIT: Your Fairy Godmother of
23 knowledge is here.

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Legislative, Linda
25 Fercho.

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1 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I'm present.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Membership, Danielle
3 White.

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: The elf -- the
5 Leprechaun is here.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: National Security,
7 Tami Bell.

8 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN BELL: National
9 security is hot, hot, hot.

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Past Presidents
11 Parlay, Norma DuVall.

12 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN DuVALL: We're
13 the owls.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Poppies, Michelle
15 Soares.

16 POPPIES CHAIRMAN SOARES: Remembering your
17 veterans.

18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Public Relations,
19 Joan Cannon.

20 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN CANNON: Here.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Resolutions,
22 Margaret Quinones.

23 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Present.

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Rules, Barbara
25 Davis.

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1 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Good morning.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning,
3 Barbara. VA&R, Harriet Clendenin.

4 VA&R CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: Good morning.

5 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Ways & Means, Jean
6 Cooley-Desmeules.

7 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Money,
8 money, money, money, money, money.

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District presidents.
10 Kat Concord.

11 DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT CONRAD: Here from the great
12 north.

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 2, Nancy
14 Johnson.

15 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: (Inaudible.)

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 3, Lola
17 Ramey.

18 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Good morning, Madam
19 President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Good morning.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 4, Lori
22 Dowden.

23 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: We're here.

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 5, Jean
25 Mueller.

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1 DISTRICT 5: We are all doing a sweet thing for
2 our veterans.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Thank you. Alice
4 Pambid, District 6.

5 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT PAMBID: Good morning.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning.
7 District 7, Beverly Chapman.

8 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Peggy.

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 8, Tammy
10 Manini is excused.

11 District 9, Dolly Rios.

12 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 10, Susan
14 Peters.

15 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PETERS: Good morning.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning.
17 District 11, Beverly Villines.

18 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: (Inaudible).

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 12, Lisa
20 Stuart.

21 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Here.

22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 13, Teresa
23 Jacob. Oh, pardon me. District 13, Donita Faltesek.

24 DISTRICT 13: Good morning.

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. District 12,

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1 Sandy Urban. Excuse me. District 14, Sandy Urban.

2 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Here.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 15 Genieca
4 Risner.

5 DISTRICT 15: (Singing). We may be small, but
6 we're mighty and loud.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 16, Marion
8 Rocha-Carlos.

9 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Madam President.
10 Your shining gems are here.

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 18, Rhodona
12 Enright.

13 DISTRICT 18: We're the enchanted trolls doing
14 what we can in the land of good and we are giving a
15 helping hand. Supporting those who serve us on land and
16 air and sea. We give them all that they deserve because
17 they keep us free. Our mission and our purpose is no
18 fantasy. Even though our name implies, enchanted we must
19 be. We all stand together united as a team to work our
20 mystical magic and accomplish all our dreams.

21 (Applause.)

22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 19 Tammy
23 Sollazzo.

24 DISTRICT 19: Cock-a-doodle-doo, good morning to
25 you.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 20, Ann
2 Philcox.

3 DISTRICT 20: We have arrived on our magic
4 carpets to show you what we have done for our veterans'
5 projects. Good morning, Madam President.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 21, Jeri
7 Johnson.

8 DISTRICT 21: We're off to see the Wizard, the
9 wonderful Wizard of Terry in Palm Springs. (Inaudible) to
10 say hello.

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 22, Barbara
12 Love.

13 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Fairy Godmother.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 23, Liz
15 Jones.

16 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.
17 We're here for our magical orders.

18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 24, Rebecca
19 Stewart-Wilson.

20 DISTRICT 24: We are magic.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 25, Kathryn
22 Doran.

23 DISTRICT 25: Your magical mystical fantasy year
24 has been a lot of fun. We all worked hard but laughed a
25 lot and now your year is done. Good morning from the

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1 great 25th district.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 26, Louann
3 Johnston.

4 DISTRICT 26: The kingdom of lazy is hopeless.

5 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 27, Vella
6 Meyers.

7 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MEYERS: Good morning.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 28, Liz
9 Doidge.

10 DISTRICT 28: (Making noise).

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 29, Cheryl
12 Neiffer.

13 DISTRICT 29: We are magically sailing over the
14 desert.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 30, Belen
16 Telford.

17 DISTRICT 30: Good morning. The desert rats are
18 here.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning.
20 Hospital reps, Mary Lou Warner is excused. Wendy O'Brien.

21 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Here.

22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Lori Sullivan is
23 excused. Mary Sinopoli is excused. Pat Klang.

24 HOSPITAL REP KLANG: Here.

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Ruth Briggs is

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1 excused. That's right. Cindy Simmons.

2 HOSPITAL REP SIMMONS: Good morning.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning. Mavis
4 Kanka.

5 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Here.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Pat Alvarez. Pat?
7 Okay. Earlene Paige.

8 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Present.

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Hermine Fosmark is
10 excused. I just like saying her name. I wish she were
11 here so I could hear her holler back. I just like that
12 name, Hermine.

13 Okay. Angie Acosta.

14 HOSPITAL REP ACOSTA: Here.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Lois Cornish.

16 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.

17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Madeline Lee.

18 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: And Peggy Grabski.
20 District 5, no Peggy Grabski? She's here. I've seen her
21 around, yes.

22 All right. Madam President, that is your roll
23 call. And if I may, I have some mystical dreams that came
24 to me last night I'd like to talk about.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Odette's Performers
2 and Gyn's Penguins will meet for lunch on Saturday recess
3 in Room 138.

4 The office hours will be today, Friday, from 8:30
5 to 6:00 p.m., but they will close between 2:15 and 2:45
6 for lunch. Tomorrow on Saturday they will be 8:00 to 4:00
7 and closed from 1:45 to 2:15 for lunch. And on Sunday
8 they will be open from 8:30 to one hour past the close of
9 convention.

10 Susie's Lighthouses, Melanie's Balloon Pilots,
11 Willie's Bandleaders, Margie's Magic Chefs, and Ronnie's
12 Roses will meet for lunch Saturday in the hotel
13 restaurant.

14 LuAnn's Ship Captains will meet for Saturday
15 morning at 7:00 a.m. in the hotel restaurant.

16 Never mind that one. That was a secret note to
17 me.

18 District 16 has three luncheon tickets for sale.
19 District 16, wave your hands. So right over there. If
20 you need a lunch ticket, they have three.

21 And I have a special card with a little heart on
22 it, special card. This is from Lois Cornish. "Good
23 morning. You can't possibly know how many people -- you
24 can't possibly know that this many people and comments
25 from this crazy -- from the crazy Cornishes. My heartfelt

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1 thanks and unwashed tears are all in the cards. Thoughts
2 and prayers from the great ladies of California. Thank
3 you, Lois Cornish."

4 Her husband -- pardon me. Her son came to her
5 with bags of cards when she was in the hospital and had
6 her operation and he made the comment, "I didn't know you
7 knew this many people who cared about you."

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, Peggy.

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: One last thing.
10 Somebody left a stick in the office this morning. If you
11 get to me on break or at lunchtime. But anyway, if
12 someone is missing a red stick, I have it. Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Ladies, I
14 will be calling three chairmen at a time to be at the
15 stage and ready to give their report. Chairmen, please be
16 sure that you have sent notes to the recipients of your
17 awards so that they are present at the right of the stage
18 when you give your reports.

19 Recipients, when you receive your awards, please
20 stay at the right of the stage so that individual or group
21 photos can be taken after the chairmen's reports. And
22 remember to be as quiet as possible so that everyone can
23 hear the reports of the following chairmen. And
24 importantly, as I have said earlier, keep your cell phones
25 off or give me five bucks.

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1 Okay. The first three chairmen are going to be
2 up. Barbara Davis will come read convention rules, but
3 before that we're going to hear greetings from Nancy
4 Brown-Park.

5 (Applause.)

6 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madam
7 President, Terry, it's been a long year, hasn't it?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Uh-huh. Amen.

9 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: But it's
10 been a really good year. You've taken on some really big
11 challenges this year and you've done an amazing job. And
12 I think each one of us thanks you for that.

13 I want to bring greetings from the National
14 organization. I want to thank each and every one of you
15 for your support over the last -- it's taken ten years and
16 it's two months away, so that's pretty darn exciting. And
17 I'm glad that I'll be able to share it with each one of
18 you as we go.

19 (Applause.)

20 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Thank you.
21 Little special note. Every National president has a
22 scrapbook chairman. So I had a special scrapbook chairman
23 from California, and it's Kendall Madsen. And for the
24 very first time we're going to do that scrapbook
25 electronically. So it's going to be exciting and you're

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1 going to be able to follow me along and Kendall will get
2 the information out. So you'll be able to see where I go
3 on my travels.

4 So thank you each and every one of you. This is
5 my home. This is California. This has been my life for
6 the last -- I'm not telling you how old I am. And it's
7 really hot; can you believe that? So thank you again.

8 And, Terry, I want to wish you a really
9 successful, exciting, and fun convention.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you. We
12 see Nancy's postings on-line. She spends most of her life
13 anymore on airplanes.

14 Barbara, go ahead.

15

16 READING OF CONVENTION RULES

17

18 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Good morning. Good
19 morning, Madam President Terry. At this time I will
20 present the convention rules. Your convention rules can
21 be found on page 10 of the Book of Reports. Excuse me.

22 Madam Department President Terry, I will hesitate
23 after each rule. Or if there's a question or an
24 amendment, it may be presented at that time.

25 The department rules. All meetings of the

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1 convention shall be called to order at a designated time
2 or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present.

3 A quorum shall exist when one-third of the units
4 in good standing are partially or wholly represented by
5 all elected delegates or alternates.

6 The audience shall remain seated during the
7 business of the convention. The department president
8 shall designate certain doors to accommodate delegates who
9 find it necessary to enter or leave the convention hall
10 during the reports of committees or when a speaker has the
11 floor. Cell phones must be turned off or in vibrate mode.

12 The chair may deviate from the printed program
13 when necessary or expedient.

14 The credentials chairman shall report
15 registration as directed by the Chair.

16 The registration of the delegates and alternates
17 shall be closed at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 29th, 2013.
18 Only qualified delegates shall have a voice or a vote. It
19 shall be the responsibility of each district president,
20 excuse me, to see that only accredited delegates and
21 alternates serving as delegates are seated in her district
22 delegation during the business meetings of the convention.

23 If a delegate expects to be absent from the
24 convention, except for the purpose of attending a
25 committee meeting, she shall relinquish her delegate card

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1 to her alternate. The alternate shall then take her seat
2 in the voting section. In the event the delegate does not
3 have the opportunity of reporting to the district
4 president, it shall become the duty of the chairman of the
5 unit to report to the district president the absence of
6 the delegate and the presence of the alternate or the
7 absence of both the delegate and the alternate.

8 A delegate wishing the privilege of the floor
9 shall rise, address the chair as "Madam Department
10 President," give her name, unit and district number,
11 pause, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

12 A member speaking in debate on a question shall
13 be limited to three minutes. No one shall speak more than
14 twice on the same question without consent of the
15 assembly.

16 Delegates attending called committee meetings
17 shall be notified when the convention is considering and
18 voting upon adoption of any change in policy or matters
19 affecting finance.

20 Reports of committees which do not appear to be
21 controversial in nature may be adopted by the general
22 consent. If there is no objection or if there is
23 objection, a vote shall be taken. Following the
24 acceptance of a report of a committee, recommendations or
25 resolutions may be presented for consideration and

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1 adoption.

2 Any committee whose proposed changes in policy
3 might conflict with that of the American Legion shall
4 confer with the American Legion before presenting said
5 change to the convention.

6 A committee recommending an appropriation of
7 funds for any purpose shall consult with the department
8 finance committee before presenting the recommendation or
9 resolution to the convention.

10 All resolutions to be presented to the convention
11 shall be in triplicate and properly signed.

12 Committees may amend resolutions and
13 recommendations referred to them before favorably
14 reporting same. Resolutions or recommendations rejected
15 by a committee shall be marked "rejected," signed by the
16 chairman of the committee, and returned to the department
17 resolutions chairman immediately following the committee
18 meeting.

19 A unit, district, or members presenting a
20 resolution or recommendation shall have the privilege of
21 explaining same to the committee to which it was referred.

22 Committees shall report to the convention all
23 resolutions properly submitted and accepted by a majority
24 convention committee.

25 A resolution rejected by a committee may be

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1 brought before the convention by a two-thirds vote.

2 Emergency resolutions which may arise during the
3 convention or after the date for submitting resolutions
4 may be presented no later than noon of the second day of
5 convention.

6 Nominations of officers, junior member finance,
7 department delegates, and alternates to the National
8 Convention shall be held Thursday, June 27th afternoon --
9 excuse me Thursday. June afternoon -- Thursday afternoon
10 June 27th.

11 NATIONAL VA&R COMMITTEE MEMBER CAPAZZI: No.

12 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Is that wrong?

13 The endorsement of candidates for National office
14 shall follow the nominations.

15 Nomination speeches shall be limited to three
16 minutes. There shall be no seconding of speeches.

17 Election of department officers, junior member of
18 finance, National candidate, department delegates, and
19 alternates to the National Convention shall be held on
20 Saturday, June 29th, 2013.

21 The doors of the convention hall shall be closed
22 during the entire election procedure and no one shall
23 leave or enter the hall until the Chair states that the
24 election is concluded. The exception to this shall be
25 that in an emergency a member may leave, and if her

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1 absence affects the voting strength, the district
2 president shall immediately notify the presiding officer.

3 When there is but one nominee for department
4 offices and but one nominee for junior member of finance,
5 the nominees shall be elected viva voce. Upon roll call,
6 the district presidents shall report the number of units
7 partially or wholly represented by duly elected delegates
8 or alternates present in the delegation at the time of
9 roll call. This is to determine that there is a quorum of
10 units present at the time of the election.

11 When there is more than one nominee for the
12 department offices or junior member of the finance or
13 National office, election shall be by written ballot. The
14 district presidents shall, when they are instructed by the
15 Chair, take a roll call of their respective delegations to
16 ascertain the total voting strength of their district for
17 the election reporting the same to the Chair. When there
18 is but one nominee for office or junior member of the
19 finance, the ballot may be dispensed with a nominee
20 elected viva voce.

21 When there are three or more nominees for an
22 office or a junior member of the finance, unless one
23 nominee receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the
24 nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be
25 automatically dropped before proceeding with the next

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1 ballot.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Barbara, you have
3 a correction on number 22.

4 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nominations of
6 officers, junior member finance, department delegates, and
7 alternates to the National Convention shall be held Friday
8 afternoon, June 28th, 2013.

9 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Okay. I said Thursday,
10 didn't I? I'm sorry. Okay. I'll change that.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Excuse me,
12 Barbara. The same on 25.

13 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Okay.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Twenty-five
15 should reflect the 29th, June 29th.

16 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: It does say June 29th.
17 Okay. Madam Department President, this concludes the
18 reading of the convention rules. I move that the
19 convention rules be considered seriatim and be adopted as
20 a whole.

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It has been moved
23 and seconded that the rules be accepted seriatim and
24 adopted as a whole. Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

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

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed, say
5 no.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Motion carried.

8 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Madam Department President
9 Terry, rule number 3 provides it is your responsibility to
10 designate certain doors to accommodate the delegates to
11 enter or leave the convention.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They've been so
13 delegated. The center doors, please.

14 RULES CHAIRMAN DAVIS: I suggest that we request
15 delegates entering the hall to stand quietly until the
16 speaker has finished before returning to their seats.

17 Thank you, Madam Department President Terry for
18 this appointment and for the opportunity to serve you for
19 the department of California.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,
21 Barbara.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Anita, please
24 come take the chair. I'm going to be going to the legion.

25 (Processional.)

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: The Department
2 President Terry is going to visit the Legion at this time.
3 We will now have the report of the National Executive
4 Committeewoman Linda Fercho.

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6 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN REPORT

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8 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Good morning, everyone.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

10 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: To this beautiful day,
11 sunshiny day. I think we should be glad we're inside.
12 Although some of you are waving your fans. I guess maybe
13 it's not quite cool enough for you. Give us ten seconds
14 or ten minutes and our temperatures will change. Just
15 give her a minute.

16 Madam President Wizard, I want you to know that
17 I've enjoyed being your National Executive Committeewoman
18 this year. I have been asked what is the definition of
19 the job of the NEC woman. This is it in a nutshell
20 because it's quite lengthy and a lot of responsibility,
21 but as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary National
22 Executive Committee, my primary role as a member of the
23 organization's National governing body is to protect the
24 organization.

25 My primary responsibility is to serve as a

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1 forward-thinking steward of the organization to ensure its
2 financial sufficiency and organizational integrity so that
3 the future generations also have an opportunity to
4 participate in our mission. You are responsible for
5 reviewing and improving the mission and strategic
6 direction, annual budget and key financial transactions,
7 and fiscal and governance policies. You're the liaison
8 between the National organization and your department.

9 This being said, the National organization is
10 encouraging every department to consider electing their
11 National NEC woman rather than appointing them as we do
12 here in California. Our constitutional bylaws states that
13 the Junior Past President will automatically become
14 California's NEC woman. This is true in probably 99
15 percent of the departments in the nation. The reason
16 behind their thinking -- and, ladies, this is not pointing
17 a finger at California -- is that it would ensure that the
18 members of the NEC are better qualified to do the job. It
19 would eliminate those that are just there because of the
20 rotation of positions in their department, not because
21 they understand what the position is and the
22 responsibility level they will have.

23 They also recommend this be a two-year position
24 for continuity. This does not mean that it would not be
25 the Junior Past President, as she could certainly throw

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1 her hat in the ring and run for the position, but it would
2 also give anyone who wishes an opportunity to run for this
3 position.

4 I feel that California needs to consider this and
5 that our incoming president appoints a committee that
6 would investigate the pros and cons and come up with a job
7 description for someone wishing to hold this position and
8 a plan for seeing if California wishes to consider
9 implementing this change.

10 The NEC is sent and goes over many resolutions
11 and their changes. One important resolution that was
12 passed by the NEC was to ask the assistance of the
13 American Legion to obtain a federal charter for the
14 American Legion Auxiliary. The American Legion Auxiliary
15 is not a federally chartered organization and never has
16 been. The American Legion Auxiliary is an international
17 organization incorporated in and nationally headquartered
18 in the State of Indiana. We are still independent of the
19 American Legion and could continue to exist shall a post
20 turn in their charter as a widow unit because each unit
21 has its own charter independent of the post.

22 Having a federal charter does not change the
23 Auxiliary's relationship to the Legion. Having a federal
24 charter will ensure certain federal protections for the
25 Auxiliary as a tax exempt organization and as a female

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1 organization, especially in its operation of
2 gender-specific (all-female) programs. And this has been
3 done. And the Legion will assist us so that will be going
4 forward and it will take quite a while for the process
5 because Congress doesn't move real fast, but at least we
6 do have their support and they are going to go forward and
7 honor our request.

8 Now before you get really excited about me
9 busting Michelle Soares, our poppy chairman's, bubble, I
10 checked with her before I put the following information in
11 my report.

12 As NEC I received some exciting news. The Legion
13 NEC has adopted a new national poppy program resolution
14 that provides much more program flexibility. This
15 resolution takes effect immediately and is now the only
16 American Legion poppy resolution in force.

17 This is just an overview. The entire resolution
18 will be brought forward under the next president's poppy
19 chairman's duties. She will be going forward, I'm sure,
20 explaining it more and getting it out, but this is just it
21 in a nutshell, what was the overview of what was adopted.

22 It allows anyone to make the poppies with
23 preference being for veterans to do so. Poppies can be
24 commercially made if it's efficient to do so because
25 people are not readily available to make them. It allows

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1 poppies to be made from any material and allows other
2 poppy items can be made/used to distribute for
3 contributions to benefit the program. It removes some
4 provisions that are 40 years old. Poppy funds can no
5 longer be used for mileage to attend conferences, et
6 cetera.

7 Poppy funds collected from May 9th, 2013 on can
8 be used to benefit veterans, active duty military, and
9 their families. Specifically for the rehabilitation of
10 hospitalized military service personnel returning home and
11 awaiting discharge who require treatment in service
12 hospitals. And for the welfare of veterans, active
13 military personnel, and their families of veterans and
14 active military personnel of the above-named period where
15 financial and medical need is evident.

16 So with the new resolution, what does this mean
17 for doing the poppy program? At this time the National
18 organization has put in place an Ad Hoc Poppy Future
19 Committee and National Poppy Committee who will be giving
20 us more information.

21 Remember this resolution covers the entire nation
22 and it does not mean that California has to change the way
23 we have been implementing the program at all. Many states
24 in our nation do not have the access to the veterans we
25 do. We're so fortunate. We have so many veteran

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1 facilities, hospitals, homes, veteran homes where we can
2 access veterans, but other states aren't that fortunate.
3 Other states do not have that access. So this just gives
4 flexibility. It doesn't mean we change anything, ladies.
5 That will be up to the department of California and next
6 year's régime to decide if there is any changes. So it's
7 just giving us flexibility.

8 And I think the major thing here for me anyway is
9 just that we now can service active duty military. I
10 think some of us have been doing it. Now it's going to be
11 legal. So I think that's the most important part of this
12 revamping this program.

13 (Applause.)

14 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam Wizard, this
15 completes my report.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm not a
17 wizard.

18 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Right now you are. You are
19 just standing in for -- well, you're really standing in
20 for her. Thank you very much.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

22 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you, ladies, very
23 much for your service.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,
25 Linda. Right now will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal,

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1 along with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, do we have
2 our poppy girl here?

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: She is.
4 She's out in the hallway.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you round
6 her up so we can run her around the room. Okay. I think
7 we've got her. We wrangled her in.

8 Sargent-At-Arms and Marshal, along with the
9 Distinguished Guest Chairman, are escorting Gabrielle
10 Ursuy, also know as Miss Poppy.

11 (Processional.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Poppy Chairman
13 Michelle.

14 POPPY CHAIRMAN SOARES: Gabby is our 2012-2013
15 Miss Poppy. She's in the 13 and up category. And we're
16 so proud of her promoting poppies this year. Gabby, I
17 want to award you with this beautiful sash for the
18 princess that you are.

19 (Applause.)

20 POPPY CHAIRMAN SOARES: And Gabby also has a
21 winning poster there in the back also for her class which
22 was Class 4. So if you want to look at her poster too.
23 She did beautiful work for poppies this year. And here
24 are our certificates.

25 (Applause.)

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1 POPPY CHAIRMAN SOARES: I also wanted to present
2 her with a coin that says "American Legion Auxiliary" on
3 the front. On the back it has the poppy. It says,
4 "Serving our veterans and community," and she has done
5 that all year long.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
8 Thank you, Michelle, and thank you, Gabrielle, for coming
9 today. Give our poppy, Miss Poppy a big round of
10 applause.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS:
13 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please escort -- Gabby, do
14 you want to say anything? We normally like to hear the
15 voice of Miss Poppy. But our National Vice President
16 would like to get a picture of you if you would just hang
17 a minute. You guys can sit down.

18 All right. Photo op. And would our Chaplain
19 Marge, you're going to report next.

20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Where is she
21 from?

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where is our
23 Miss Poppy from, Michelle? She's busy smiling. Gabby is
24 from Unit 14, District 25.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's really
2 important to know; right? Congratulations, Gabby. Thank
3 you for all you're doing and will continue to do.

4 (Processional.)

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I love your
6 sash. Look at the back, ladies, as she walks out.
7 "American Legion Auxiliary."

8 We will now hear from our Department Chaplain,
9 Marge Rye.

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CHAPLAIN REPORT

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13 CHAPLAIN RYE: Good morning, ladies. Do I have
14 my recipients up here at the stage? The chaplains of our
15 department have done a wonderful job this year in service
16 and reporting. Of the 29 districts there were 29 reports
17 which gave me 100 percent reporting.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAPLAIN RYE: That's just the greatest reporting
20 for a chaplain. I'm sorry. My statistical information
21 was not available at the time to go into the Book of
22 Reports because of the other items coming in afterwards
23 and such. So in the -- my statistics are the number of
24 deceased members was 314. Memorial services were held
25 on -- in 95 units. Eighty-two charters were draped.

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1 Memorial contributions received were 40 units received
2 \$3,690. Units participating in Chapel of 4 Chaplains was
3 36. Units donating to Chapel of 4 Chaplains, there were
4 37 units donated \$1580. Units donating to In Loving
5 Tribute, there were 32 units donated \$1,138.

6 193 units participated in Memorial Day, 136 for
7 Independence, 107 for 9/11, and 157 for Veteran's Day.
8 That seems like an awfully low number. I'm sure that they
9 did a lot more.

10 Units participating in Heroes to Hometown were
11 41. Make A Difference Day, 41; Healing Fields, three; and
12 Community Support were 102. Now that one I know should be
13 much, much larger. Number of all types of cards sent were
14 7400. Number preparing a prayer book was 16. Sending
15 prayers for Department President's prayer book were 12.
16 Sending prayers for National President's prayer book were
17 12. Using the Reflections page of the ALA magazine were
18 83 and using Grace Cards were 20.

19 Our chaplains visited patients in hospitals, VA
20 homes, convalescent hospitals, and those were homebound.
21 They provided spiritual uplifting through prayer and bible
22 reading, transportation to doctor appointments, and did
23 shopping and prepared meals for those who needed
24 assistance. One unit assisted in covering the cost of
25 rebuilding a walk-in shower for a longtime Auxiliary

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1 member who was recovering from surgery. While she was in
2 the convalescent home they spent 50 hours fellowshipping
3 and reading the bible to her, taking her on day trips in
4 her wheelchair, shopping for items to assist in her care,
5 and items to eat as well as providing her with a manicure
6 and pedicure. They were able to get over \$7,000 of dental
7 work donated to restore her teeth.

8 Another unit provided more than 100 handmade
9 blankets to 70 veterans in assisted living facilities and
10 nursing homes. One veteran admired his blanket and with
11 tears in his eyes said, "I am always cold and I appreciate
12 your gift."

13 Our chaplains reached out with their loving
14 hearts to their communities, children and youth, the
15 elderly who were alone or in need, to our veterans and
16 their families. They provided gas, transportation,
17 clothing, and food through their Feed the Veterans
18 program. They visited veterans in hospitals and homes and
19 saw that their holidays were not spent alone.

20 Our compassion and giving chaplains through God's
21 graces were able to touch and uplift the lives of so many
22 people even when all they needed was just a hug or a kind
23 smile from someone.

24 Now I would like -- Madam President, I would like
25 to present or announce my first place awards.

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do so.

2 CHAPLAIN RYE: Okay. For first place in Unit
3 Supplemental -- before I do this let me tell you.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Marge, did you
5 have a budget committee report?

6 CHAPLAIN RYE: Yes, I do.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you give
8 that first?

9 CHAPLAIN RYE: Yes, I will.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

11 CHAPLAIN RYE: The convention committee for the
12 chaplain met on June 27th, 2013 in the Vista Room of the
13 Doral Hotel, Palm Springs, California at 10:00 a.m. The
14 statistical report I just read. Michelle Soares was
15 appointed secretary. Mary Chava offered prayer, and
16 Arlene Bartlyn was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms. A total of
17 20 districts answered roll call and four visitors were
18 present.

19 The committee agreed on the following report: We
20 opened with prayer and flag salute. Discussion was held
21 on recommendations. Unit forms and district forms for
22 reporting were recommended to be more number consistent
23 with like a mirror image because the numbers didn't jibe
24 from the units to the district report forms. And then we
25 closed with prayer at 10:35. There were no

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1 recommendations for any code changes.

2 Okay. Now back to my awards. I brought my
3 awards to print here, but the hotel does not have the
4 facilities for me to do that. So I wanted to bring you
5 guys up here to recognize you. I do have certificates for
6 a couple of you, but the other certificates will be mailed
7 out to you and I will get them to you as soon as possible,
8 but I want you to be recognized.

9 Okay. First place Unit Supplemental goes to
10 District 29, Unit 716, Carrie Taylor.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAPLAIN RYE: First place for District
13 Supplemental goes to District 22, Mary Williams.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAPLAIN RYE: Okay. And the rest of the awards
16 I will have to mail to you. But unit -- first place for
17 unit prayer book goes to District 10, Unit 837 Washington
18 Township, Maria Cruz.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAPLAIN RYE: Okay. Second place for unit
21 prayer book goes to District 19, Unit 314 Hawthorne, Jean
22 Cooley-Desmeules.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAPLAIN RYE: And third place went to -- for the
25 unit prayer book went to District 16, Unit 56 Corporal

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1 Marshall N. Braden, Irene Braun.

2 (Applause.)

3 CHAPLAIN RYE: I'm going to do this the other way
4 right now. For district prayer book, third place went to
5 District 15, Doris Bratsch. Second place went to District
6 28, Sherryl Panek. And first place went to District 21,
7 Alma Jarquin.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAPLAIN RYE: And do you want the presentation?

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Would you make
11 your presentation when president Terry is here?

12 CHAPLAIN RYE: That's what I thought. Thank you.
13 I just want to thank President Terry for this appointment
14 as chaplain. It was very eye opening and I learned an
15 awful lot about it's not just saying prayers at the
16 beginning and ending and sending out cards. There's a lot
17 more involved. But I do thank you for the appointment,
18 and that concludes -- this concludes my --

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,
21 Marge. Thank you very much.

22 Okay. The next officer we're going to hear from
23 will be the musician and then the historian and then the
24 Sergeant-at-Arms in that order. So right now we will hear
25 from our Musician Kat Conrad. Here she comes all decked

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1 out in her fairy clothes.

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MUSICIAN REPORT

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5 MUSICIAN CONRAD: Good morning. First off I
6 would like to apologize for not making it to midyear at
7 Travis. I did receive songs from a couple of districts
8 and I will be making certificates for District 18 and
9 District 22. Thank you because they were very, very good.

10 (Applause.)

11 MUSICIAN CONRAD: Some chairmen requested songs
12 as well. I have posted a list of song choices at the
13 department office and while we are here, if you come up
14 with a song I will try to find it and add it to the list.
15 I also have a copy up here at my musical station if you
16 want to come up and see it and add to it.

17 Coming from the Emerald Triangle from District 1
18 was quite an adventure and it was a magic carpet ride.
19 Thank you, Madam President, for this appointment and your
20 Wood Nymph may run around with few clothes on in this
21 heat, but not just leaves. I blend in in the forest and
22 the mountains where I reside, but here in the sand not so
23 much. Have a great convention and I hope to keep the
24 music flowing. And that concludes my report.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Kat.

2 Kat, do you have a preconvention committee report?

3 MUSICIAN CONRAD: I do not.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Thank
5 you very much. We will now hear from our Historian, Carol
6 Fuqua.

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8 HISTORIAN REPORT

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10 HISTORIAN FUQUA: Good morning, ladies. The
11 Historian Committee met in the Canyon Suite B of the Doral
12 Hotel on June 27th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Jean
13 Cooley-Desmeules from District 19 was appointed secretary.
14 Jen Paxton from District 25 was appointed chaplain. Lupe
15 Galaviz from District 18 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

16 Eighteen delegates answered roll call. Three
17 guests were present. The statistical report for Historian
18 can be found on page 16 in the Department Book of Reports.

19 The code was read and there were no changes or
20 recommendations made. Citations were given out for second
21 and third place supplementals for districts and units for
22 the districts with 100 percent reporting, for the district
23 sending in the most photos, for units completing the
24 Veteran History Project, and second and third place
25 Picture and Written History Books for districts and units.

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1 The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. This concludes my
2 historian committee report.

3 Madam Vice President, may I continue with my
4 supplemental and my first place awards?

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

6 HISTORIAN FUQUA: Greetings to Madam President
7 and to the convention delegation. This year it was a
8 magical time in the department of California. Once upon a
9 time there came a great wizard from the land of Shasta.
10 This wizard's name was Terry. She watched over all the
11 magical kingdoms from the country called California.
12 Terry's great wisdom proclaimed that veterans are our
13 biggest treasures. It was her wish that all of her
14 kingdoms watch over these treasures, so she appointed
15 leaders of these kingdoms.

16 Ladies, ladies, attention ladies. Did you just
17 fall under another magical spell? It has been a year of
18 enchantment, magic, dragons, fairies, and so much more for
19 ALA. This historian has had an exciting year taking part
20 in the department workshops, traveling with the Leadership
21 Chairman, Diane DeLashmit, visiting Junior Conference and
22 Girls State for those special photos for our Great
23 Wizard's book.

24 It was a pleasure to attend some of President
25 Terry's district visitations and attend 5th Area Auxiliary

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1 meetings and numerous fundraisers for the American Legion
2 Family. This historian has so much enjoyed meeting
3 Auxiliary ladies and their Legion Families of California.
4 Thank you to all for your gracious hospitality during my
5 visits.

6 Madam President, thank you for this appointment.
7 I have learned so much this year. Who says you can't
8 teach an old Fairy Godmother new tricks. A special thank
9 you, Madam President, for all your help and guidance. I
10 would also like to thank Ruby Kapsalis for always being
11 there to answer my many questions. It will be a year I
12 will never forget, as after all, it was history.

13 To the district historians and individuals who
14 sent in pictures, thank you. I know Madam President will
15 be happy with those photos. To those who have not
16 submitted, I would like to say it's not too late for your
17 unit or district to be included in Terry's books. Please
18 remember to be sure to pick up your history books by the
19 end of the session Saturday.

20 This concludes my report. Madam President, may I
21 continue with my first place awards?

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do.

23 HISTORIAN FUQUA: This Historian had 100 percent
24 reporting from all 29 districts. The following had 100
25 percent reporting. The District 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19,

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1 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29.

2 And at this time -- oh, good. Everyone got their
3 notes. The first place Unit Supplemental goes to Unit
4 291, District 29, Wendy Meyer.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: If you don't
7 mind, Madam Chairman and everyone else, can you take
8 photos after awards are presented. Thank you.

9 HISTORIAN FUQUA: First place District
10 Supplemental, District 29, Judy Gomez, chairman.

11 (Applause.)

12 HISTORIAN FUQUA: First place Junior
13 Supplemental, Unit 241, District 18, Abraham Lincoln
14 Junior Unit.

15 (Applause.)

16 HISTORIAN FUQUA: First place Unit Picture
17 History Book Unit 496, District 19.

18 (Applause.)

19 HISTORIAN FUQUA: First place District Picture
20 History Book, District 25, Jen Paxton, chairman.

21 (Applause.)

22 HISTORIAN FUQUA: Okay. First place Unit Written
23 History Book, Unit 755, District 18.

24 (Applause.)

25 HISTORIAN FUQUA: First place District Written

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1 History Book, District 18, Lupe Galaviz.

2 (Applause.)

3 HISTORIAN FUQUA: A list of all awards will be
4 listed at the department office. Congratulations to
5 everyone. You are all part of history. And it was -- I
6 again thank you, Madam President. Storytellers always
7 remember the end of this magical, mystical journey, and
8 they lived happily ever after.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,
10 Carol. Great report.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll now hear
13 from our Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, Gloria Williams and
14 Cherie Galvin. And after that, if the Convention
15 Chairman, Estella Avina, is anywhere around or if she can
16 be retrieved. Otherwise we'll move forward. Are you
17 here? You'll be after them, and then we'll have community
18 Service, Karen Karanickolas.

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20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS' REPORT

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22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madam
23 President. Your district and unit Sergeant-at-Arms and
24 Marshal across the galaxy are in perfect alignment. It
25 has been our pleasure to serve you and the department of

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1 California this year with your magical, mystical fantasy
2 adventure. We have shared our training with your
3 subjects, and thanks to our outstanding Distinguished
4 Guest Chairman, Linda Workman, serving was fun and
5 pleasurable.

6 On behalf of C-3PO and R2-D2, it has been a
7 marvelous galactic adventure. Thank you for this
8 appointment and may the force be with you.

9 Would you like to say something? That concludes
10 our report, Madam President.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,
13 Gloria and Cherie. We'll now hear from our Convention
14 Chairman, Estella Avina.

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16 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN REPORT

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18 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: Oh, ladies, ladies,
19 ladies, ladies. Welcome to -- is this going to be
20 recorded? Welcome to the downside. You all have to be
21 good or else that's where we're going. Anyway, ladies,
22 welcome. We are certainly pleased to be your hostesses.
23 The 21st District, stand up so we can know who the
24 hostesses are.

25 (Applause.)

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1 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: These ladies have
2 been so supportive and they're -- I mean, they're there.
3 If you need something, holler at one of them and they'll
4 track me down wherever I am. And if I don't lose ten
5 pounds this week, I am going to be extremely upset.

6 Anyway, apologies for the -- not the mixup
7 because it wasn't a mixup. It was just we didn't have the
8 numbers to place them there, the seating arrangements. So
9 anyway, when you come back from your wonderful lunch,
10 everything will be perfect. Your banners will be there
11 and your life will be wonderful. I don't want to say
12 perfect because every time I say perfect, something will
13 happen. That's Murphy's Law.

14 Anyway, your lunch tickets will be coming real
15 soon. They are right across from the centerpieces. So
16 don't panic about lunch tickets. We have them; we'll get
17 them to you by lunchtime, absolutely.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Your raffle.

19 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: So yes, yes. The
20 raffle is out there. Please support our convention
21 committee raffle. I mean, it takes a lot of work and a
22 lot of money to put on these events. And so we hope that
23 you support us. They have some wonderful, wonderful
24 baskets out there. We have a 42-inch HDTV. Even if you
25 say, well, I don't want it because I can't take it home.

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1 You can. It's going to be delivered directly to your home
2 from the manufacturer. So, you know, if you want to buy
3 the tickets, we'll have it delivered directly to your
4 home. Don't worry about it. No worries.

5 Anyway, any questions real quick? I mean --

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any questions?

7 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: So anyway -- okay.

8 Ladies, welcome and enjoy. If you see me, stop me and
9 give me a --

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Give Stella a
11 big round of applause. Thank you, Stella.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: And her
14 committee. We shall hear now from our Community Service
15 Chairman, Karen Karanickolas. After that we'll have Linda
16 Fercho, legislative. And, Loretta Marsh, be prepared for
17 Americanism.

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19 COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

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21 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Good
22 morning, everybody. The preconvention Community Service
23 Committee was called to order at 10:11 a.m. The Community
24 Service Committee met on June 27th in the Canyon B Room of
25 the Doral Hotel. The statistical report of the chairman

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1 appears on page 14 on the Book of Reports.

2 Marcia Munroe, District 11, was appointed
3 secretary. Diana Livas, District 19, was appointed
4 chaplain. Rita Smith, District 29, was appointed as
5 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 21 district delegates
6 answered roll call and we had three visitors.

7 The Department Community Service code was read
8 with zero changes. Certificates for midyear awards were
9 handed out and for second and third place awards were
10 handed out. There were no resolutions and no
11 recommendations. And with no further business, the
12 meeting of the membership committee adjourned at 10:40
13 a.m. And there's a typo in my report.

14 May I continue with my supplemental?

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Our
17 members have been very active in our communities and have
18 helped to make them the best they can be. We made great
19 strides in being part of the community events not only
20 during the holidays, but all day long. Our members can be
21 seen out and about as well as behind the scenes. Our
22 dedicated members gave generously of their time, money,
23 and hard work.

24 The end of year reports received have shown that
25 the units have been working in a variety of ways to honor

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1 the service of our veterans, active duty personnel, and
2 military families. Our members participated in each of
3 the National Auxiliary recognized days of service and they
4 made sure that Make a Difference Day is every day.

5 We had 100 percent reporting from our districts
6 and the statistics can be found in the Book of Reports.
7 These statistics show that our members donated over
8 \$98,637 and spent over 99,541 aiding our local food banks,
9 senior centers, homeless shelters, medical clinics,
10 nursing home, libraries, and museums.

11 We participated in recycling and community
12 beautification, such as maintaining a rose garden in their
13 city local post. We walked many miles to promote cancer
14 awareness and women's programs.

15 Our members promoted homelessness prevention and
16 we participated in local Stand Downs. One unit handed out
17 small metal flat cans with a candy bar inside and poppy
18 and told them to give their wife a box of candy and a
19 flower. It is the simple things that can bring so much
20 joy.

21 Our members supported veteran's recovery homes,
22 welcome home celebrations, local USO facilities, the PIER
23 center, rescue missions, Feed the Hungry, and Meals on
24 Wheels programs. We volunteered at Family Readiness Group
25 Family Days and at the Ronald McDonald House. Our members

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1 take pride in paying it forward.

2 We offered comfort at our local rest homes,
3 supported our local after school programs, senior outreach
4 programs, and transportation for those who do not drive.
5 We visited shut-ins, provided them with home cooked meals
6 and even took them to doctor's appointments.

7 We received donations from our local businesses
8 and were able to send care packages to our troops in
9 harm's way. We received children's clothing to give to
10 needy families. We received evening dresses and handbags
11 for the young wives who would not have been able to attend
12 the military ball. We filled backpacks for needy children
13 returning to school. It is just so rewarding to see a
14 child's smile when they are given a new backpack filled
15 with school supplies.

16 A few ways our members were able to generate
17 donations was to hold soup socials, rummage sales, bake
18 sales, cake walks, and boutiques. Many of our members are
19 "happy hookers." They knit sweaters, hats, scarfs, and
20 crochet lap blankets which are donated to our veterans and
21 the homeless. And you know who you "happy hookers" are.

22 We participated in community parades, Chamber of
23 Commerce events, Law and Order events, and local church
24 events. We decorated rooms in nursing and assisted living
25 facilities.

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1 The Wreaths Across American program was also a
2 great success. We put wreaths and flags on veterans'
3 grave sites and assisted with funeral processions of our
4 fallen heroes. Excuse me.

5 This is just a small part of how dedicated our
6 members are to this great women's organization. This year
7 has been magical and mystical and there is no end to the
8 creativity and dedication that our members have for their
9 community. Our members will continue to show the love and
10 spirit of giving and caring.

11 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I
12 proceed with the first place awards?

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Our
15 first place Best District Supplemental goes to District
16 28, Susan Baker, District Chair.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Our
19 first place Best Unit Supplemental goes to Unit 777, Carol
20 Fuqua, Unit Chair.

21 (Applause.)

22 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: And we
23 have a senior volunteer of the year award goes to Joan M.
24 Lucas, Unit 53, District 21.

25 (Applause.)

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1 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Madam
2 Department President, it has been a great honor to serve
3 this Auxiliary this past term.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very
5 much. Thank you, Karen, for your report.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. At
8 this time we will hear from our legislative chairman,
9 Linda Fercho.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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13 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Good morning,
14 again. The pre-convention Legislative meeting was called
15 to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Canyon Suite D at the El
16 Doral Resort in Palm Springs on June 27th, 2013. The
17 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 18 of
18 the Book of Reports.

19 The delegates approved of the following
20 appointments: Secretary: Delores Ryan, District 15.
21 Chaplain: Barbara LaDoucer, District 4.
22 Sergeant-At-Arms: Jeri Adams, District 16.

23 Chaplain offered prayer. Pledge of Allegiance
24 was led by the sergeant-at-arms and the preamble was
25 recited. Kind of. Kind of.

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1 The secretary proceeded with roll call. There
2 were 18 delegates present and three guests. The code was
3 read and one code change was presented. It was moved and
4 seconded and passed in committee to present to this
5 delegation.

6 At this time, Madam President, I would like to
7 read that code change.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I don't have a
9 copy of your code change.

10 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: They're handing it
11 out right now. It's attached to the minutes of my
12 meeting. Attached to the minutes of the meeting.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Go ahead.

14 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you. Code 2
15 now reads: "The Department Chairman may attend the
16 Awareness Assembly sponsored by the National organization
17 if approved by the Department President. Funds not to
18 exceed \$125 per diem for three days shall be budgeted
19 annually to help defray the cost of attending the
20 Awareness Assembly."

21 Code change to read: "The Department Chairman
22 may attend the American Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C.
23 Conference sponsored by the National organization if
24 approved by the Department President. The chairman's
25 expenses cannot exceed the amount budgeted annually to

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1 help defray the costs of attending the American Legion
2 Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference."

3 The rationale for this change is that the
4 National -- National has changed the name of the event
5 from the "Awareness Assembly" to the "American Legion
6 Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference," so we need to
7 change this code to reflect this change. Also at this
8 time we budget \$1,000 for the chairman to attend this
9 event, but this amount has to be approved by the
10 delegation annually when accepting the budget. Changing
11 the wording of the sentence number 2 in this code to read:
12 "The chairman's expenses cannot exceed the amount budgeted
13 annually to help defray the cost of attending the American
14 Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference" we accomplish
15 two things: One, if the budgeted amount changes we are
16 not -- if the budgeted amount changes, we are not locked
17 into a figure. And, two, if the length of the conference
18 changes, we are not locked into three days.

19 Madam President, I move the acceptance of this
20 code change.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: There is a
22 motion to change the code in the legislative. It now
23 reads: "The Department Chairman may attend the Awareness
24 Assembly sponsored by the National organization if
25 approved by the Department President. Funds not to exceed

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1 \$125 per diem for three days shall be budgeted annually to
2 help defray the cost of attending the Awareness Assembly."

3 Changed to read: "The Department Chairman may
4 attend the American Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C.
5 Conference sponsored by the National organization if
6 approved by the Department President. The chairman's
7 exceeds cannot exceed the amount budgeted annually to help
8 defray the costs of attending the American Legion
9 Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference."

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in
13 favor of this code change? Okay. Come to the
14 microphone, please.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: The
16 rationale at this time says that we budget a thousand.
17 Well, our budget was changed to 375, so I just wanted to
18 bring that up because --

19 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: That was approved
20 at last convention was 1,000.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: Yes, that
22 was 1,000. So just keep that in mind because the
23 expenses. I know you want this at your discretion, but I
24 just wanted to mention --

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm sorry,

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1 Norma. Would you please repeat the first part of what you
2 stated? I couldn't see or hear you.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: Well, if
4 the rationale was we budgeted 1,000 last year --

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: Well, this
7 year we dropped it down to 375.

8 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: That's when you
9 present the budget this year and that's at the discretion.
10 If per that amount changes, if we change this code,
11 whatever is budgeted would be accepted.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: So we're
13 eliminating all the dollar figures.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, because
15 you're budgeting -- you have it in the budget the amount
16 that's going to be hopefully approved as 375 for the
17 entire time.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLINGS: Okay.
19 That's all I wanted to bring up, so --

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Is
21 that right? Ruby would like to speak.

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Madam Department
23 President, Ruby Kapsalis, Past Department President. The
24 code -- the code currently allows 125 days for -- \$375.
25 125 days. All right. You've already wore me out. This

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1 parliamentary job really gets to you and finance and all
2 this other stuff.

3 Anyway, \$125 for three days. And the reasoning
4 behind that is because as NEC, she gets her airfare paid
5 by National, plus she gets one day's per diem. So I don't
6 see a problem myself in taking the \$1,000 that was
7 budgeted erroneously last year because it should have been
8 budgeted for 375, removing the dollar amount and just
9 letting the finance committee review it annually and
10 approving it.

11 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I really -- Madam
12 President, I just think that's what I was trying to stress
13 in this change was to eliminate the dollar amount, so as
14 it changes --

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

16 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Because it could
17 change all the way around lots of times.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Any
19 further discussion on this motion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in
22 favor, say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say
25 no.

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1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carries.
3 You can continue.

4 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you, thank
5 you. We had no resolutions. Awards were handed out and a
6 copy of the list was placed in the delegates' packets and
7 posted in the department office.

8 Madam Wizard, this completes the minutes of the
9 legislative meeting. May I continue with my state remarks
10 and first place awards?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam Wizard, thank
13 you for giving me this appointment. It has been an honor
14 to serve as your Legislative Chairman this year. I want
15 to thank all the grassroots advocates and Giant Slayers,
16 unit and district legislative chairmen for your constant
17 pursuit this year to make our legislators aware of
18 legislation that affects our veterans, active military and
19 their families.

20 This year we were dubbed "Giant Slayers," and
21 what an appropriate term. I know that many of you have
22 felt like David and the establishment being Goliath and
23 you would not be far from the truth. Many times I know
24 that it feels like it's an overwhelming task to try and
25 conquer all the many pieces of legislation that is out

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1 there that affects our veterans and our military, but
2 through your attendance at the Department of California
3 Day at the State Capitol May 1st and the 2013 Washington
4 conference, we have certainly thrown many stones in our
5 efforts to slay the giant.

6 I also want to thank all the Legislative Chairmen
7 for their determination and diligence in conveying to
8 their members not only the importance of bombarding our
9 giants with e-mails, letters, and texts, but also for
10 their efforts in organizing town meetings, town home
11 meetings, meeting the candidate night, and all the other
12 forms of forums that gave our grassroots advocates an
13 opportunity to impress on our legislatures who we are,
14 what we are do, and making it very clear that we would not
15 stand for them balancing the budget on the backs of our
16 veterans and our active duty military.

17 (Applause.)

18 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you. With
19 this being presidential election year, our grassroots
20 advocates really rolled up their sleeves and picked up a
21 bunch of stones and off they went into battle. They
22 worked numerous hours making sure that everyone that was
23 eligible to vote signed up to vote. They worked at
24 campaign headquarters for the candidates of their choice.
25 They assisted in polling places and volunteering to take

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1 members that do not drive to polling places to vote.

2 One huge issue that California went to battle on
3 was letting our giants know that our troops didn't get
4 their absentee ballots to vote in the election. And this
5 was inexcusable. These men and women are overseas
6 fighting for our country and our right to vote and they
7 didn't get to participate in the election. That is not
8 just not okay.

9 Our members volunteered over 923 hours this year
10 to slay the giants, and I feel that many of their stones
11 hit the mark and our legislatures are well aware of who we
12 are and our mission. But we can't stop now. We can't
13 ever stop. This is all -- there is always new legislation
14 being presented that affects our veterans, active duty
15 military and their families and their way of life. We
16 must continue being diligent giant slayers and grassroots
17 advocates to ensure that our veterans and military have
18 all the benefits they deserve and have fought for.

19 This concludes my legislative report. May I give
20 out my first place awards?

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

22 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you. There
23 was a whole lot of awards in committee because there was a
24 lot of calculations in this chairmanship. The second
25 place supplemental went to Stephanie Janji, Unit 715,

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1 District 29.

2 (Applause.)

3 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Third place Unit
4 Supplemental went to Connie Biggers, Unit 482, District
5 16.

6 (Applause.)

7 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Second place Unit
8 Supplemental went to Danielle White, District 27.

9 (Applause.)

10 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: First place Unit
11 Supplemental goes to Unit 118, District 27, Danielle
12 White.

13 (Applause.)

14 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: That little
15 leprechaun is just kind of pooped a little. She's been
16 hopping around getting our membership up there and just
17 doing an amazing job on that. But congratulations,
18 Danielle, very much. You need this present. Trust me.
19 When this is over, you need it. You need it.

20 And our first place District Supplemental goes to
21 Stephanie Janji, District 29, who did an amazing job this
22 year.

23 (Applause.)

24 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you. This
25 concludes my report.

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very
2 much, Linda. We will now hear from our Americanism
3 Chairman Loretta Marsh. Is Girls State ready, Rhodona?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's not here right now.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I guess she's
6 not ready yet.

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8 AMERICANISM REPORT

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10 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Good morning,
11 ladies. The convention committee on Americanism met June
12 27th at the Canyon Suite C room at the Doral Resort in
13 Palm Springs, California. The statistical report of the
14 chairman appears on page 13 on your Book of Reports.

15 Tamra Duron from District 25 served as secretary,
16 Alzora Carter from District 23 offered prayer, and Delores
17 Ryan was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 20
18 districts answered roll call and there were seven visitors
19 present.

20 The committee agreed on the following report:
21 The Americanism committee was called to order at 10:00
22 a.m. The department code was read and there were no code
23 changes. Discussion followed with suggestions to improve
24 and promote the essay contest. Several good suggestions
25 were given and recommendations will be written up and

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1 passed to the next chairman. Second and third place
2 awards were presented for essays and supplementals. The
3 meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

4 Madam President, that's my committee report. May
5 I proceed with my supplemental?

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

7 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: In keeping with
8 Department President's theme, the District Americanism
9 Chairmen were known as "Firecrackers" and the unit
10 chairmen as "Sparklers" to signify they were the spark and
11 energy for patriotism in their districts and units. Along
12 with the motto "Veterans, Our Biggest Treasure," how could
13 we not have a fun and productive year. We started the
14 year with workshops across the state to inform the new
15 district and unit chairmen, and I should have also added
16 department chairman, what their chairmanship
17 responsibilities and possibilities were. That a packet
18 was mailed to each district that included the department
19 code and paperwork pertinent to the Americanism program.

20 The Americanism essay contest showed a
21 disappointing participation rate according to the reports
22 received by this chairman. Concerns expressed were too
23 few teachers who were willing to participate, school
24 districts had no time on their agendas, too few willing
25 unit chairmen to take on this task, and too many other

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1 organizations offering the same program. But although
2 participation on the department level could definitely use
3 some improvement, those that did participate expressed
4 appreciation for the program and did a great job.

5 The following essay titles for the year 2013-2014
6 were approved at midyear. They were Group 1, grades 4 and
7 5: Why should I show respect for the American flag?
8 Group 2, grades 6 and 7: How can I make a difference
9 where I am? Group 3, grades 8 and 9: What does the
10 Pledge of Allegiance mean to me? Group 4, grades 10 to
11 12: Why should I care about the elections? Group 5,
12 exceptional needs, What is a veteran?

13 I don't know if you've noticed the theme. Every
14 title makes them think about what it means to them, not
15 just a general idea, but what it personally means to them.

16 Units reported folding and giving out pocket
17 flags to departing servicemen and those already deployed.
18 Many units found motivation and enthusiasm to "Get Out the
19 Vote." The campaign took route in different directions
20 including issuing pamphlets, giving rides to local polling
21 places, working on voter registration, manning polling
22 places, speaking to others about the importance of voting,
23 attending panels discussions and election time, printed
24 articles in newsletters, work telephone campaigns, set up
25 booths at local events, e-mail promotions, talking to

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1 community groups, talking to people at their workplace,
2 and even having students decorate ballot boxes.

3 Promoting citizenship is a very underreported
4 activity because members promote citizenship every day in
5 ways they don't even realize. Members reported serving on
6 jury duty, donating and volunteering for various
7 charities, honored Citizenship Day with a dinner and dance
8 with their essay dinner as a special guest, mentoring
9 people attending citizenship classes and programs,
10 teaching flag etiquette to schools and youth groups,
11 sponsoring post contests, planting a flower garden for
12 POW/MIA day, various walks for charity, and helping
13 neighbors in need.

14 One district participates as a district in
15 working with the immigration service providing poppy
16 corsages, patriotic ribbons, flags, flag pins, and flag
17 etiquette pamphlets. Auxiliary members also serve
18 alongside the Legionnaires in the Honor Guard for memorial
19 services.

20 Auxiliary members played an important role in
21 American Legion programs in the form of donations,
22 fundraisers, serving as judges and helping promote the
23 oratorical contest in the schools and served as moral
24 support for the Legion as only Auxiliary members can do.

25 A favorite part of the Americanism program is, of

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1 course, when we can proudly present and show off the
2 beautiful flag of our country. Auxiliary members
3 distribute flags to students, neighbors, new and
4 soon-to-be citizens, and members of the business
5 community. Flag folding and flag etiquette are taught at
6 every opportunity. Flag retirement ceremonies, Scouting
7 activity, local parades, patriotic holidays, unit
8 meetings, memorial services, and visiting school
9 classrooms are all occasions where the showing and the
10 pride in the red, white, and blue excel. Along with the
11 American flag, the blue star and gold star banners are
12 dear to the heart of the Auxiliary. Many units presented
13 their flags in their communities.

14 Patriotic and veterans holidays are celebrated by
15 Auxiliary members. Parades and dinners abound. Thousands
16 of flags are placed in cemeteries across the state on
17 Memorial Day. Wreaths displaying flags and poppies are
18 placed at Veteran memorials.

19 The statistical -- as I said, the statistical
20 records for Americanism can be found in the Book of
21 Records. A list of all second and third place winners and
22 100 percent reporting awards has been, or will be right
23 after this meeting, posted in the department office for
24 your viewing. A list was also passed out in committee of
25 the second and third place winners. Of course you don't

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1 know who the first place winners were.

2 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I
3 continue with my first place awards?

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.

5 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you. Okay.

6 In the essence of time, if I could have you hand these to
7 them as I read them. Okay. This is my -- well, it's my
8 second favorite thing to do. After getting money myself,
9 I like to give it out. So with that in mind, I'm going to
10 present the first place essay award winners. The first
11 place in Group 1 is Celina Allen from Durham Elementary
12 School sponsored by Unit 673, District 4.

13 (Applause.)

14 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. Did these
15 ladies not get their books? Or maybe somebody's not
16 there. Okay. I'm sorry. Group 2 -- does that mean I get
17 to keep it? Group 2, first place is Kennan Davis, Round
18 Valley Elementary School, sponsored by Unit 118, District
19 27.

20 (Applause.)

21 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: First place from
22 Group 3 is Anna -- and I'm sorry. I'm not even going to
23 murder her last name. From Steven Hansen Tehachapi High
24 School sponsored by Unit 221, District 15.

25 (Applause.)

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1 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Group 4, which is
2 the educational grant that comes along with the nice check
3 and then a grant, a scholarship. Goes to Maren Rascon
4 McClanahan sponsored by Unit 291, District 29.

5 (Applause.)

6 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Group 5, first place
7 award goes to Melissa Rios from Lone Hill Middle School,
8 sponsored by Unit 475, District 18.

9 (Applause.)

10 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: And we have the
11 Veronica Spence award which will be given to Katherine
12 Pope from Truman Benedict School, sponsored by Unit 496,
13 District 19.

14 (Applause.)

15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Congratulations to
16 these units. In lieu of time I will not read the second
17 and third place winners because they will be posted.

18 First place District Supplemental. And I'm
19 sorry, ladies, there's no checks that goes with these.
20 You just get a piece of paper. Okay. First place
21 District Supplemental -- and I'm seeing who this goes
22 with -- goes to District 19, Wilma Miner.

23 (Applause.)

24 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: First place unit
25 supplement goes to Ann Marie Brown, Chairman, Unit 6,

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1 District 22.

2 (Applause.)

3 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. Also awarded
4 -- I will read these two. Awarded in committee, but the
5 certificates were given there was the outstanding
6 citizenship program which went to District 22, Lois
7 Cornish, chairman.

8 (Applause.)

9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: And the best youth
10 Americanism promotion went to Unit 716, District 29, Carol
11 Borgman, chairman.

12 (Applause.)

13 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam President,
14 this concludes my report of the Americanism chairman.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very
16 much, Loretta. Is Junior Conference and Junior Activities
17 ready? Okay. We'll then hear from our -- we're running
18 out of people from our morning agenda. Somebody needs to
19 sent out an APB.

20 Okay. Can the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal --
21 oh, she's back. She snuck in. I didn't get to stand her
22 up or stand you up.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I'm standing up.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. We
25 will now hear from our Great Wiz who just blew back in,

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1 Madam President Terry Mikesell.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hello, ladies.
4 I've got to tell you. Even though we're a little warm
5 over here, if you were at the Legion convention, it's hot.

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7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. It's
10 wonderful to be here today at your convention, to be able
11 to hear your reports and the reports of the endeavors that
12 have been accomplished during my term of your Department
13 President. It has been an interesting year to say the
14 least.

15 For those who were able to attend the chilly
16 midyear at Travis Air Force Base, we are now on the
17 opposite side of the weather pattern with heat. A lot of
18 you didn't know that our National President Peggy Thomas
19 graced us with her presence during those action packed
20 days. Everything went smoothly thanks to our District 6
21 committee and Past Department President Ruby Kapsalis.

22 A tour of the hospital, the Fairfield Outpatient
23 clinic, and the USO was accomplished with one-stop
24 shopping as everything was close at hand. Our
25 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman was there as

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1 Chewbacca, and she could have made a fortune selling her
2 coat. Linda was most gracious to our guests, leaving me
3 with no worries.

4 After midyear I continued my tours of District 9
5 and 10. Then it was off to Las Vegas for training offered
6 by the National American Legion Auxiliary. California
7 made a very good showing with quite a few of our ladies in
8 attendance. We learned a lot and were able to network
9 with other departments for support and ideas.

10 The next stop was a Four Chaplains event in San
11 Francisco. What a solemn and moving experience that is.
12 The American Legion hosted a luncheon after the event at
13 the War Memorial Building. Several post, units, and
14 districts assisted with that event.

15 Tours continued with Diane DeLashmit hosting me
16 for two weeks, driving me to visitations and taking me to
17 Burger King for breakfast every morning. During a
18 district meeting visitation, one of our members became a
19 grandmother, and our numbers increased by one. I was able
20 to attend the kingdom of the Royal Rooster hosted by a
21 district president who was just discharged from the
22 hospital. Her district backed her 100 percent and carried
23 on business as usual, while the president resided in her
24 royal wheelchair. And that is Trish Ladre's Royal Rooster
25 there on the podium.

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1 Another flight and I was back in southern
2 California this time with Marge Rye hosting me and taking
3 me to visitation.

4 More tours of districts, and then it was off to
5 Junior Conference in April for three fun-filled days with
6 our awesome junior members and their so very dedicated
7 senior Auxiliary members hosting and assisting them with
8 their meetings and events. We were fortunate to have the
9 Western Division Vice President Barbara Rutherford fly
10 down from Washington to visit our Department. Pat Alvarez
11 was our most distinguished guest hostess that weekend.
12 She did a truly wonderful job.

13 The young ladies had smores, gave their reports,
14 learned about the Auxiliary programs, displayed to
15 everyone some of their talents and showed us all a very
16 good time. Then they elected their new officers and
17 chairman for the coming year.

18 Next it was off to the American Legion
19 Legislative Day in Sacramento. And a big thank you goes
20 out to Barbara Ross for assisting me that day. She was a
21 gracious hostess. There was a standing room only
22 attendance for that event. Many visited the legislatures
23 and presented a packet on the bills that would impact
24 veterans and active duty military.

25 I then attended our Department Commander Ken's

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1 homecoming. I was able to hear a presentation by an
2 Auxiliary member who had started a program for quilts of
3 valor. She is doing fabulous work. Thank you District 11
4 for your hospitality. I truly enjoyed that visit.

5 The next stop was the department for the budget
6 meeting. This was two and a half very intense days of
7 studying our lack of money, the move, and the future
8 finances of our department.

9 Just last week I attended Girls State and I can
10 only say wow. The committee is doing a stupendous job
11 presenting the workings of government to the young ladies
12 in attendance. Truly this was a jam packed, labor
13 intensive, fun filled learning week which could not have
14 happened without wonderful volunteers.

15 Stella Avina, Diane DeLashmit, and I toured the
16 Doral Resort months ago. We were all so very pleased with
17 this facility and their willingness to work with us to
18 host a convention. What a nice venue for our event.
19 Thank you, Stella, and your committee.

20 I would be remiss if I did not thank the
21 Department Officers and Chairman for taking care of
22 business all year. These officers and chairman have sent
23 bulletins, answered questions, and have been available to
24 you all year. Our District President's Terry's Treasures
25 have been at the throne of our districts taking care of

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1 business, assisting units and helping our organization
2 move forward. Then there have been the "Elves," the
3 hospital representatives, deputies, and volunteers who
4 each day give countless hours of service, time, and money
5 to help our hospitalized veterans.

6 For those of you who are not aware, our office
7 has moved and is now in a new location in San Francisco.
8 We hope to be back at the War Memorial Building in 2015.
9 This past year has been trying times for our department
10 that all the tax filings units and districts have had to
11 assume. National has started letting units become "Live
12 Units" enabling units to add new members, change addresses
13 relieving some of the burden from our department office
14 staff. If you do not belong to a "Live Unit," you need to
15 consider signing up for \$10 a year. You are able to print
16 your unit roster, labels, and other reports.

17 On that note, our membership chairman, "The
18 Leprechaun," Danielle White has spent more than her pot of
19 gold on our behalf. She has blasted us with e-mails,
20 bulletins, phone calls, and the numbers of members in
21 California reflect her hard work. She could not have done
22 it alone, but she has been the catalyst. Each milestone
23 has found her scratching her head with an idea of what is
24 next to spark interest in our organizations to get us to
25 work as one team with one purpose to reach one goal.

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1 Don't give up. We are so very close. Keep
2 sending in those renewals. She has had a support
3 committee who has been by her side all year, or I should
4 say just on the other end of the phone. Each of you has
5 accomplished so very much. Keep up the good work and
6 thank you, Danielle, from the bottom of my heart for your
7 dedication of service to our organization.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: This year of
10 service as your Department President has been a very
11 memorable one, a memory that will remain with me the rest
12 of my life. I will remember the graciousness of each and
13 every one of you when I visited your district, the
14 wonderful food, and the hospitality extended to me. It
15 was a pleasure attending your meetings, listening to your
16 reports. I learned so much observing how you work
17 together as a Legion Family while serving our veterans,
18 active duty military, their families and our communities.

19 Our Past Department Presidents have been very
20 supportive when I have telephoned them to answer a
21 question or to give them an opinion. It is wonderful to
22 have a living history available with just a quick e-mail
23 or phone call. Then there is my very patient and
24 knowledgeable advisory committee who has done a wonderful
25 job of supplying me with information and advice. Thank

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1 you, ladies.

2 We have answered the siren song of our Past
3 Department Presidents to become officers and chairman of
4 the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.
5 Our sirens are just like an old truck. It keeps -- it
6 takes a licking and keeps on ticking. They have knowledge
7 and advice at their fingertips and if they do not have a
8 quick answer, they will research the question and give you
9 an answer.

10 For those of you who were able to make a donation
11 to my special project, Operation Comfort, thank you. We
12 will be presenting that check before the end of the year.

13 I have listened to countless hours of books on
14 tape while driving up and down Interstate 5, gotten lost
15 numerous times, but the end justified the means. Thank
16 you for my very magical, mystical fantasy year while
17 serving "veterans, our biggest treasure." Thank you,
18 ladies.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: You have heard
21 the report by Department President Mikesell. By your
22 applause, we accept your report. Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. We're
25 going to hear our Parliamentarian's report. Ruby

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1 Kapsalis.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

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5 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Is it morning or
6 afternoon? I'm not sure. I don't have a watch. Good
7 morning or afternoon, whichever it is. Anyway, Madam
8 Department President, it has been a pleasure serving you
9 and the members of the great state of California. Members
10 are contributing and doing great things for our
11 organization, veterans and their families within their
12 communities. I'm happy to report that the majority of
13 those living in your mystical and magical land of
14 enchantment know and follow the established protocols and
15 guidelines outlined in Auxiliary governing documents
16 protecting the rights of all members. Not to say there
17 aren't those who would like to challenge the process a
18 little bit.

19 The one challenge I'd like to make to all
20 members, and that is to unite, work together, and
21 concentrate on the mission of our organization, our
22 programs, and leave the caldrons of ill feelings towards
23 each other outside the meetings rooms. By accepting this
24 challenge --

25 (Applause.)

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1 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: By accepting this
2 challenge we will generate greater productivity and make a
3 great organization even greater.

4 I'd like to leave you with some provoking words
5 that were recited at an Auxiliary Department Convention 34
6 years ago by Past Department President Goldie Anderson,
7 who just happens to be my Past Department President. This
8 is -- it's a little poem about a garden.

9 And what you do is you plant three rows of peace:
10 peace of mind, piece of heart, piece of soul. You plant
11 four rows of squash: squash gossip, squash indifference,
12 squash grumbling, squash selfishness. Plant four rows of
13 lettuce: lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be
14 obedient, lettuce really love one another. No garden is
15 complete without turnips: turnip for meetings, turnip for
16 service, turnip to help one another.

17 Water freely with patience and cultivate with
18 love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap
19 what you sow. To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:
20 thyme for God, thyme for study, and thyme for prayer.

21 That concludes my Department -- no, no, no. That
22 concludes my Parliamentarian report, but I do have an
23 additional topic I need to bring up with your permission.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Continue.

25 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: It was brought to our

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1 attention yesterday that National has changed the deadline
2 for end-of-year reports and will be due two weeks earlier
3 than in the past years. Because poppy month is in May and
4 distribution of poppies will still be going on at the time
5 reports will be due, National suggests units use last
6 year's figures for reporting on the poppy program.

7 To conform with National, I move that all
8 department codes stating standard annual report form dates
9 of the fourth Friday in April for units and second Friday
10 in May be changed to second Friday in April for units to
11 district and first Friday in May for district to
12 department.

13 In addition, that the department code be reviewed
14 to find all pertinent codes relative to this change and be
15 corrected accordingly.

16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CURRACO: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been moved
18 and seconded. Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: There's a
21 phone. That's \$5.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ruby, where does
23 my code change start?

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: "To conform with
25 National."

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: To conform with
2 National, she moved that all department codes stating
3 standard annual report form dates of the fourth Friday in
4 April for units and the second Friday in May be changed to
5 the second Friday in April, unit to district, first Friday
6 in May, district to department. In addition, that the
7 department code be reviewed for all pertinent codes
8 relative to this change and corrected accordingly.

9 Now is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All those in
12 favor, say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: So moved. Thank
17 you, Parliamentarian.

18 At this point in time we'll hear the report of
19 the Vice President Anita Biggs. Ladies, I need to remind
20 you if you're going to take pictures, please take them
21 over there to the right after the reports are done.

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23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

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25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,

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1 Madam President. Good morning. This has been a whirlwind
2 second half year filled with some magical, mystical and
3 even some fantasy times. The midyear DEC was a wonderful
4 experience that included the National President Peggy
5 Thomas' visit. Although chilly inside, the warmth of the
6 many members who attended made this a wonderful
7 experience.

8 Once the DEC was completed, I had the pleasure of
9 attending many of your official visits. In February I
10 literally ran from the 8 and 40 Departmental Chapeau
11 Vickie Crow's official visit to our Salon 32 to your visit
12 to the 23rd District. Later that month we met again at
13 the 18th, 19th, 21th, and 24th districts. The hospitality
14 extended by all these District Presidents and their
15 members will never be forgotten.

16 It was also a pleasure to attend a fundraiser in
17 February for the candidate for Department Commander Jose
18 Garcia in Colton.

19 In March I traveled to San Francisco to attend a
20 quick one-day meeting and a visit to the new temporary
21 site of our department office.

22 In April my district, 23, had a fundraiser in my
23 honor at the Community Post 46 in Culver City. I can tell
24 you without a doubt the ladies in my Unit 252 and 23rd
25 District definitely know how to put on the Ritz as we were

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1 sold out, and everything from the food to the
2 entertainment and decorations were truly out of sight. It
3 was great to see so many friends that night.

4 Later in April, attending Junior Conference was
5 so much fun. Little Talia. Such a great president. The
6 Western Division National Vice President was our special
7 guest, and I had the honor of installing the new officers,
8 including Deja'Nae Trimble, Honorary Junior President, who
9 is also from the 23rd District. Very excited.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: May was a very
12 busy month as I, along with the incoming Membership
13 Chairman, Secretary Peggy, and our current little
14 leprechaun, Membership Chairman Danielle, traveled to
15 Indianapolis for the first ever Department Leadership
16 National Conference, a combination of the former
17 membership meeting and the presidents and secretaries
18 conference. We were in for a treat, and this was a great
19 idea. This meeting was very well done and we all learned
20 so much.

21 The California delegation was very proud of our
22 own Nancy Brown-Park, the leading candidate for National
23 President. Her and the national team did a fantastic job.
24 And we were graced with a little show that Melanie Taylor
25 was a part of. It was unbelievable, but we won't go into

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1 that. It was very cute. I have it on video, if anyone
2 wants to see it.

3 Later that month it was back to San Francisco for
4 the annual budget meeting. This was an opportunity to
5 learn about the difficulties of balancing a budget. It
6 was an eye opening and learning experience.

7 Before traveling home we visited the department
8 office's new temporary location for the next two years and
9 met with the staff. This is a smaller and much more
10 challenging lack of space than the War Memorial Building
11 where we have been since 1932. We hope these two years
12 fly by, and I know that Secretary Peggy does also.

13 This has been a rewarding experience as Vice
14 President and I thank you, Madam President, for everything
15 you tried to teach me. Tried so hard. We have certainly
16 bonded over the past few months, and I want to thank you
17 members for entrusting me with this great opportunity to
18 serve as your Department Vice President. This concludes
19 my report.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, Anita.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: We'll now have
25 the report of our Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Vogele.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

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SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning. Roar.

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This past year the Dragon Lair's pot of gold has been

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shining like a beacon due to all of you leprechauns that

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have been sending in.

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As of this past Wednesday, the Department of

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California is sixth in the nation with membership of 97.2

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percent.

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(Applause.)

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SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: That equals 24,000

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members. We can still bring that number up so Madam

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Department President Wiz and our new Nancy Brown -- and

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our own Nancy Brown-Park, who is the American Legion

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Auxiliary National Vice President, will be really shining

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at this year's National Convention in Houston, Texas. Our

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pot of gold, department membership clerk, says to give all

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of you members out there a huge kiss and an I love you.

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If you attended midyear, you heard me saying that

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we are now on our fourth bookkeeper since I had started a

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year and a half ago. Little Puff, our dragonette is

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learning and growing while working in the department

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office. It's extremely helpful for our members to use

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correct donation forms when sending in their donations.

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1 No matter what you send into the office, please, please,
2 please use the correct form, read the instructions, and be
3 aware of deadline dates. And I know you always remember
4 to write your unit and district on everything you send
5 you.

6 The move we have been talking about has finally
7 happened. Since 1932 the American Legion Auxiliary
8 Department of California has been spoiled living in a
9 palace in the Veterans War Memorial Building across the
10 street from City Hall. Sorry. My typewriter just -- I'm
11 sorry about that.

12 On May 11th, 2013 we were relocated to the 13th
13 -- to the corner of 13th and Mission Street in the mission
14 district. This area is known for gang activity. We share
15 the new building with parole officers, drug clinics, sex
16 registrants and homeless people sleeping on the street.

17 There is a -- and then there's the parking
18 situation. There is none. The building management has
19 offered us one parking space for \$275. I'm going to read
20 this way anyway, but it was voted down in finance. If one
21 of our part-time employees parked on the street, fed the
22 meter, it would cost over \$450 a month. The parking space
23 would certainly help with security and safety. This will
24 also give the President, Finance Committee, or any other
25 dignitary somewhere to park when they came to visit.

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1 The American Legion Auxiliary Department of
2 California, the American Legion Department of California,
3 the American Legion War Memorial Commission and several
4 other San Francisco American Legion posts have all been
5 relocated to an area of small offices. I am very
6 fortunate to be able to share an office with the American
7 Legion Department of California Adjutant and their
8 executive secretary.

9 Three offices down is the American Legion
10 Department of California. That's the 11-by-20 room -- I
11 read this wrong. It's the one I mentioned earlier. One
12 wall across -- one wall has cross support beams that
13 extend into the room two feet into the room. So now we're
14 talking about a 9-by-20 foot room. These support beams
15 are there for the fourth floor that's going to be built
16 above us.

17 Also the room -- also in the room is the
18 copier/scanner/fax machine, postage machine, five file
19 cabinets, two storage cabinets, a storage rack and two
20 employees. We have a problem with fiberglass dust in our
21 room due to ceiling tiles missing and exposing unwrapped
22 fiberglass insulation. This has now been taken care of,
23 but we have also had serious issues so a report has been
24 filed with OSHA and the building department.

25 It's also become such a health issue that our

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1 employees have gone to their doctor requesting that they
2 no longer work in the office and work from home. We have
3 accommodated this by requesting them to do so. Work is
4 done via e-mail and on-line. The employees also come to
5 the office to pick up assignments and then they return
6 them when we're complete. We are hoping that the
7 building management can place us in another office that is
8 clean of these issues.

9 We also have had a local Legionnaire speak to us
10 regarding moving to a building he owns in downtown San
11 Francisco. We are trying to do whatever we can to keep
12 our employees safe and healthy.

13 Well, my first two years as the Department
14 Secretary/Treasurer have certainly been very interesting
15 and unbelievable. Four bookkeepers, lots of meetings here
16 and there, and then this move. I am trying to follow
17 National's lead: patience, kindness, and being courteous
18 to all of our members. If you have a question, please
19 check with your unit leadership, then your district. But
20 remember you can always call the department office. With
21 the new office situation, it may take us longer to get
22 back to you, but please have some patience with us and we
23 will be courteous to you. Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, Peggy.
25 Our next chairman we will hear from will be Girls State,

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1 Constitution & Bylaws, and then Past Presidents Parlay.

2 Have you noticed our new Parliamentarian? Ms.
3 Odette has assumed the chair. She takes all donations.
4 She said don't ask her any questions; she doesn't know
5 anything. Right.

6 Are any of you ladies ready for your report? Put
7 those little legs in second gear, Ms. Dona. Do you have
8 your committee report up here, Dona? Dona, is that --

9 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Yes?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Is any of your
11 committee here?

12 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: I have one right
13 there. And I need Gloria Sinopoli and Esther Garcia if
14 she's here.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Esther is at the
16 Legion. Okay. As soon as the troll gets it together,
17 she's going to start speaking.

18 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: I'm not a troll
19 yet. I'm a mermaid.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Oh.

21 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Payback.

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23 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN REPORT

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25 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Good morning. The

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1 convention Committee on Girls State met on June 26th, 2013
2 in the Oleander Ballroom of the El Doral Resort, Palm
3 Springs, California. Cindy Newman, District 13 was
4 appointed secretary. Cyd Kintzer, District 25, offered
5 prayer, and Karen Herrera, District 15 was appointed
6 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 25 district delegates
7 answered roll call and there were 11 visitors present.

8 The committee met and recommends the following
9 code change. The code currently reads: "Number 17. Unit
10 procedures for selecting of candidates. All materials and
11 necessary information relative to the qualifications and
12 methods of selection shall be presented to the school
13 representative by the unit chairman or her substitute.
14 The recommendation of candidates and alternates shall be
15 made by the school faculty and provided to the sponsoring
16 unit. Only the unit shall have the final approval of the
17 recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department
18 Chairman. Last year's Girls State Citizen may provide
19 guidance in selection of the current candidate and may be
20 included as part of the committee when interviews are
21 scheduled. When the unit has chosen the candidate, the
22 fee and the supporting papers shall be forwarded not later
23 than March 12th as provided in the instructions.
24 Publicity may be released indicating that the candidate
25 has been chosen. If selected delegate and alternate, due

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1 to circumstances beyond control, cannot attend the Girls
2 State Session, a second alternate selected in the same
3 manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the unit fee."

4 The recommended code change will read: "Number
5 17. Unit procedures for selecting of candidates. All
6 materials and necessary information relative to the
7 qualifications and methods of selection shall be presented
8 to the school representative by the unit chairman or her
9 substitute. The recommendation of candidates and
10 alternates shall be made by the school faculty and
11 provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the unit shall have
12 the final approval of the recommendations, subject to
13 acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's Girls
14 State Citizen may provide guidance in selection of the
15 current candidate and may be included as part of the
16 committee when interviews are scheduled. When the unit
17 has chosen the candidate, the fee and the supporting
18 papers shall be forwarded not later than March 31st as
19 provided in the instructions. Publicity may be released
20 indicating that the candidate has been chosen. If
21 selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances
22 beyond control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, a
23 second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend
24 to prevent forfeit of the unit fee."

25 By direction of the Girls State Committee I move

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1 adoption of this code change.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been moved
4 and seconded to change Item 17 in the Girls State code,
5 which currently reads: "Unit procedures for selecting of
6 candidates. All materials and necessary information
7 relative to the qualifications and methods of selection
8 shall be presented to the school representative by the
9 unit chairman or her substitute. The recommendation of
10 candidates and alternates shall be made by the school
11 faculty and provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the
12 unit shall have the final approval of the recommendations,
13 subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last
14 year's Girls State Citizen may provide guidance in
15 selection of the current candidate and may be included as
16 part of the committee when interviews are scheduled. When
17 the unit has chosen the candidate, the fee and the
18 supporting papers shall be forwarded not later than March
19 12th as provided in the instructions. Publicity may be
20 released indicating that the candidate has been chosen.
21 If selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances
22 beyond control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, a
23 second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend
24 to prevent forfeit of the unit fee."

25 It's recommended a change to read: "Unit

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1 procedures for selecting of candidates. All materials and
2 necessary information relative to the qualifications and
3 methods of selection shall be presented to the school
4 representative by the unit chairman or her substitute.
5 The recommendation of candidates and alternates shall be
6 made by the school faculty and provided to the sponsoring
7 unit. Only the unit shall have the final approval of the
8 recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department
9 Chairman. Last year's Girls State Citizen may provide
10 guidance in selection of the current candidate and may be
11 included as part of the committee when interviews are
12 scheduled. When the unit has chosen the candidate, the
13 fee and the supporting papers shall be forwarded not later
14 than March 31st as provided in the instructions.
15 Publicity may be released indicating that the candidate
16 has been chosen. If selected delegate and alternate, due
17 to circumstances beyond control, cannot attend the Girls
18 State Session, a second alternate selected in the same
19 manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the unit fee."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All those in
23 favor say aye.

24 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?

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1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Motion carried.

3 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank you. Code
4 26 currently reads: "Applications must be submitted from
5 the units to the Department Chairman by deadline date of
6 March 12th. All fees to be sent to the Department
7 Office."

8 Recommended change: "Applications must be
9 submitted from the units to the Department Chairman by
10 deadline date of March 31st. All fees to be sent to the
11 Department Office."

12 Madam President, by direction of the Girls State
13 Committee, I move adoption of this code change.

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been moved
16 and seconded to change Code 26: "Applications must be
17 submitted from the units to the Department Chairman by
18 deadline date of March 12th. All fees to be sent to the
19 Department Office."

20 Code 26 would read: "Applications must be
21 submitted from the units to the Department Chairman by
22 deadline date of March 31st. All fees to be sent to the
23 Department Office."

24 Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

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

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?
5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Motion carried.

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank you.
8 Certificates for 100 percent reporting were presented in
9 committee. Second and third place certificates for Best
10 Supplemental were also presented in committee, along with
11 certificates of participation for all districts submitting
12 a supplemental. A complete list of awards will be posted
13 outside the secretary's office.

14 Madam President, this concludes the report of the
15 Girls State Committee. I move for its acceptance.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause
18 you've accepted the report.

19 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Madam President,
20 may I continue with my supplemental report?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You may.

22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: First of all, I
23 would like to introduce the committee. We have Zana
24 Chaney.

25 (Applause.)

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1 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Gloria Sinopoli.

2 (Applause.)

3 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: And she is the
4 president's alternate. Assistant director is Judy
5 Tabacchi.

6 (Applause.)

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: And the director
8 cannot be here today. Okay. Thank you, Madam President
9 Terry. Units and districts within the department worked
10 their magic to raise funds to send 497 delegates to Girls
11 State. The Girls State Alumni Foundation offered \$200 fee
12 assistance for units sponsoring new schools. Five
13 participated. There were a total of 25 new schools.

14 Fundraisers were held up and down the state
15 throughout the year. Units had breakfasts, lunches, and
16 dinners. They had bake sales, no-bake sales, car washes,
17 recycling, garage sales and they worked with other
18 nonprofit organizations, including our own American Legion
19 posts, Sons of the American Legion Squadrons, and American
20 Legion Riders. They contacted local businesses to provide
21 sponsorship. This effort not only helped with getting the
22 word out on our organization, but also provided these
23 wonderful young ladies an opportunity to learn about the
24 workings of our government and themselves.

25 American Legion Auxiliary members also gave their

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1 time to attend the session last week volunteering their
2 time to be a grandmother, a chairman, director, assistant
3 director, nurse, and city and county counselors, run the
4 store inventorying before and after the session. A staff
5 of over 60, with the minority being ALA members. These
6 members volunteered close to 9,000 hours to help make this
7 program such a success. What an acknowledgment to the
8 benefit derived from this program. Of course these
9 volunteers get a benefit too, lots of hugs and smiles for
10 the many treats their grandmas provide. But isn't that
11 the job of a grandma? You spoil them, and then you send
12 them home? We're good at that.

13 Twenty-one districts held an orientation event
14 for the new delegates. Arrangements were made to have
15 Girls State alumni, Assemblywoman, and Girls State staff
16 speak about their experiences and what these delegates
17 could look forward to during their week.

18 This chairman was fortunate to attend orientation
19 events for five districts. How wonderful to see firsthand
20 the different ways used to ready our delegates for their
21 unbelievable opportunity. Excuse me.

22 I can tell each of you here today, every dollar
23 you invested into the program to send a girl comes back
24 tenfold in what they will be able to bring forward with
25 knowledge of government workings for productive change in

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1 our great country.

2 Now our first place winners for Best Supplemental
3 for unit and district. And I'm going to tell you this was
4 not an easy decision. For the Unit Best Supplemental goes
5 to Unit 247, Chairman Margaret "Peggy" McIntosh.

6 (Applause.)

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: And I would hand
8 you the certificate, but it's sitting in that little red
9 thing next to me. So thank you. My certificates are
10 sitting over there.

11 District's Best Supplemental. And I'm going to
12 tell you I did receive nine, which was wonderful. It was
13 extremely difficult, but it will go to District 29, our
14 energetic Chairman Elizabeth Tomlin, who's also the Girls
15 State nurse.

16 (Applause.)

17 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank you. Madam
18 Department President Terry, thank you for this
19 appointment. It was a learning experience. Boy, was it.
20 And thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our
21 department. Madam Department President, that concludes my
22 report.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause,
25 we accept your report. Thank you, Dona.

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1 Judy Tabacchi, the assistant Girls State
2 director.

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4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR REPORT

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6 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: Sorry,
7 but I can't stand on it and I can't straddle it.

8 Madam Department President Terry and delegates to
9 this convention. I am giving this report on behalf of the
10 Girls State director Sherry Schneider.

11 A little over a week ago, 497 young women leaders
12 from all over our great state converged on the Claremont
13 McKenna campus to begin the 70th session of California
14 Girls State. These young women, entering their senior
15 year in high school came, from very diverse backgrounds
16 and cultures, but joined together in a spirit of
17 sisterhood and unity. Lessons in citizenship, love of our
18 country, and plain fun were shared throughout the week.

19 Citizens had opportunities to run for public
20 office at the city, county, and state levels. Win or
21 lose, the girls learned valuable lessons in resilience,
22 grace, and strength. In addition, they exercised their
23 democratic right to vote, gaining a greater understanding
24 of their responsibilities as citizens.

25 Our service project this year was folding pocket

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1 flags. The citizens of Girls State folded over 600 flags
2 with small thank you notes included that will be sent to
3 our men and women serving our country around the world.
4 Each year the Girls State service projects helps connect
5 our citizens to the mission of the American Legion
6 Auxiliary.

7 Our department was honored when our 2012 Girls
8 Nation senator, Alauna Sessoms-Hall, was elected president
9 of Girls Nation. Alauna did a fantastic job and we were
10 all very proud of her accomplishments.

11 (Applause.)

12 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: This
13 year the girls selected to represent California at the
14 2013 session of Girls Nation are Jillian Free from Unit
15 170, District 19.

16 (Applause.)

17 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: And
18 Cassidy Mayeda Unit 416, District 22.

19 (Applause.)

20 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: Kelsey
21 Harper from Unit 66 in District 16 was selected as the
22 outstanding citizen of the session.

23 (Applause.)

24 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: And
25 Jillian Free from Unit 170, District 19 was elected

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1 Governor of Girls State.

2 (Applause.)

3 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: This
4 year we began the process of online registration for our
5 delegates and alternates. Next year we hope to make the
6 registration completely paperless by having all the girls
7 submit their forms online. This process will not only
8 save us money, it will save countless manpower hours spent
9 going through and checking forms. Girls will be unable to
10 submit forms that are not complete, which will save
11 countless headaches for the unit chairman, the Girls State
12 Chairman, and the director. In addition, we will be able
13 to contact delegates, alternates, and their parents
14 directly with updates and reminders.

15 We, as an organization, need to continue to find
16 creative ways to fundraise so we can maintain the quality
17 and the status of the program. It is my hope that each of
18 you will make a commitment to help grow the program and
19 continue to enrich the lives of young women leaders across
20 our state.

21 Madam President, this concludes my report and I
22 move its acceptance.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause
25 you accept her report. Thank you, Judy.

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1 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI:

2 Respectfully submitted by Stacey Schneider.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ms. Sherry, how
4 you've changed. We'll now hear from Norma DuVall.

5 GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TABACCHI: Excuse
6 me. One more thing before we leave.

7 Ladies. Whoopee.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you. Past
9 Presidents Parlay Norma DuVall.

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11 PAST PRESIDENT PARLAY COMMITTEE REPORT

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13 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. Where are my owls? Where are all
15 my owls?

16 Madam Department President, the Convention
17 Committee on Past Presidents Parley met on June 27th, 2013
18 in the Oleander Ballroom C of the Doral, Palm Springs,
19 California. The statistical report of this chairman
20 appears on page 19 of the Book of Reports.

21 Due to late reporting, the following changes are
22 made. Districts reporting, 27. Units reporting, 204.
23 Units with Parleys, 56. Units donating to PPP Scholarship
24 Fund, 124. Units honoring active duty servicewomen, 49.
25 Units honoring their own women veterans, 46. Units

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1 adopting a woman veteran this year, 25.

2 Gigi Manno, District 22, was appointed secretary.
3 Denise Coleman, District 23, offered prayer, and Rosemary
4 Weber, District 16, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A
5 total of 21 district delegates answered roll call. There
6 was one visitor present.

7 The committee agreed to the following report.
8 The department code was read and the following change was
9 made. Code number 2 now reads: "The Past Presidents
10 Parlay" -- excuse me. I had to move a wire.

11 "The Past Presidents Scholarship has been
12 designated as a nursing scholarship by the Past Department
13 Presidents Parlay and shall be awarded annually in the
14 amount of \$2,000 to a veteran or a veteran's wife or
15 husband, widow or widower, or child of a veteran of the
16 World Wars, Korea, Vietnam Conflict, Grenada/Lebanon,
17 Panama, Persian Gulf and Wars on Terrorism."

18 We have a proposed change to this code. With the
19 adoption, code number 2 will now read: "The Past
20 Presidents Scholarship has been designated as a nursing
21 scholarship by the Past Department Presidents Parlay and
22 shall be awarded annually in the amount of \$4,000 to a
23 veteran or a veteran's wife or husband, widow or widower,
24 or child of a veteran of the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam
25 Conflict, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf and Wars

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1 on Terrorism."

2 Madam Department President, by direction of the
3 Convention Committee, I move the adoption of this code
4 change.

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been moved
7 and seconded to change Girls State code number 2 -- I mean
8 Past Presidents. Why am I on Girls State? Listen, I was
9 at Girls State. That's why I'm at Girls State. Past
10 Presidents Parlay code number 2 presently reads: "The
11 Past Presidents Scholarship has been designated as a
12 nursing scholarship by the Past Department Presidents
13 Parlay and shall be awarded annually in the amount of
14 \$2,000 to a veteran or a veteran's wife or husband, widow
15 or widower, or child of a veteran of the World Wars,
16 Korea, Vietnam Conflict, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, Persian
17 Gulf and Wars on Terrorism."

18 Recommended change to read: Code 2. "The Past
19 Presidents Scholarship has been designated as a nursing
20 scholarship by the Past Department Presidents Parlay and
21 shall be awarded annually in the amount of \$4,000 to a
22 veteran or a veterans wife or husband, widow or widower,
23 or child of a veteran of the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam
24 Conflict, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf and Wars
25 on Terrorism."

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1 Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All those in
4 favor say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Passed. Thank
9 you.

10 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Thank
11 you. All references to \$2,000 in codes 4, 10, and 14 will
12 be changed to read \$4,000 scholarship.

13 There were no resolutions or recommendations.
14 100 percent reporting certificates were presented to 15
15 districts. The second and third place and Certificates of
16 Recognition were presented in committee with a list
17 included for the districts. The list is also posted in
18 the Department Convention Office and attached to this
19 report.

20 Question and answer and discussion followed.
21 With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55.
22 This completes the report of the Past Presidents Parlay
23 Committee and I move its acceptance.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause

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1 you have accepted the report.

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Madam
3 Department President, may I continue with a short
4 supplemental and the first place awards?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You may.

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: As so
7 wisely stated by one past president from Merle Reed, Unit
8 145, District 15, looking back into the past makes one
9 reminisce. It reminds us of our weak spots and our
10 strengths as we guide our future generations. The
11 knowledge of our past leaders and their accomplishments
12 build the cornerstone of our future and we continue to add
13 to its stability and growth.

14 One-third of the units report mentoring new and
15 seasoned members by providing procedure books, answering
16 questions and providing encouragement. Unit donations to
17 the Nurses Scholarship continue to be strong, but
18 participation by the units was very poor. Although five
19 units reporting submitting applications, only three were
20 received, with one being disqualified.

21 I know that there are many nursing students out
22 there. Hopefully with the increase in the Nurses
23 Scholarship amount we will have more applicants and not
24 leave unused money to be moved into reserves. There were
25 units reporting giving unit or local nurses scholarships.

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1 If your recipients meets the Past Presidents Parlay
2 scholarship eligibility, please submit them to department.
3 Every penny counts to a student. For the rest of us, as
4 District 18 said it so wisely, the applications were
5 covered by dust, cobwebs, and feathers. This will need
6 some serious work.

7 We take our role as a veterans service
8 organization seriously, meeting and keeping the needs of
9 veterans and their families front and center in our unit
10 and district activities.

11 All of your wonderful work is also reported under
12 the VA&R. The last couple of years the Past Presidents
13 Parlay has changed from not only supporting women veterans
14 to include women currently serving in the military. Our
15 units continue to seek out these remarkable women that are
16 the true embodiment of service and not themselves. This
17 year we had two nominees, one Air Force and one Navy. And
18 they have been forwarded to National for further judging.
19 And they are both dual members of our organization.

20 Now for the presentation of the first place
21 awards. Our \$2,000 scholarship, Nurses Scholarship
22 recipient is not here this weekend. Her name is Shanita
23 Buchanan. She was sponsored by Benjamin J. Bowie, Unit
24 228, District 23.

25 (Applause.)

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1 PAST PRESIDENT PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Shanita
2 and her husband were expecting their first child I think
3 the second or third week in June, so I think we can figure
4 out where she's at.

5 The Unit Best Overall Program in Past Presidents
6 Parlay. First place goes to Alpine Unit 258, District 22,
7 Mariana Adams, chairman.

8 (Applause.)

9 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: The Best
10 Overall Program Saluting Active Duty Servicewomen. No one
11 wrote a supplemental. Remember that for next year.

12 Unit with the largest donation per capita in Past
13 Presidents Parlay Program. Unfortunately I do not have
14 the information. I never received it from the department
15 office. It will be figured out who the award belongs to.
16 The certificate will be made and sent and the information
17 will probably be posted on the website.

18 The District Best Overall Program in Past
19 Presidents Parlay. First place goes to District 22, Gigi
20 Manno, chairman.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Do we
23 have our honorees ready in the back? Madam Department
24 President, with your permission I would like to have our
25 Unit Member of the Year and Active-Duty Servicewoman

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1 escorted and introduced to the assembly.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Will the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please escort to the station
4 the Auxiliary Member of the Year and the Active-Duty
5 Servicewoman of the Year.

6 (Processional.)

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Thank
8 you. It is now my pleasure to present to you the
9 Auxiliary Member of the Year, Ms. Esther Hanks, sponsored
10 by Ventura Unit 339, District 16.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: And also
13 Air Force Active-Duty Senior Master Sergeant Josephine
14 Carrillo, sponsored by Carl R. Meairs Unit 289, District
15 21.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Ventura
18 Unit 339 refers to their 48-year member -- not 48 years
19 old, but 48-year member of the organization as a guardian
20 angel to their unit. Not being able to drive has not
21 stopped her from attending all meetings and any activity
22 that the unit is involved with. She has served as unit
23 president, continues to serve as Past Presidents Parlay
24 Chairman, Poppy Chairman, and leader of the junior
25 program. She meets regularly with the juniors, leading

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1 them in veterans and community service programs.

2 At Christmas she runs the unit canned goods drive
3 for a local transitional house and in honor of Memorial
4 Day leads the unit to place more than 1200 flags at graves
5 of veterans at the local Ventura cemetery. This
6 exceptional woman is Ms. Esther Hanks.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Would
9 you like to say a few words, Esther?

10 AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR HANKS: I'm nervous,
11 but I'm so proud to be here as a member of the year that I
12 was chosen by the unit and the district. Thank you. And
13 I thank you, Madam President. I was really, really
14 surprised that I was named unit member of the year because
15 I know that a lot of members have worked as hard as I
16 have, maybe more. But it is a privilege and a pleasure to
17 be here.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Our Navy
20 Active-Duty Servicewoman joined the military in 2010 and
21 as an electronics technician third class is responsible
22 for giving correct information in a direct way, not to put
23 her fellow servicemen and women in harm's way. She is a
24 dual member of Alpine Unit 258, is married and has two
25 children.

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1 Does it surprise you that she says, "Do not
2 underestimate women in the military. We think like
3 mothers and carry extra useful supplies." Her name is
4 Shannon Lovins. She's a Navy electronics third class and
5 she is not able to be here today. Guess why? She's
6 active duty.

7 I do have a letter that I received from her, and
8 it says, "Dear Norma DuVall and Members of the American
9 Legion Auxiliary. I send my deepest apologies for not
10 being able to attend your convention. I am now and will
11 be on duty during this time. Thank you for the wonderful
12 letter that you sent me. This is such a great honor. I
13 hope to meet you all in person to express my gratitude.
14 Please thank your group of judges and all those that
15 selected me to such a great honor."

16 I would like to say she is a dual member of the
17 organization.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Now 1990
20 was the beginning of reenlistment in the dream career
21 field of our Air Force active-duty servicewomen. She has
22 been deployed seven times since 1996 and medals include
23 Purple Heart. She is part of the 452nd Aeromedical
24 Evacuation Squadron, 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air
25 Force Reserve Base, and was recently selected by the Wing

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1 Commander to manage the 452nd Air Mobility Wing Yellow
2 Ribbon Reintegration Program.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: Her
5 community service includes speaking to young women in
6 schools and encouraging them to explore the opportunities
7 that taught her great courage, self-esteem, equality,
8 educational opportunities, and leadership. Please welcome
9 Senior Master Sergeant Josephine Carrillo.

10 (Applause.)

11 SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT CARRILLO: First of all, I
12 want to say thank you to you. I think you have the
13 hardest job. You stay at home and worry about us. But
14 you do also send us great things, notes, cookies,
15 brownies. We love them all. We stand on your shoulders
16 to serve. So thank you for what you do. Thank you the
17 American Legion for supporting us and fighting for us to
18 give us rights and benefits.

19 Like they said before, I belong to the 452nd Air
20 Mobility Wing. I'm an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician,
21 and I have the privilege to bring home your finest. I
22 take care of them, bring them out of the war zone, and we
23 give care in the air to bring everybody back home with
24 dignity.

25 And so I thank you for what you do for us because

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1 without you, you know, our morale and everything else, it
2 wouldn't be there. Right now I'm also serving with our
3 Wing Commander in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.
4 It's to help families -- bring families in so they can
5 also learn what the military member does and be
6 self-sufficient while the military member is away, connect
7 them with services and organizations such as the American
8 Legion and the VA and other things so that while we are
9 gone, everybody else could connect and, you know, just not
10 worry at home. It reduces suicides and mental health
11 problems and stuff so we all work together. So thank you
12 again.

13 (Applause.)

14 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLAY CHAIRMAN DUVALL: We are
15 all so proud of your accomplishments and sacrifices that
16 you have made serving others first, not self, and the role
17 that you play in shaping a positive future in an
18 atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace, and security.
19 We will hear a little more from our two remarkable women
20 at the luncheon today.

21 Madam Department President, this concludes my
22 report.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause,
25 we accept your report. Thank you, Norma. Will the

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1 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished
2 Guest Chairman please escort the ladies from the room.

3 We're going to have notes right now, but our
4 Constitutional & Bylaws will have to wait until after the
5 PPP luncheon. We're going to have a note -- no, we're not
6 doing those things. But, you know, I kind of like the
7 announcements too, so let's go.

8 (Singing.)

9 (Processional.)

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Well, now it's going
11 to be part two of some of those mystical dreams I had last
12 night. Will Susan Peters and Barbara Love meet with
13 Margaret Quinones just outside to the right as we're
14 walking out, please. Susan Peters and Barbara Love meet
15 with Margaret Quinones outside the door.

16 The district presidents are to meet with
17 credentials Saturday morning at 7:00 in registration area.
18 So district presidents, tomorrow morning 7:00 a.m. meet
19 with credentials in the registration area.

20 And I'll say it again. After the afternoon
21 session, so at the end of session today, at 7:00 a.m.
22 tomorrow morning district presidents need to meet with
23 registration and credentials.

24 Linda's Racers, Bev's Stars, Madeline's Love
25 Princesses, Pilar's Musicians, and Norma's Birds of

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1 Paradise will meet together at lunch recess Saturday to
2 the right of the restaurant. It's the side to your right,
3 my left. Hope to see all of you there.

4 Linda's Rodeo Queens will meet at 7:00 a.m. for
5 breakfast Saturday morning in the hotel restaurant. 7:00
6 a.m. again for that one.

7 Margaret's Dream Catchers, Jerry's Cards,
8 Goldie's Golden Leaks, and Ruby's All Stars will meet
9 Saturday noon in Room 223. That's 223 in the Doral for
10 Margaret's Dream Catchers, Jerry's Cards, Goldie's Golden
11 Leaks, and Ruby's All Stars.

12 Now, District 16, do you still have your three
13 tickets for sale?

14 District 16: No.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. That's done.

16 Okay. Did everyone receive their luncheon tickets? I
17 would suggest that if your district did not get the
18 tickets, have your page go track down Estella Avina.
19 Because I'm not sure -- as we know, normally they are
20 distributed out to the districts during this time. I do
21 not know who is distributing them, so I would say it would
22 probably make sense just to send the district pages to
23 find Estella and find out where the district tickets are.

24 And that is it for my mystical dreams. Maybe at
25 lunch I'll go into a trance and have some more later.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Ladies, we
2 are going to the Past Presidents Parlay luncheon across
3 the hall in the Oleander room.

4 Margaret, I don't want to talk to you, Margaret.
5 I want to go to lunch. I'm recognizing Margaret Quinones.

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: Madam President,
7 I want to add Shelby's Actresses to the group that's going
8 to be meeting with the Dream Catchers, All Stars, et
9 cetera.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: What room number
11 again?

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: 223.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: 223. Thank you,
14 Margaret. Okay. Ladies, you'll be back here at 2:00
15 o'clock. Oh, oh, ladies, wait, wait. If I can't escape,
16 you can't escape. That's the way it is.

17 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: Hello. Can you all
18 hear me?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes.

20 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: Protocol in Roberts
21 Rules of Order directs my question and my comments to you,
22 Madam President.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

24 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: My name is Cynthia
25 Crudo. I am from District 21.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

2 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: Unit 519, Palm
3 Springs.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

5 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: I don't know if
6 anybody else has, but may I officially welcome you to my
7 beautiful desert.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I'm not sure I
9 want to accept that welcome. It's hotter than you know
10 what. And besides that, they turned the lights off last
11 night. They didn't give me a flashlight. When I tried to
12 find my room, there was dragons and trolls and all sorts
13 of things in the hallway. No lights.

14 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: I --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You apologize,
16 right.

17 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: No. My comment is
18 this. We do have -- Mother Nature decided to pull a trick
19 on us. This is unusual for us to have this weather at
20 this particular time. Later on, that's okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Right.

22 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: However, let me
23 point out. We don't have floods. We don't have tornados.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: That's because
25 you don't have any rain.

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1 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: We don't have
2 hurricanes.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I wasn't born
4 yesterday.

5 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: But that's kind of
6 keeping us in line. May I tell you, please, that I've
7 lived here since I was two years old. The only other
8 person I believe that has lived in here that long is my
9 sister.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: So it runs in the
11 family.

12 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: But my comment is
13 this, Madam President. I see people going like this. I
14 just had my 72nd birthday last week, so I've lived here a
15 long time. Let me tell you going like this just creates
16 more energy and keeps that perspiration coming. So the
17 best way to cool off is to let our perspiration cool you.
18 That's the way your body works.

19 Number two, I saw more than half of the
20 membership wearing dark clothes. This is not good. Black
21 and dark clothes absorbs the heat. Wear light colored or
22 some kind of covering for your head because all of the
23 coolness in your body goes to your brain to try to cool it
24 off.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Where were you

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1 three days ago? Too little too late.

2 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE CRUDO: If you're already
3 cooked, I'm sorry. But these couple of handy hints. And
4 we have so many things for you to do in Palm Springs. And
5 nights are exciting. The hotel has some activities. We
6 have great food everywhere.

7 I particularly want to thank you for coming to
8 Palm Springs. We have major golf tournaments. We have
9 over 300 swimming pools. We have several hundred golf
10 courses, major tennis tournaments, Olympic activities
11 here. Thank you for coming. Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.
13 Ladies, the luncheon is across the hallway in the Oleander
14 Room. This lady should have talked to us three days ago
15 before we packed. Now next time I get hot and the sweat
16 is pouring off, I'm going to come let you fan me. Thank
17 you.

18 (Lunch recess: 12:07 p.m.)

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1 not have a chair?

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ladies.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Ladies,
4 that's enough. I need silence, please.

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6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

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8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. The
9 convention -- this is our Constitution & Bylaws. Since
10 you were talking you might not have heard the president
11 announce that. The convention committee on Constitution &
12 Bylaws met on June 27th, 2013 in the Vista Chino Room of
13 the Doral Hotel here in Palm Springs.

14 The statistical report of this chairman does not
15 appear in the Book of Reports. Several copies will be
16 provided to each district for you to insert in your Book
17 of Reports prior to leaving this convention, hopefully if
18 the copy machine has been repaired. If you do not receive
19 a copy, I've been told by our dragon, Secretary Peggy,
20 that you may go to the office and obtain a copy if you so
21 desire one. I have given them my only original, so that
22 is in the department office.

23 Carol Fuqua, District 25, was appointed
24 secretary. Tina Minasian, District 6, offered prayer, and
25 CJ Reyes was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16

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1 districts answered roll call. There were two visitors
2 present.

3 The committee agreed on the following report:
4 The code was read and there were no code changes. There
5 were no resolutions, except that National Poppy Chairman
6 Melanie Taylor advised that the National organization has
7 changed the deadline dates for reporting and an emergency
8 resolution may be presented to change all program report
9 dates. We have already taken care of that business
10 earlier.

11 The recommendations by this chairman was to
12 remind all members that original signatures are required
13 on bylaws and amendments, not photocopies of original
14 signatures. They are not acceptable. To use model forms
15 as are required by the code, and to change the guideline
16 recommending no less than three members are required for a
17 quorum on a general membership meeting.

18 The 100 percent reporting awards were inserted in
19 the delegates' packets. Honorable mentions, third, and
20 second place awards were presented. With no further
21 business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

22 Madam President, may I continue with my
23 supplemental report and my first place awards?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You may.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.

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1 Madam President, living and breathing scrolls came to life
2 during their magical, mystical journey this year. There
3 continues to be a major challenge of units providing
4 original signatures on all pages when submitting any
5 bylaws and amendments to bylaws. There were also some
6 misunderstandings during this year's election season. The
7 reminder remains the same: read your bylaws, follow the
8 rules. If in doubt, ask questions.

9 Aside from those challenges, there were three
10 districts and 19 units that completed their mandatory
11 rewrites this year, two union bylaws and 39 units with
12 amendments. There were a few units whose amendments or
13 bylaws could not be approved due to assorted reasons. In
14 every case, the chairman or the president -- the chairman
15 or the president were contacted by phone or e-mails. Many
16 errors were resolved over the phone, while some had to be
17 returned for corrections.

18 As you can see by the statistics in the Book of
19 Reports -- sorry about that -- many units reviewed their
20 bylaws and standing rules at the beginning of their
21 administrative year. All units should adopt this
22 practice. Following our set of rules and bylaws keeps
23 members engaged with the necessary governess that is
24 required of any large organization.

25 The new version soft cover of Roberts Rules of

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1 Order is also in use by many parliamentarians and members.
2 As unit members recite and memorize the preamble, they
3 learn to understand what we stand for and why we exist.
4 Unit members are also inserting the ALA mission and vision
5 statements in their bylaws as is required. Members should
6 be encouraged to learn and memorize those statements as
7 well.

8 By having our bylaws, vision, and mission in
9 order and current, we are free to assist our biggest
10 treasures, our veterans and their families.

11 Madam President, at this time I would like to
12 present my first place awards. I don't see my people
13 here. Are they in the back? Hey you. So since she's
14 waving, first place unit report goes to Linda Fariss,
15 Hawthorne Unit 314, District 19.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Present to you
18 your first award. And inside the scroll is a miniature of
19 your first place award. Awesome job.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: First place
22 district report awards go to Odette Cuccaro, District 18.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: And here is
25 your first place reward -- award, rather, along with a

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1 scroll with a miniature of your award.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Oh, oh. I hear
3 \$5 ringing in my life.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Great job too,
5 Odette. Madam President, thank you for this appointment.
6 This was truly a learning experience and I appreciate you
7 for selecting me for this, and this concludes my report.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause
9 you've accepted this report.

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11 NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2013-2014

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13 We'll now continue with nominations. At this
14 time we will proceed with the nominations of department
15 officers, Junior Member of Finance, and delegates and
16 alternates to the National Convention.

17 Ladies, is there anybody here that's going to
18 nominate anybody? Okay.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: It means you're
20 going to have to do it again.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Come on, come on,
22 come on. No, it does not. I nominate Anita Biggs for
23 president. Oh, yes, I can. I nominate Anita Biggs for
24 president.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I decline. I

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1 decline.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Chair recognizes
3 Gloria Williams.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madam
5 President. Anita Biggs, candidate for Department
6 President. Anita Biggs is a 22-year honorary lifetime
7 member of Jackson Robinson Unit 252 located in Los
8 Angeles, California. Anita is eligible for the Auxiliary
9 through the service of her late father, William "Chief"
10 Johnson, dedicated -- who was dedicated past 252 and 23rd
11 District Commander. He retired after 30 years in the
12 United States Navy.

13 On the unit level, she has served many
14 chairmanships and offices of president,
15 secretary/treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Marshal, executive
16 committeewoman, and continues to be a proud member and
17 co-captain of the Warwick Women Unit 252 Color Guard.

18 On the district level, she has served as
19 President, First Vice President, Second Vice President,
20 Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Marshal. On
21 the department level she has served as Membership
22 Chairman, leading the Department to goal for the first
23 time in many years; Leadership; Unit Development &
24 Revitalization; Poppy; Americanism, National award;
25 Children & Youth, National award; and Veterans Affairs &

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1 Rehabilitation, and currently serving as Constitution &
2 Bylaws chairman.

3 On the National level, Unit Development and
4 Revitalization Chairman and Vice Chairman of Membership
5 Committee, National Security Committee, and as Girls State
6 Western Division Chairman and is currently serving as
7 Legislative Committee.

8 Anita has been employed in the mortgage industry
9 for over 30 years and is currently employed at One United
10 Bank in Los Angeles, California as a senior loan
11 underwriter. Anita resides in Long Beach, California and
12 is married to Lonnie Biggs, Jr. Together they have one
13 daughter, Tiara, two sons, Lonnie and Dillon, as well as
14 five grandchildren who are all members of the American
15 Legion Family.

16 The 23rd District and Jackie Robinson Unit 252
17 have proudly and wholeheartedly endorsed Anita Biggs for
18 the office of president of the Department of California
19 2013-2014.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are there any
22 further nominations for Department President?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hearing none,
25 nominations for Department President are now closed.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nominations are
3 now open for the office of Department Vice President. The
4 chair recognizes Laura Clendenin from District 15.

5 District 15 DELEGATE CLENDENIN: Thank you, Madam
6 President. American Legion Auxiliary Tehachapi Unit 221
7 District 15 nominated Harriet Clendenin for the Department
8 of California Vice President. I am nominating her not
9 only because she is my mother, but because of how proud I
10 am as her daughter.

11 On the department level, many watched Harriet
12 going up from all the department chairs from department
13 musician all the way to the VA&R. She has been successful
14 in everything she has done, not only on department level,
15 but also at the unit and district.

16 Tehachapi Unit 221 since she joined in 2006 after
17 being with Camarillo Unit 741 for five years prior has
18 grown immensely. She has found time to implement programs
19 with her Auxiliary members packaging for troops and as
20 well as a food bank for veterans on a five-week school
21 program.

22 Districts -- on district level she has worked in
23 2007 and 2008 as president. Her recent chairmanship she
24 has been very successful at an event called Wall-to-Wall,
25 which raises community awareness of needs for our veterans

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1 and raised \$11,000 doing so.

2 (Applause.)

3 District 15 DELEGATE CLENDENIN: One thing that I
4 know on the side from the American Legion Auxiliary is
5 that she succeeds in everything she does. Last year she
6 was not able to make it to convention because of my
7 returning home from deployment.

8 As a veteran, I know she knows what they need and
9 can successfully fulfill Department of California Vice
10 President. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, Laura.
13 Are there any further nominations for the office of Vice
14 President?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hearing none,
17 nominations for Department Vice President are now closed.
18 Harriet, do you want to stand and wave?

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nominations are
21 now open for the office of Department Junior Member of
22 Finance. The chair recognizes Diane DeLashmit from
23 District 25.

24 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you. The
25 great 25th District has endorsed Kathryn Doran as a

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1 candidate for Junior Member of Finance for the year of
2 2013-2014. Kathryn is eligible through her own right
3 having served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam
4 era. She is a dual member since 2007 and has served as
5 unit president of Yucaipa Unit 426. After surrendering
6 their charter, she transferred to Richard O. Reed Unit 777
7 where she served as First Vice President, Membership, and
8 AEF Chairman.

9 After purchasing a farm in Phelan, she
10 transferred to Leo Collins Unit 229 in Adelanto where she
11 has served as first Vice President, Membership, and
12 Leadership Chairman. On the district level she has served
13 as President, First and Second Vice President, Membership,
14 and Americanism Chairman.

15 Kathryn is a certified leadership instructor.
16 She attended various colleges, ultimately achieving a
17 bachelor's degree in cost accounting from National
18 American University. She has over 30 years of experience
19 in accounting and financial management.

20 Kathryn has recently retired. Kathryn will be an
21 asset to the Department of California if elected. I
22 nominate Kathryn Doran for the office of Junior Member of
23 Finance for the year 2013-2014.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are there any

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1 further nominations for the office of Junior Member of
2 Finance?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hearing none,
5 nominations for the department Junior Member of Finance
6 are now closed.

7 Kathryn, do you want to stand?

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are there any
10 endorsements for national officer?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hearing none,
13 moving on.

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15 NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO

16 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: We will now
19 proceed with the nominations for delegates to National
20 Convention. Department Constitution Article V, Section
21 10: The Department President, Department President Elect,
22 Department Secretary/Treasurer are the individuals called
23 by the Department President to serve as the delegation
24 secretary to the National Convention and National Chairman
25 shall be first nominated delegates if they are attending

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1 the National Convention.

2 Each district will present the names of the
3 elected delegate and/or alternate for ratification. The
4 privilege of further nominations provided the number of
5 delegates and/or alternates is under the designated number
6 shall be given by districts' numerical membership
7 strength. Nominations are now open for delegates to
8 National Convention. Will our Secretary Peggy Vogele
9 please read the names of the nominees?

10 Do you have the count also, Peggy?

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Yes. As of this
12 morning, District 1 I have nobody. District 2 passes.
13 District 3 has no one. District 4 has no one. District 5
14 passes. District 6 is Glenda Schultz.

15 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT PAMBID: Glenda is a pass.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Glenda is a pass.
17 Okay. District 7 is Peggy Vogele. District 8 is a pass.
18 District 9 is Janet Wilson. Janet 10 -- Janet 10. Geez,
19 Louise.

20 District 10 is Pilar Reyes. District 11 is no
21 one. District 12 is no one. District 13 is Sandy Jacobs.
22 And I wanted to double-check on this one. District 14,
23 would that be Sandy Urban for District 14.

24 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Yes.

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. District 15

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1 is Delores Ryan. District 16 is Vickie Crowe. District
2 18 is no one. District 19 is Tammy Sollazzo. District 20
3 is Linda Hayes. District 21 is Marge Rye. District 22 is
4 Vergie Goffney. District 23 is Jackie Cleveland.
5 District 24 is Rebecca Wilson. District 25 is Kathryn
6 Doran. District 26 is Linda Workman. District 27 is
7 LuAnn Capazzi. District 28 I have no one. District 29 I
8 have no one. And District 30 is Belen Telford.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: How many are we
10 eligible for?

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: At last count I
12 think we were at 25. I may have to double-check that, but
13 at last count was 25.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I need a correct
15 count, please.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. I will have
17 to get back to you on that one.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I need it now
19 because we can't nominate for more than what we have.

20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Well, then, Madam
21 President, I may have to take a break. I can give you
22 what we have now, but I will have to run out to the car.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I show that we
24 were entitled to five delegates for charter and 18 for the
25 amount of membership for a total of 23 delegates. Five

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1 for charter and one for every 1500 members. Our count was
2 24,000.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Right. Okay. So,
4 I'm sorry, Madam President. So we have five plus 23?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No, 23 total.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Twenty-three. Okay.
7 Then yes, we have 23. And I have just been given a note
8 we have another pass. District 30 passes. So at this
9 time of the 23 we have -- pardon me. Right now we have 21
10 names, 21 delegates.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. There's a
12 correction on our count. Excuse me. It's five delegates
13 for charter and 18 for the amount of membership for a
14 total of 21 delegates. Twenty-three. Sixteen and five is
15 21. Yeah, 16 and five is 21.

16 Okay. We have -- we're at full delegate strength
17 please now, so will you please read those nominated for
18 delegates. Based on what she has over there, I have to
19 have a count of who she has over there so far, ladies.

20 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Madam President,
21 District 18 turned in their delegates on Wednesday to
22 Madam Secretary.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Who did --
24 do you have a copy of your paperwork?

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: It's probably back

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1 in the office. Who was it?

2 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Pamela Dixon Hicks
3 was the delegate and Lupe Galaviz was the alternate.

4 SECRETARY/TREASURER: I'm sorry. How do you
5 spell the alternate's name.

6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: L-U-P-E
7 G-A-L-A-V-I-Z.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Lisa, District
10 12.

11 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: I thought I had
12 turned in the paper and Kathy Smith as the delegate.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. You have
14 turned in your paper?

15 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Uh-huh.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 12,
17 Kathy Smith.

18 Beverly.

19 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Are you talking
20 to me?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

22 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Okay. District
23 11, we mailed in our delegation. I've Mary Adame.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Mary Adame.

25 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Yes.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 11. Are
2 there any other corrections to the paperwork the
3 department office has on file?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Peggy,
6 will you please read the districts and the names of those
7 nominated?

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: For the district we
9 have District 7, Peggy Vogeale. District 9, Janet Wilson.
10 District 10, Pilar Reyes. District 11, Mary Adame.
11 District 12, Kathy Smith, District 13, Sandy Jacob.
12 District 14, Sandy Urban. District 5, Delores Ryan. I'm
13 sorry. District 15. Pardon me.

14 District 16, Vickie Crowe. District 18, Pamela
15 Hicks. District 19, Tammy Sollazzo. District 20 is Linda
16 Hayes. District 21 is Marge Rye. District 22 is Vergie
17 Goffney. District 23 is Jackie Cleveland. District 24 is
18 Rebecca Wilson. District 25 is Kathryn Doran. District
19 26 is Linda Workman. And District 27 is LuAnn Capazzi.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Those that
21 you have not read is Terry Mikesell, District 2. Anita
22 Biggs, District 23. Melanie Taylor, District 5. Nancy
23 Brown-Park, District 26. You mentioned Peggy Vogeale,
24 District 7.

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: And I can -- I have

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1 an alternate for District 7.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I'm not ready for
3 alternates yet.

4 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: No, I didn't know if
5 I've being counted in the five.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You are one of
7 the five.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. So then I'll
9 change that for District 7. It's Bonnie Bradbury.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: After the -- you
11 take precedence as being a Department Secretary/Treasurer,
12 and then it goes on count. How many total do we have now
13 with those names I gave you?

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Twenty-four. And
15 one thing that I'd like to add is the names we have read
16 for delegates, are you sure that these people will be
17 attending National? Because I would hate to have it where
18 you're just on the list just because you're the delegate
19 and then when time comes you're not going to be able to
20 attend and we're not going to put someone in your place.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: How many do you
22 show? Twenty-two. Peggy and I show 24 and Ruby and Anita
23 show 22. So can we have the count again, please?

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Yes. I'll use my
25 fingers and toes. Terry Mikesell, Anita Biggs, Peggy

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1 Vogele, Nancy Park-Brown, Melanie Taylor, Bonnie Bradbury,
2 Janet Wilson, Pilar Reyes, Mary Adame, Kathy Smith, Sandy
3 Jacob, Sandy Urban, Delores Ryan, Vickie Crowe, Pamela
4 Hicks, Tammy Sollazzo, Linda Hayes.

5 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Nancy shouldn't
6 be counted.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Bonnie Bradbury.
9 Oh, pardon me. You know who I forgot also on here? Is if
10 I need to take Nancy off in her own right, I forgot Linda
11 Fercho is on there too, but she's in her own right.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Who is Bonnie
13 Bradbury?

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. That's my
15 question. Am I in the five that's going or am I going to
16 represent my district?

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Why are you
18 asking me?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Just a second.
20 Anita, stand there, please. Okay. My National Delegation
21 Secretary is going to be Diane DeLashmit from District 25.

22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Thank you. Okay.
23 Are we ready for me to finger count again?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I don't know. I
25 still have my shoes on. We're doing good. One more time,

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1 babe.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Terry
3 Mikesell, Anita Biggs, Diane DeLashmit. And I'm taking
4 Nancy Brown out of the five. And so that would be Melanie
5 Taylor, and who do we want to put in the five?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Diane DeLashmit.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: So I have me in both
8 places. So right now you have four: Terry Mikesell,
9 Anita Biggs, Diane DeLashmit, Melanie Taylor, and one more
10 for the five.

11 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: That's it.

12 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: There's just one.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Well, wait a
14 minute. I get five delegates for charter.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: That's what I'm
16 saying. I have four for the charter.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I only have four
18 for the charter so far.

19 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President,
20 Diane DeLashmit.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

22 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Past Department
23 President. We don't have a given number for the delegates
24 in their own right. It depends on what appointments they
25 have on the National level. Melanie has in her own right

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1 because she is a National Chairman. If we didn't have
2 Melanie as a National Chairman, we would only have three.
3 We would have the president, the new president, plus the
4 secretary. Those are the only three givens. Then if
5 there's a department -- or a National Chairman, then we
6 would have that as a delegate. So it's not a given number
7 of five automatically.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All right. So I
9 have four given and 17.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. Whatever
11 the number is you're supposed to end up with.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yeah. Okay.
13 Patience, ladies, patience. Thank you, Diane.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: All right. So then
15 we have our four, and our four are Terry Mikesell, Anita
16 Biggs, Diane DeLashmit, and Melanie Taylor. And then
17 we're going for 17, but first I will read you who is from
18 the districts. And I'll do the finger again.

19 Here we go again. Peggy Vogeale, Janet Wilson,
20 Pilar Reyes, Mary Adame, Kathy Smith, Sandy Jacob, Sandy
21 Urban, Delores Ryan, Vickie Crowe, Pamela Hicks, Tammy
22 Sollazzo, Linda Hayes, Marge Rye, Vergie Goffney, Jackie
23 Cleveland. And that's 15. Rebecca Wilson would be 16.
24 Kathryn Doran would be 17, and then the only other two on
25 the list that we have for delegates by the district are

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1 Linda Workman and LuAnn Capazzi.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: Madam
3 President. Madam President.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Sandy, I hear
5 you, but I couldn't see you. You're too short.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: We all can't be
7 tall.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Someone told me
9 to look for that little, short gray-haired lady.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: That's right.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hello.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: I have a
13 question, please, and I don't know if anybody in the
14 audience could answer it. Janet Wilson District 9 usually
15 goes as a Legionnaire.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She does.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: And I don't
18 know if they just submitted her name just to have a name
19 for the --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Dolly Rios, will
21 you please answer the question? Dolly is District 9
22 president.

23 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: She requested it.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Well, you
25 know, I've got to be honest here. It's hard for you to be

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1 a delegate to the Legion and to the Auxiliary and it's
2 really not fair when you're not able to be on the floor
3 the whole time to go as a delegate on both sides of the
4 house. Now that I've said that, I probably shouldn't have
5 said that.

6 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Right, right.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: I have a
8 feeling that she's going as a Legion.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, she will.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: But that, I
11 don't know.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: So I'm one over,
13 Peg? I'm two over. Okay, ladies. Two of you lovely
14 delegates need to hop up to the microphone real quick and
15 take an alternate position or we're going to have to go to
16 a vote. So two of you real frog-like hop over to the
17 microphone.

18 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT WILSON: Madam President,
19 District 24, Rebecca Wilson. If the question is District
20 9, why can't we move Janet down to alternate?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I don't know if
22 that's legal. I vote for it.

23 Dolly, you're the district president. Do you
24 want to make that happen? Honey, you're a big girl.

25 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I'll suffer the

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1 consequences. Okay.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Janet
3 Wilson has graciously volunteered to step down as an
4 alternate.

5 (Applause.)

6 District 18 DELEGATE DIXON HICKS: Madam
7 President, I can't get to the mic.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Pamela Dixon
9 Hicks. Yes, baby.

10 District 18 DELEGATE DIXON HICKS: In the count
11 Peggy counted herself in the four.

12 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: No.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No. We've got
14 that taken care of. Yeah, we've got two other -- we've
15 got heads over here that are counting.

16 District 18 DELEGATE DIXON HICKS: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: So would one of
18 you be willing to jump down from a delegate to an
19 alternate? Oh, good. Kathy Smith, District 12, she has
20 graciously jumped down to an alternate. Thank you, Kathy.

21 So now I need 19 alternates because I already
22 have two.

23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. We have --

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nominations are
25 now closed for delegates to National Convention.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nominations are
3 now open for alternates to National Convention. Will our
4 Department Secretary Peggy please read the names of the
5 nominations.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 1, nothing
7 was turned in. District 2 is a pass. District 3 and
8 District 4 I have no names. District 5 is a pass.
9 District 6 is a pass. District 7 is Bonnie Bradbury.
10 District 8 is a pass. District 9 is Janet Wilson.
11 District 10 is Emily Magwilli. District 11 we have no
12 one. District 12 is Kathy Smith. District 13 is a pass.
13 District 14 is a pass. District 15 is Zana Chaney.
14 District 16 is Madeline Lee. District 18 is Lupe Galaviz.
15 District 19 is a pass. District 20 is a pass. District
16 21 is Estella Avina. District 22 is June Coatney.
17 District 23 is Denise Coleman. District 24 is Vi
18 Walquist.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Withdrawn.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Vi withdrew.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 25 -- well,
22 Diane is not there now. District 26 is LuAnn Johnston.
23 District 27 is Danielle White. No names for 28, 29, and
24 District 30 is a pass.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Where is our

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1 count, ladies? We have 12 alternates.

2 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: No, that's not
3 right.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Wait a minute.
5 Diane is going back to the microphone.

6 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President,
7 Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President. I felt that
8 we had Bonnie Bradbury over as a delegate, but --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. And
11 District 25 does have another nominee, and that's Donna
12 Scott.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Donna Scott is an
14 alternate for District 25. We have 13. We need six more
15 alternates. Are any of you lovely ladies in this room
16 going to be going to the National Convention?

17 Rebecca.

18 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT STEWART-WILSON: District
19 24, Ruth Hackney.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 24, Ruth
21 Hackney.

22 District 16 PRESIDENT ROCHA-CARLOS: Madam
23 President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, Marion.

25 District 16 PRESIDENT ROCHA-CARLOS: Madeline

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1 Lee.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No. They say no.
3 She's already in the count. Darlene Duncan.

4 District 16 PRESIDENT ROCHA-CARLOS: Darlene
5 Duncan. Sorry.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 16,
7 Darlene Duncan.

8 Okay. Peggy, will you please call the districts
9 to the microphone for their voting strength by delegate
10 strength for alternates? We need more alternates.

11 District 15 PRESIDENT RISNER: District 15,
12 Genieca Risner. Ashley Valentich.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Can't do that,
14 Genieca. I've been admonished.

15 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: District 11,
16 Barnes Villa.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.
18 They're going to call you to the microphone based on your
19 delegate strength.

20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Madam President,
21 that was District 11 and so far they did not put down an
22 alternate. Can they still put in an alternate?

23 District 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Cheryl, yes.

25 District 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Madam President,

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1 Cheryl Neiffer, District 29. We would like to submit Pat
2 Alvarez as an alternate.

3 THE WITNESS: Madam President?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Barbara, I'm not
5 ready for you yet, babe. I'm not ready for Cheryl either.

6 It says if not enough delegates are on the list,
7 Peggy will go from each district from highest to lowest
8 membership strength.

9 So tag, you're it I guess, Cheryl.

10 District 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: District 29,
11 Cheryl Neiffer. District 29 would like to nominate Pat
12 Alvarez as an alternate.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 29 Pat
14 Alvarez.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Wait a minute. The
16 next one would be. Okay. It looks like our next one
17 would be District 22. Let's look at District 22.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Barbara Love, 22.

19 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT LOVE: Barbara Love.
20 District 22 would like to nominate Susie Tozier for
21 alternate.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Susie Tozier, 22,
23 for alternate. District 25?

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: That's next.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Kathryn Doran, do

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1 you have an alternate? Diane DeLashmit, do you have an
2 alternate?

3 District 25 PRESIDENT DORAN: No.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No. Twenty-five
5 passes on alternate.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 16.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Twenty-one.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Pardon me.

9 Twenty-one.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 21.

11 Estella Avina, does your district have an alternate?

12 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Jeri Johnston.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Jeri Johnston.

14 Jeri, where is she at?

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: She's trying to get
16 to a microphone.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Jeri Johnston,
18 District 21.

19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Joann Evans.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She's a dual
21 member. She also goes as a delegate of the Legion.

22 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Then we pass.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You can still
24 nominate her, but I'm telling you really truly if the
25 Auxiliary members are going to be there that are not a

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1 Legion delegate -- never mind. Shut up.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I have District 19
3 as the next one.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Tie between 19
5 and 16. Who wants to be first? Tammy Sollazzo.

6 District 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Madam President,
7 we will pass as having an alternate for National.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nineteen has
9 passed.

10 Sixteen, do you have an alternate? Marion, do
11 you have an alternate besides Madeline that we already
12 used?

13 District 16 PRESIDENT ROCHA-CARLOS: Yes. Madam
14 President, we would like to put Darlene Duncan.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Darlene Duncan,
16 District 16. If God is willing we now have 21. Ruby says
17 no, I don't.

18 Anita, tell me I have 21. Anita says no also.
19 Seventeen. Huh. She's got 18.

20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: The next one I show
21 is 18. Is that the next district you show is 18?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Donna Enright,
23 District 18.

24 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: District 18
25 passes.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Eighteen passes.

2 Next?

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Twenty-eight.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 28, Ms.
5 Liz Doidge.

6 District 28 PRESIDENT DOIDGE: District 28
7 passes.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Twenty-eight
9 passes.

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Twenty-three. No,
11 5. I guess it's 5. It's between 5 and 23.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 5 I
13 would assume. Ms. Jean.

14 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT MUELLER: District 5 passes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Five passes.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Next I show is 23.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 23. Ms.
18 Liz Jones is making her way to the microphone.

19 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT JONES: District 23 would
20 like to nominate Earlene Paige.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I thought it was
22 going to be Gloria Williams. You may be confused. Do you
23 want to turn around and look at your district and see?

24 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT JONES: It's going to be
25 Gloria Williams.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.

2 District 23, Gloria Williams.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I think it's 11.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 11. Oh,
5 here comes Beverly again.

6 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: District 11
7 would like to nominate Barnes Villa.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Barnes Villa,
9 District 11. Barnes. Barnes Villa. She belongs to
10 Pancho. Or he belongs to her, whichever way you want to
11 look at it.

12 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I'm showing next
13 District 27.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 27. The
15 very gracious Vella Myers strolls to the microphone. Look
16 at that.

17 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: I'm sorry. I've
18 been hat shopping today.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You should have
20 taken Linda Workman. Go ahead.

21 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: I'll be happy to
22 take her. District 27 passes.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Oh, wait a
24 second. We may have 21. We're going to have a pause and
25 make sure. Hold on. I'll entertain you. Have they been

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1 playing with my rooster. Wait a minute. It gets better.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: This is the
4 kingdom of the royal rooster. Oh, he had too much to
5 drink.

6 Oh, drat. I need one more. Who's my next
7 victim? Twenty-seven. They pass.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. I -- okay.
9 Twenty and then 14.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. District
11 20. District 20.

12 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Did they pass?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 20
14 passes.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 14.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Sandy Urban.
17 Young lady, do you want to stroll to the microphone? Oh,
18 here she comes.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I lied. I think
20 District 15 is ahead of District -- I'm looking at
21 District 15 as having 567 and I lied. That's why I'm
22 looking at the --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Fourteen is
24 first. Get back up there, Sandy, quickly. Don't listen
25 to Peggy. She tells stories. District 14.

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1 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: District 14 passes.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: District 15. Ms.
3 Genieca Risner. See, she was up there earlier and I made
4 her sit down.

5 District 15 PRESIDENT RISNER: District 15
6 nominates Joy Valentich -- Ashley Valentich.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ashley Valentich
8 from District 16. We may be ready to walk. Genieca, how
9 do you spell the last name?

10 District 15 PRESIDENT RISNER: V-A-L-E-N-T-I-C-H.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Just like it
12 sounds. Thank you, Ashley. I hate to ask you this. Now
13 will you read the names of the alternates. Not you, Ruby.
14 Peggy.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Bonnie Bradbury,
16 Janet Wilson, Emily Magwilli, Barnes Villa, Kathy Smith,
17 Zana Chaney, Ashley Valentich, Madeline Lee, Darlene
18 Duncan, Lupe Galaviz, Estella Avina, June Coatney, Susie
19 Tozier, Denise Coleman, Gloria Williams, Ruth Hackney,
20 Donna Scott, Danielle White, and Pat Alvarez.

21 I thought you guys shot her down because she's a
22 dual member. Well, I guess they're putting JoAnn back on.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: That was just my
24 mouth, Peggy.

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Then are we

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1 good or do we need it one more time?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Peggy, on your
3 list you show LuAnn Johnston from District 26.

4 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Yes, I do.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She does.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: I have her on
7 my list too.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. We need
9 them read one more time. One more time. Third time is a
10 charm.

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Bonnie Bradbury,
12 Janet Wilson, Emily Magwilli, Barnes Villa, Kathy Smith,
13 Zana Chaney, Ashley Valentich, Madeline Lee, Darlene
14 Duncan, Lupe Galaviz, Estella Avina, JoAnn Evans with a
15 question mark. No JoAnn?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No question mark.

17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: June Coatney, Susie
18 Tozier, Denise Coleman, Gloria Williams, Ruth Hackney,
19 Donna Scott, Danielle White, and Pat Alvarez.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nominations for
22 alternates is closed.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Now my schedule
25 says will the candidates nominated for department office

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1 please come to the station. At this time it is my
2 pleasure to present your department candidates for the
3 year 2013-2014. For Department President, Anita Biggs.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: For Department
6 Vice President Harriet Clendenin.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: For Junior Member
9 of Finance Kathryn Doran.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,
12 ladies. Ladies, would you guys go over there for a
13 picture opportunity, please.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: You call us up
15 here and then tell us to go down.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yeah, I know, but
17 I love you. We have a little housekeeping thing to take
18 care from a motion that was made this morning regarding
19 the Book of Reports. Will Parliamentarian Ruby Kapsalis
20 please explain our issue?

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Okay. Remember that
22 little motion I made this morning to conform with the
23 report dates to National? Okay. We had originally put in
24 to change it to the second Friday in April for the unit to
25 the districts and we had it the first Friday in May for

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1 districts to department. That is not enough time for
2 Department to get it to the Western Division. Theirs is
3 due to the 15th of May.

4 So I need to rescind my motion and make another
5 motion, and the only difference is going to be that I am
6 going to change district to department is due May 1st.
7 It's the same motion, but because I have to rescind it
8 it's been approved; I can't amend it. Okay? So I'm going
9 to -- Madam President, did you want me to reread it?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No, that's okay.
11 Odette seconded it.

12 Because poppy distribution is the month of May is
13 our problem. No, that's not our problem. I have more
14 problems than that. To conform with National she moved
15 that all department codes stating standard annual report
16 form dates are the fourth Friday in April for units and
17 the second Friday in May be changed to second Friday in
18 April, unit to district, May 1st district to department.
19 And in addition, that the department code be reviewed to
20 find all pertinent codes relative to this change and
21 corrected accordingly. Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Thank you, ladies.

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

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1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.

5 Now if we have -- is the Junior Conference

6 Director and Junior Activities Chairman ready to go?

7 Okay. Ladies, then it's going to be Education
8 after that and then Membership. So those chairmen need to
9 kind of motivate this way and you have your notes out
10 ready to go. So it's Junior Conference, Junior
11 Activities, Education, and then Membership.

12 Is there anyone else here that's on the Junior
13 Activities Committee? Thank you. Stacey or Linda, which
14 one is going to go first? Linda Hayes, our Junior
15 Activities Chairman.

16

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN REPORT

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19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam
20 President, by direction of the Junior Activities/Junior
21 Conference Committee, I present the following: The
22 convention committee of Junior Activities/Junior
23 Conference met on June 27th, 2013 in the Canyon Room of
24 the Doral, Palm Springs resort in Cathedral City,
25 California.

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1 Margaret Myles was appointed as secretary.
2 Vergie Goffney offered prayer, and Jackie Cleveland was
3 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 districts
4 answered roll call. There were four visitors present.

5 The committee agreed on the following report:
6 There were no Junior Activities code changes. Citations
7 for 100 percent reporting and second and third place
8 awards for Best District Supplemental, Best Unit
9 Supplemental, District and Unit Selling Most Junior
10 Conference Tickets were presented in the committee. A
11 list of awards and Junior Conference raffle winners can be
12 found in the Department Office.

13 By direction of the committee, I move the
14 acceptance of this report.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause
17 you approve the report.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: May I give my
19 supplemental report and first place awards?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes you may.

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: In keeping
22 with the Department of California President's theme,
23 "Mystical, Magical Fantasy," our year began by stepping
24 into Never, Neverland. Pied Pipers from all districts
25 took their Tinker Bells leading them into a year of

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1 learning, working the ALA programs, and enjoying their
2 roles of American Legion Junior Auxiliary members.

3 Junior Conference raffle tickets were distributed
4 to all units and districts in June. Ticket sales brought
5 in \$4,107, which represents a profit of \$3,281.32. Thank
6 you to all units and districts for helping to make this
7 year's raffle ticket sale a successful event.

8 A Mystical Festival For Learning workshop was
9 held in February. Each Tinker Bell was given a poppy and
10 as a group all were able to make their own. They soon
11 realized the difficulty that our veterans have in making
12 them, especially those who are handicapped. Tinker Bells
13 were given other age appropriate tasks to do while at this
14 workshop which would help them earn their badges.

15 For instance, they read books to younger members,
16 learned how to fold the flag, were taught flag etiquette,
17 wrote thank you letters to those who made them eligible to
18 become Auxiliary members, and many, many more activities.
19 Needless to say, the day was full of activities which
20 taught these girls many things, especially what it means
21 to be an American Legion Auxiliary member. A big, big
22 thank you to Diane DeLashmit for all her help with this
23 workshop to make this workshop a success.

24 (Applause.)

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: In April we

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1 found ourselves busy preparing for the Junior Convention.
2 Conference it should say. A donation of 71 Beanie Babies
3 was donated. Their value is around \$560 plus the cost of
4 shipping which was another \$59. We used the Beanie Babies
5 as a part of a welcome bag each junior received.

6 Roseann Vicky Bean, who is not a member of the
7 Beanie Baby family, from Unit 161 in District 9 donated
8 the Beanie Babies.

9 (Applause.)

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Another
11 noteworthy donation of \$200 towards Junior Conference was
12 received from Post 521 in District 6.

13 (Applause.)

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: In honor of
15 the Military Child, several Tinker Bells performed a
16 Military Child Table Setting Ceremony. It is hoped that
17 this becomes a tradition at various functions throughout
18 California.

19 Units and districts were also keeping these
20 junior members very busy throughout the year. They
21 participated in Stand Downs, bake sales, helped with
22 Veterans Day and Memorial Day activities, held outreach
23 programs, made crafts and cards, adopted military families
24 and veterans, held car washes, helped at veterans' homes
25 and hospitals, participated in welcome home celebrations,

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1 participated in Month of the Military Child, folded pocket
2 flags, participated in parades, adopted classrooms,
3 collected toys for active duty military children at
4 Christmastime, and donated to the Give 10 to Education
5 Program, and so on.

6 The Junior Auxiliary for Los Alamitos Unit 716 in
7 District 29 helped a fallen hero's legacy live on through
8 a function called "Matthew Freeman Project: Pens & Paper
9 for Peace." They helped raise funds to collect school
10 supplies for 16 care packages to go to Afghanistan.

11 These same Tinker Bells also raised money to help
12 a needy military family. The girls raised enough money to
13 shop for \$500 worth of Christmas presents listed on a wish
14 list, and just barely stayed within their budget. They
15 found out that the family needed a Christmas tree. Not
16 wanting to say no, they sent requests to their families
17 and friends. The next day, these young ladies received
18 enough money to purchase the new Christmas tree, and they
19 received a donation of tree decorations along with a \$100
20 gift card to Target.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: On one of
23 their trips through Never Neverland, Tinker Bells from
24 Camarillo Unit 741 in District 16 noticed that there were
25 a lot of bees buzzing around manmade hives. So they

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1 sought out the beekeeper who then offered some honey to
2 the Tinker Bells at a discount. They used this as a
3 fundraiser for their activities and made \$160 profit.

4 (Applause.)

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Tinker Bells
6 in Fresno Federal Unit 509, District 14 participated in a
7 welcome home celebration for Fresno-based 1072nd Company
8 of the Army National Guard at Fresno Airport. Fifty
9 veterans serving in Afghanistan for ten and a half months
10 were welcomed home. They had balloons and flowers. They
11 held up signs, banners, and flags while chanting, "Welcome
12 home 1072nd." But the best part of all is that they all
13 sang The Star Spangled Banner in the airport lobby. And
14 this wasn't in the report, but it was reported that there
15 wasn't one dry eye. Then they thanked the courageous
16 soldiers, giving them lots of hugs, kisses, and
17 handshakes.

18 Tinker Bells of California truly had a mystical,
19 magical fantasy year and helped to bring many fantasies to
20 life. The California President's motto is "Veterans, our
21 Biggest Treasure." It is apparent that our Tinker Bells
22 found that to be true.

23 May I give out my first place awards?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You may.

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Stacey Smith,

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1 first place for Junior Activities Best District

2 Supplemental.

3 (Applause.)

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Stephanie
5 Janji, Unit 716, Best Unit Overall Junior Activities
6 Report.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: District 20,
9 Ann Philcox, first place purchasing 390 Junior Conference
10 tickets.

11 (Applause.)

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Unit 311,
13 first place for the unit selling the most Junior
14 Conference tickets.

15 (Applause.)

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: And don't go
17 away. First place for individual selling the most Junior
18 Conference tickets. I made it out to Veronica McGough.
19 She took 120 books of tickets, and I thought that Unit 311
20 deserved to have a certificate in her name.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Deja'Nae
23 Trimble for the junior member selling the most Junior
24 Conference tickets.

25 (Applause.)

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1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam

2 President, this concludes my platform remarks.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, Linda.

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: Thank you.

5 And may I also say that it was a very enjoyable year and
6 thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been a
8 pleasure.

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HAYES: And the
10 department.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ms. Stacey Platt,
12 Junior Conference Director.

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14 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR REPORT

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16 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: I had my
17 report to say good morning, but good afternoon, ladies. I
18 want to start out by thanking Madam President for this
19 appointment. Though there were many struggles to start
20 out the year with finding a suitable site to hold the
21 conference, when all was said and done, everything fell
22 into place.

23 With Madam President attending along with the
24 Western Division National Vice President and our Vice
25 President as our distinguished guests this year, even

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1 though the attendance was down from the previous years,
2 all in attendance still had a great time.

3 Friday evening, April 26th, 2013, the Junior
4 Conference got underway. After dinner everyone headed
5 down to the fire pit where the junior members continued
6 with the flag retirement ceremony. Afterwards they all
7 gathered around the bonfire and roasted marshmallows to
8 make some yummy smores, which gave them a lot of energy as
9 they had fun dancing and singing around the fire. Some
10 senior members also joined in. Well, I don't think they
11 had a choice themselves when the junior members got them
12 involved. Even Terry was up there dancing. Madam
13 President, I'm sorry.

14 After a long day the girls -- the girls and the
15 counselors retired to their room. Oh, and I might add
16 some, Madam President locked herself out of her room that
17 night. That was rather exciting for me trying to run
18 around to find where the extra key was. Needless to say,
19 she got in her room and everyone was able to sleep well.
20 I was not aware until they let me know that the extra key
21 was in my possession and in my pocket. So I was running
22 back and forth trying to find the key. And Anita let me
23 know where it was at, so once I found it she was able to
24 go to bed.

25 Saturday morning got started with a POW

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1 presentation followed by Linda Hayes', Junior Activities
2 Chairman, presentation Honoring the Military Children.
3 The girls were then separated into groups where they
4 learned about all our major programs within the
5 department.

6 I want to give a big thank you for all those
7 chairmen who were able to attend and those who filled in
8 for those who could not be there. The juniors then had a
9 caucus as the rules were read and followed by nominations
10 for next year's officers. The day was very busy for all.
11 Then came the free time where the girls were able to enjoy
12 getting wet with the water balloons. All over the place.
13 Everybody got wet. And we were also able to take them out
14 to visits the store to cash in all those tickets they
15 received.

16 The weekend ended with the graduation ceremony
17 and installation of all new officers, followed by the
18 memorial conducted by Stacey Smith and Pat Alvarez. There
19 was a lot more that went on over the weekend, but I was
20 told to keep this report short. If I went over everything
21 that happened in three days, I would be here for a while.
22 I cut out a lot of stuff, but I want to add a few things.

23 I want to give a big thank you to all the
24 counselors who were there, my committee members: Molly
25 Smith, Dorothy Davis, Jackie Cleveland, Rosemary that

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1 advised us. Is she out there? Estella Avina who stood in
2 for Junior Conference. Thank you, thank you so much. She
3 was just a big help with everything that I forgot to do.
4 A big hug and a thank you to Talia for helping do a great
5 job with your Junior Conference. You did a wonderful job.
6 Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: Without them
9 literally I would have gone crazy. I think I was a little
10 crazy when I first got there. Also a big thank you to
11 Linda Hayes. Is someone laughing at me over there? Linda
12 Hayes for stepping up and going above and beyond.

13 Veronica McGough, when she got me involved in the
14 American Legion Auxiliary, the juniors were a very big
15 part of her. She did Junior Conference just about every
16 year as an advisory. Loved going just to be a counselor.
17 It was really hard without having her -- it's hard not
18 having her here this year, but she was a very big
19 inspiration for me getting involved with the juniors.
20 They keep me on my toes, and I need that. I've got four
21 boys, and being with a bunch of girls for the weekend
22 definitely is a big difference.

23 But I wanted to say that to me this year was
24 dedicated to Veronica McGough. Sorry.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause,
2 we accept your report. Thank you, Stacey.

3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: I'm not done
4 yet.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Is that with
6 the --

7 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: And finally, I
8 would like -- and all the juniors who are here, all my
9 little fairies back there in the back, would you please
10 come up here? Hurry. Fly fast. Fly faster, ladies, fly
11 faster.

12 (Processional.)

13 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: All these
14 ladies here, all the juniors, I just want to say a big
15 thank you. You guys made Junior Conference -- those of
16 you who attended -- a blast for me. I never laughed so
17 much. It was a lot of fun. All the years have been fun.
18 Thank you, girls, for being here for us people who are old
19 and do not have to. Or can't. Those who can't. So,
20 ladies, like I said, give them a big round of applause.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: On another
23 note, I would like to introduce our new Junior President,
24 Deja-Nae Trimble.

25 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TRIMBLE: Hello. So

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1 how about this weather? I want to thank my District 23
2 for all the support and love and for giving me this title.
3 And to everyone who went to the convention.

4 (Applause.)

5 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: And I would
6 also like to thank Diane Olivas for making the fairy wings
7 and the costumes that she made there for the juniors.

8 (Applause.)

9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: And then one
10 last thing. I thought this report was short too. So
11 sorry. I just want to do one last thing. I want to put a
12 crown on somebody who did a great job at Junior
13 Conference.

14 (Applause.)

15 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PLATT: Madam
16 President, this concludes my report.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,
18 Stacey. Thank you, Talia, for being such a good sport.

19 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT AVINA: This doesn't
20 go on Facebook.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's already
22 there. What's that thing you say, make it happen. Okay.
23 Let me tell you something here. The year she took over as
24 photographer, they loved her.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay, Talia.

2 Okay. Now we're going to hear from Wendy

3 O'Brien, our Education Chairman.

4 And while she's getting ready, I need you to take
5 it over, Anita.

6 Okay. As part of Wendy's education report, I was
7 contacted by National for recommendations for three people
8 from the Department that went over and above and beyond
9 the education zone for our Department of California.

10 The first one I would like to present is to Wendy
11 O'Brien. Wendy is our Department Education Chairman and
12 she has done an excellent job for promoting awareness of
13 scholarships available throughout our state. She
14 personally made over 250 CDs and gave them out to whomever
15 needed them. Her bulletins have promoted all aspects of
16 the education program.

17 Here is a certificate of appreciation from the
18 American Legion National Americanism Commission. Thank
19 you, Wendy.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: The next one is
22 Harriet Clendenin, our VA&R Chairman. She has promoted
23 our education program from the unit, district, and
24 department level. Harriet.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You know, all of
2 you ladies do an excellent job. Every so often there is
3 somebody who goes a little bit above and beyond, so it was
4 a difficult choice, but I could only nominate three.

5 The third certificate of appreciation goes to
6 Ruby Kapsalis. Ruby is our --

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ruby is our
9 department webmaster. She has made available all
10 scholarships on unit, district, and national level. She
11 has kept our website current and has mailed numerous
12 applications to those who do not have access to a
13 computer. Her district also has several scholarships
14 available and she's has provided those applications to any
15 and all who have requested them.

16 Thank you, ladies.

17 (Applause.)

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19 EDUCATION REPORT

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21 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Good afternoon,
22 Madame Department President. The convention committee on
23 Education met June 27th, 2013 in the Canyon Suite A of the
24 Doral Hotel in Palm Springs, California. Excuse me. I
25 have laryngitis. The statistical report of this chairman

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1 appears on page 16 of the Book of Reports.

2 Delores Ray -- Ryan, excuse me, District 15 was
3 appointed secretary. Leonie Estigoy, District 10, offered
4 prayer, and Vickie Crowe, District 15 was appointed
5 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 22 district delegates were
6 in attendance. There were four visitors present.

7 The committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
8 with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. The code was read
9 with the following proposed changes.

10 Number 6 of the Education Code now reads: "The
11 units and districts shall be urged to make greater use of
12 the CD, 'Need a Lift' or the website www.needalift.org and
13 shall be encouraged to distribute the information to all
14 junior and senior high schools, colleges, and junior
15 colleges within their community and their Girls State
16 citizens as well as the Junior Conference attendees
17 between the ages of 15 and 18."

18 The proposed code change. Number 6 will be
19 deleted in its entirety. Change numbers accordingly
20 throughout the rest of the code.

21 Madam President, by the direction of the
22 committee I move to adopt this code change.

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. It's been
25 moved and seconded to delete number 6 of the Education

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1 Code. "The units and districts shall be urged to make
2 greater use of the CD, 'Need a Lift' or the website
3 www.needalift.org and shall be encouraged to distribute
4 the information to all junior and senior high schools,
5 colleges, and junior colleges within their community and
6 their Girls State citizens as well as the Junior
7 Conference attendees between the ages of 15 and 18."

8 The proposed code change would be deleting that
9 in its entirety. Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All those in
12 favor, say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Carried.

17 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Number 13, which
18 will be number 12, now reads: "Students applying for
19 Department scholarships shall fill out one application per
20 category per code number 12. Each category will be judged
21 and scored by individuals chosen by the Department
22 Chairman. Once scored, the Department Chairman shall
23 numerically rank each category with the highest scored
24 application as number one, the next highest number two,
25 and so on and so forth until all applications have been

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1 numerically ranked. Once each category is ranked, the
2 Department Chairman will assign the highest scored
3 application the highest scholarship and continue assigning
4 all available scholarships descending in dollar amount and
5 numerical ranking until all descending -- descending in
6 dollar amounts and numerical ranking until all
7 scholarships in that category have been awarded."

8 By recommendation of the committee, code
9 referring to number 12 will now refer to number 11.

10 Madam President, by the direction of the
11 committee, I move to adopt this code change.

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been moved
14 and seconded to change code number 13, which will now be
15 code number 12: "Students applying for Department
16 scholarships shall fill out one application per category
17 per code number 12. Each category will be judged and
18 scored by individuals chosen by the Department Chairman.
19 Once scored, the Department Chairman shall numerically
20 rank each category with the highest scored application as
21 number one, the next highest as number two, and so on and
22 so forth until all applications have been numerically
23 ranked. Once each category is ranked, the Department
24 Chairman will assign the highest scored application the
25 largest scholarship and continue assigning all available

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1 scholarships descending in dollar amount and numerical
2 ranking until all descending in dollar amounts" -- huh.

3 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: That was a typo.
4 Sorry.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Wait a minute.
6 "Descending in dollar amount and numerical ranking until
7 all scholarships in that category have been awarded."

8 By recommendation of the committee, code number
9 12 will now refer to number 11. Okay. So the change
10 would be we're just going to change the numerical number
11 12 to the numerical number 11. Do you want me to read
12 this again?

13 ALL PRESENT: No.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Is there any
15 discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All those in
18 favor, say aye.

19 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: So carried.

23 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. It is
24 recommended that on the last page of the code, number 1
25 and 2 will be renumbered to be number 15 and number 16.

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1 Madam President, by the direction of the
2 committee I recommend to adopt this code change.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It's been moved
5 and seconded that code number 1 and 2 on the last page of
6 the code will be renumbered to number 15 and 16. Is there
7 any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All those in
10 favor, say aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Any opposition?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: So carried.

15 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Certificates were
16 handed out for units that participated in the "Give 10 to
17 Education" and units that donated \$50 or more to the
18 department for education. Sixteen certificates were
19 handed out to districts that had 100 percent reporting.
20 Second and third place awards were handed out for unit and
21 district supplementals. No further business, the closing
22 prayer was offered and the meeting was adjourned.

23 Madam President, may I continue with my
24 supplemental report?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You may.

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1 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: In the mystical,
2 magical fantasy world of California the Enchanted Gypsies
3 have been hard at work this year looking into their
4 crystal ball to see what kind of educational and
5 scholarship opportunities they can provide for our
6 veterans, their families, and military children. They
7 have done a wonderful job promoting our education program,
8 as you can see.

9 Members donated over 25,000 items that students
10 use in the classrooms such as pens, pencils, paper and
11 backpacks, totaling over \$25,000. They collected hundreds
12 of Labels For Education as well as Box Tops to be
13 delivered to military bases and local schools with
14 educator and staff very appreciative of the help.

15 The juniors at Junior Conference put together
16 over 1,000 school items in gift bags that were then
17 delivered to our local needy school. Members collected
18 thousands of Pop Tops that were cashed in and held raffles
19 with the proceeds going to the Department for
20 scholarships.

21 Unit members handed out to educators and school
22 staff fliers and information on ALA KIDDS, American Legion
23 Auxiliary Kids in Danger of Depression or Suicide, also
24 Bullying, what to look for and what to do to prevent it.
25 Members also shared information and resources that are

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1 available on how staff can look out for and help military
2 children with their unique situation.

3 To help the students enhance respect for the
4 sacrifices of our military heroes, units participated in
5 "Veterans in the Classroom." They made arrangements with
6 schools to have veterans visit and speak to students about
7 their unique serving -- their experience serving in the
8 military and what it meant to be a veteran. Some brought
9 relics from their tours. Others showed pictures, gave
10 small flags and patriotic pencils to the children.
11 Students were very excited about their visits.

12 Members spent hundreds of hours reading to
13 schoolchildren, donated books, reading books, comic and
14 coloring books that they had purchased from Emblem Sales
15 and helped students with their reading and writing skills.

16 Many participated in National Education Week by
17 offering American flags and flag etiquette books, Pledge
18 of Allegiance comic books and Polar Bears with Poppies to
19 students. To educators, custodians, and staff, members
20 visited and took gift and fruit baskets, goodie bags,
21 cards and certificates.

22 We had one unit that gave new playground toys to
23 a special education class. These children also decorated
24 cards that were then sent to soldiers overseas.

25 The department was able to give out by the

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1 support of our units and districts a total of six General
2 and two Continuing/Re-entry scholarships totaling \$9,000.
3 Units also were able to offer 110 local school
4 scholarships totaling over \$49,000. What a great job.

5 (Applause.)

6 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President,
7 just to change my report, I didn't get four units so that
8 would be closer to \$60,000. So they did an outstanding
9 job.

10 It's only with the continued support from our
11 units and districts that our education program will be
12 able to continue offering scholarships. I'm also happy to
13 announce that the National Nontraditional student
14 applicant from California won a \$2,000 scholarship.

15 (Applause.)

16 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: As you can see, the
17 Enchanted Gypsies have done a great job with education for
18 our veterans, their families, and military children.

19 Madam President, may I continue with my first
20 place winners?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You may.

22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. I think they
23 should be here. I sent out the notes. First place award
24 for Best Unit Supplemental is awarded to Alpine Unit 258,
25 District 22, Mariana Adams, Chairman.

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1 (Applause.)

2 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Oh, I'm sorry. That
3 will teach me to keep talking. First place award for Best
4 District Supplemental is awarded to District 28, Molly
5 Smith, chairman.

6 (Applause.)

7 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. First place
8 for Most Outstanding Unit Literacy Program is awarded to
9 Inyo Unit 118, District 27, Danielle White, chairman.

10 (Applause.)

11 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. First place
12 for Most Outstanding Unit Veterans in the Classroom
13 Program is Los Alamitos Unit 716, District 29, Cynthia
14 Mayfield, chairman.

15 (Applause.)

16 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. First place
17 for Most Outstanding District Veterans in the Classroom
18 Program is awarded to District 29, Carol Goss Holmes,
19 chairman.

20 (Applause.)

21 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Also first place for
22 Most Outstanding District Scholarship, Carol Goss Holmes,
23 chairman, District 29.

24 (Applause.)

25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President, I

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1 thank you for this assignment. It has been an honor and
2 privilege working on the education program this year. Man
3 am I tired. This concludes my report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, Wendy.
5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By your applause,
7 we accept your report.

8 Ladies, now we're going to have our Little
9 Leprechaun Danielle White do membership. We're going to
10 rock the house. Do you hear this leprechaun coming?
11 Jingle, jingle, jingle. Danielle. You know, it takes a
12 lot of work to be a leprechaun. And when you're a French
13 leprechaun, it's a lot more work.

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15 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I would like all the
18 district presidents with the district membership chairman
19 to line up numerically in order. Please come closer
20 because we have a lot of awards and I don't want to be on
21 the backside of the Madam President.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Uh-oh. Did you
23 see that Wood Nymph stroll through the room. Don't you
24 wish we all looked like that. Uh-huh.

25 Hey, Kathy, that's so you, baby. Where's your

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1 leprechaun outfit? Where is her leprechaun outfit?

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: It's all in there.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Oh, oh, I think
4 it's a conspiracy.

5 Diane, I believe your assistance is required here
6 as part of this leprechaun foolishness that's going on
7 over here in the corner.

8 Where is Dona Enright? I know she's part of this
9 crew.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: The hat is full of
11 gold.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They wanted you
13 and now they don't want you. You didn't want her?

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Who?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ruby and Diane.

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: You have it here.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, they want
18 you over there.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I need all the
20 membership support team, of course. We are ready. The
21 convention committee on membership met on June 27th, 2013
22 in the Oleander Ballroom B of the El Doral Resort, Palm
23 Springs, California. The statistical report of this
24 chairman appears on page 18 of the Book of Reports.

25 Linda Caples, District 29, was appointed

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1 secretary. Toni Domondon, District 11, offered prayer.
2 And Debbie Fletcher, District 25, was appointed
3 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 28 district delegates
4 answered roll call. There were 15 visitors present.

5 The committee agreed upon the following report.
6 The code was read and accepted as no changes were
7 suggested.

8 Certificates for 100 percent reporting were
9 presented to 29 districts. Congratulations, ladies.
10 Everyone turned in a report.

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Eighty percent 3a
13 milestone certificates were presented to 95 units. 85
14 percent 3b milestone certificates were presented to 116
15 units. Congratulations, ladies, this is fantastic.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Certificates were
18 presented to Unit Best Overall Membership Supplemental,
19 Group A, 10 to 700 members, third place and second place
20 and honorable mention.

21 I would like to say about two honorable mentions.
22 The reason why is because Madam President and I have a
23 little nightmare for a little while and they end up with
24 100 percent. And one is a hundred plus two member after
25 there were a flat zero last year. And they are Hoopa Unit

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1 415, District 1, and Hopland Unit 529, District 1. It's
2 fantastic.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Group B, 701 to 1500
5 members were presented third and second place.

6 Group C, 1500 plus, were also presented the third
7 place and second place. And I have two honorable mentions
8 because, ladies, it was remarkable. And I said
9 remarkable. They were here, there, everywhere.

10 District Best Overall Membership Supplemental I
11 would quickly go over just the name. In Group A, third
12 place District 6, Glenda Schultz.

13 (Applause.)

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Second place,
15 District 27, Sharlotte Collins.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Group B, third place
18 was Judith Forrest and second place District 21, Jennifer
19 Bieger.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: First place and also
22 awards and ribbons to be presented on the convention
23 floor. Questions asked were discussed as time permitted.
24 The chaplain offered a closing prayer. This meeting of
25 the Membership preconvention meeting was adjourned at

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1 10:30 a.m.

2 Madam President, may I pursue with my
3 supplemental?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Honey, you can do
5 anything you want to.

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Oh, thank you. I can
7 get out of here. Can I go home? Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No, you cannot go
9 home.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. I will stay.

11 Madam Department President Terry, in keeping with
12 President Terry's theme, "Magical, mystical, fantasy" and
13 the idea that veterans are our biggest treasures, our
14 membership team has selected the magical, mystical
15 leprechaun, which is the mischievous elf of Irish folklore
16 to carry our motto as follows: One team, one purpose, one
17 goal.

18 Our leprechauns, our members, have diligently and
19 sturdily climbed our rainbow offering a helping hand to
20 units that had various dilemmas climbing their own
21 rainbow. Leprechauns participated in activity with local
22 military bases hoping to recruit new members. And they
23 did. To reach the pot of gold, ultimate success was
24 achieved by setting reasonable and workable goals for
25 recruiting Auxiliary members, working to retain present

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1 ones, and involving them with hands-on activities,
2 challenging each member to bring a prospective membership
3 to their meeting, encouraging members to attend districts
4 and leadership meetings, and budgeting funds for
5 membership incentives.

6 Challenges between units and districts were a
7 great stimulation to work harder. Many units found that
8 communication was the key to success with membership.
9 Yes, we can get more members by talking to eligible
10 members and have them come to the monthly meeting and
11 interact with us to see just how much fun we are having.

12 Old members rel- -- I don't mean old, old, but, I
13 mean, members that have a few years in. I do not want to
14 offend anybody, all right, so I said that old members
15 realized that as a team we could accomplish a lot more
16 toward our goals. The Legion Family atmosphere promotes
17 unity in working on programs that support veterans'
18 issues, youth, and the community.

19 At DEC in January, 443 certificates were
20 presented, but today the following certificates are
21 issued. Be patient with me. 100 percent units, we will
22 have 137. Josie Melgard Award, 100 plus two members is 84
23 units. Five district are 100 percent for a total of 432
24 certificates, and a grand total of 875 certificates.
25 Ladies, you did that yourself and I'm proud, proud, proud

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1 of you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: 158 National Angel
4 Pins were issued in your packages. So now you have to
5 fight to get them with the one that attended my meeting
6 because they have the pins. I don't.

7 SALs and Riders -- oh, 184 American Legion Family
8 ribbons will be presented to the American Legion, American
9 Legion Auxiliary, SALs and Riders that have achieved 100
10 percent membership goal.

11 We have kept third or fifth, now we are sixth
12 place in National and the Western Division has remained
13 first all young among the five divisions.

14 (Applause.)

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: We have challenged
16 Idaho and Oregon. We are ahead of Idaho, but,
17 Leprechauns, watch out. Oregon is behind our butt, so
18 keep on renewing members. It is not over. I should have
19 said "derriere." That's French.

20 We have learned as veterans that in order to be
21 successful we need to keep the motto of one team, one
22 purpose, one goal. We are a team of leprechauns with a
23 purpose of renewal in membership, and a goal of acting as
24 a unit of love and family in the American Legion
25 Auxiliary. Veterans are our treasure, and to each the pot

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1 of gold under the rainbow, we need another 537 lucky
2 coins, meaning renewals, to reach our goal. We will do
3 it. Nothing will stop us now.

4 Okay. I may continue with my awards.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.
6 Could you tell her no? I wouldn't.

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. I'm not
8 wearing black either.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Danielle, you
10 can't go get a beer now, baby. Where are you going? Let
11 Zana get it for you. Just point and they'll help.
12 Danielle, talk to your support team there, honey. Uh-oh,
13 she just threw something on the floor.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm going to have a
15 lot of trash.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You know, maybe
17 she had her green beer for lunch.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. I'm getting
19 there. Okay. I would like first to recognize membership
20 team because, ladies, without them we wouldn't be where we
21 are here today without them. And you, of course.

22 Wendy O'Brien, District 6, Unit 521.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Barbara LaDoucer,
25 District 4, Unit 98.

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1 (Applause.)

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Ruby Kapsalis,
3 District 28, Unit 694. Oh, God. That lady is fantastic.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Donna. Is Donna here?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She's not here
7 right now.

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Oh, oh. I hope she's
9 okay.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yeah, she was
11 here yesterday.

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Linda Farris is --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Oh, Linda, get up
14 here.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: You've been trying to
16 get away from me.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You think you're
18 special. Come on, come on.

19 (Applause.)

20 DELEGATE FARRIS: Madam chairman? Is it off?
21 Anyway, I took a fall Monday.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: You're excused.

23 DELEGATE FARRIS: Yeah.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I don't want you to
25 fall again.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Was Linda having
2 the green beer on Monday?

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Diane DeLashmit. Oh,
4 yeah, that's another lady, she has done so much.

5 (Applause.)

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I have Susie, but
7 she's excused. At 102 years she was ill and she did not
8 want to come. And I understand that very well. So give a
9 big hand to the support team.

10 (Applause.)

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Now we're
12 going to do the Unit 100 percent.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Don't let Kathy
14 Harris touch it because I still have a certificate that's
15 on a hot air balloon from 10 or 12 years ago. Isn't that
16 true, Kathy?

17 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN HARRIS RICHARDSON: It's
18 touring. We'll have to send one of our magical arrows so
19 it's here at DEC.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It took Melanie
21 nine years to get her publicity book.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. This is 100
23 percent unit. And they also get a special blue ribbon.
24 District 1: Unit 174 Willits. Unit 451 Hoopa. And Unit
25 529 Hopland. District 2: Unit 197 Shasta.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: That's me,
2 ladies.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I was going to say
4 that.

5 (Applause.)

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: And Unit 565 Henry
7 Tucker. Are you keeping these? District 4: Unit 218,
8 Vernon Jewel Danley. Unit 807, Linda. District 5: Unit
9 111 Sotoyome. Unit 113 Napa. Unit 165 Rago-Christopher.
10 Unit 179 San Anselmo. I've got to slow down. That's hard
11 for me.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ruby, you can go
13 down there and help. Don't just stand there and look
14 beautiful.

15 (Applause.)

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Madam President, I
17 tell all these districts in my area too that next year I
18 don't want to be no jockstrap supporter.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Excuse me? I
20 think I'll file for divorce.

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Did you finish
22 with District 5? District 6: Unit 77 Yolo. Unit 233,
23 Laguna Elk Grove. Unit 521 Haggin-Grant. Unit 637 Citrus
24 Heights. And Unit 604 Magellan.

25 District 7: Unit 119 El Dorado. District 8:

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1 Unit 1 San Francisco. Unit 510 General Hunter
2 Liggett-First Army. How did they choose the name of the
3 unit? Some of them are a mile long.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: It was a man.

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: That makes sense.

6 Leave it to the gentlemen. District 9: Unit 161

7 Harding-Noia. District 10: Unit 68 Hayward.

8 Ladies, if you would come closer it would go
9 faster. Hint, hint.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: And do you want
11 me to give her your phone number or whatever?

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Come closer so they
13 can go faster because we have lots of them. No, no, you
14 do not go to your seat because you are going to have more.

15 Okay. I'm on -- which one I'm on? District 10,
16 Hayward, Unit 68 and 695. District 11: Unit 16 Karl
17 Ross. Unit 102 Valley Springs. I think I'm going to need
18 two beers after that. Unit 172 and Unit 249.

19 District 12: Unit 168 and 567. District 13:
20 318, 419, and 791. Ladies, don't go. We're going to need
21 you again.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yeah, just go get
23 back in line. Just go lean against the wall some more.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yeah. District 13:
25 Unit 318, 419 and 791. District 14: Unit 100, 110, 147,

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1 346, and 621. Hey, guys, that is great.

2 Where are you? Diane, which number are you on.

3 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Fifteen.

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Fifteen. I already
5 announced 15. District 15: Unit 20, 26, 213, and 221.

6 District 16: Unit 48, 49, 50, 66, 220, 432, and 482.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 18: Unit
9 13, 139, 241, 247, 261, 397, 475, and 830.

10 (Applause.)

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 19: They're
12 already clapping and I did not say anything. Unit 134,
13 184, 352, 359, 411, 496, 723, and 833. Ladies, that's
14 awesome.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 20: Unit
17 276, 311, and 507. District 21: 328, 428, 519, 739, 848.
18 Oh, wait.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 22. Diane,
21 are we on District 22?

22 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Yes.

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: They're keeping up
24 with me. Unit 6, 146, 201, 258, 365, 434. And I have one
25 unit I forgot the number, but it is Albert J. Hickman.

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1 And 552, 619, 625, and 820. Good, ladies. Let's give
2 them a big hand.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 23, you need
5 639. Okay. District 25, 112.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: What about 24?

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Oh, and I forgot one
8 of my favorite ladies. Unit 283, Patty. Excuse me.
9 Who's that? Now forgive me.

10 District 25: Unit 112, 155, 256, 324, 650, 710,
11 725, and 751. District 26: Unit 472.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 27. That's
14 my district. Unit 118, my unit. Unit 265, 457, 476, 636
15 and 684.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 28. Oh,
18 that's Ruby's unit. Unit 31, 69, 589, and 694.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: And then we have
21 Prunedale. Oh, she's behind me. District 29: Unit 72,
22 132, 133, 181, 222, 257, 291, 327, 716.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 30: Unit
25 138, 597, and 801. Ladies, it was 117 units having 100

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1 percent. Let's give them a big hand.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: We're going to
4 present Josie Melgard. It's 100 percent plus two member.
5 And National President Elect Nancy Brown-Park will do the
6 presentation.

7 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Danielle, I
8 think you're at the microphone and she's presenting. So
9 you talk.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Well, I can read it.
11 Okay. I can read them. Yeah.

12 Okay. District 1. Where did the Workman go?
13 Unit 174 Willits and Unit 415 Hoopa.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She's skating.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Come on get it, girl.
16 District 2, Unit 565.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: What about 197,
18 Danielle.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: For what?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Goal plus two.

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I said 174.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: 197 in District
23 2. You only have 565.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Oh, I thought I was
25 perfect. 197 and 565.

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1 Okay. District 4: You need 218 and 807.

2 District 5: You need 111, 113, 179, and 437. District 6:
3 Unit 77, 233, 521, and 637.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 7: Unit
6 119.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 10: Unit
9 695. District 11 -- are you with me? Are you with me on
10 that? Unit 16, Unit 102, 172, and 249.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She's at District
12 9.

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm at District 11.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: But District 9 is
15 standing there.

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 9, if I
17 don't say your district, it's because you do not have
18 Josie Melgard. I knew that was going to be a mess
19 because --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Now you're
21 at 11, Danielle.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 11. Are you
23 in 11?

24 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Twelve.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 12, you need

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1 168. Okay. District 13: 318 and 419.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 14.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ladies, I don't
5 think you can sit down right now. District 11, you need
6 to go back in the line.

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: You ladies. Unit
8 100, 147, 621. Keep going around because I still have
9 lots of awards.

10 District 15: Unit 26, 213, and 221. Are you on
11 16 now? Linda, you're on 16?

12 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: We're on 16.

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. District 16:
14 Unit 48, 49, 50, 66, 220, 432, and 482.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 18: 139,
17 241, and 261.

18 (Applause.)

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Are you with me? Are
20 you on District 19 now? Okay. District 19: Unit 134,
21 184, 352, 359, 411, 496, 833. Good, District 19. Great
22 hand. District 20: 311 and 507.

23 Are you on District 21 now?

24 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Yes, we are.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Oh, good. Those

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1 girls are swift. District 21: You need 328, 428, 519,
2 739 and 848. District 22: 201, 365, 434, 460, 552, 619,
3 625, and 820.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Good job. District
6 24, you need 283 Palisades. I didn't forget you. Okay.
7 District 25: Unit 11, 155, 256, 324, 650, 725, and 751.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Good job. Linda,
10 you're on District 26?

11 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Twenty-six.

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 26, you need
13 472 E Unit. District 27: Unit 118, 476, 636, and 684.
14 District 28: Unit 69 and Unit 694.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. From District
17 29: Unit 72, 132, 133, 181, 257, 291, 327, 716. And our
18 last district is District 30: Unit 801.

19 Let's give the ladies a great hand.

20 (Applause.)

21 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Danielle,
22 that was my honor to do that in Josie's name. It used to
23 be easy, but now we have so many units who qualify for the
24 angel pin. It's awesome. I hope we have every single
25 unit next year.

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Now we have something
2 special this year. It's a first time. We talk we should
3 have an American Legion Family ribbon. We all talk about
4 the family. And Madam President has been so wonderful and
5 supportive to me, that I thought that we should do
6 something very special for her. So for the first time we
7 are presenting to units that are 100 percent, but they
8 must have their post 100 percent. And some have their
9 post, their unit, their SALs and their Riders. So today I
10 am only going to give the unit because Saturday I'm going
11 to go up there with the Legion and present them with it.
12 So I will tell you, and if you don't hear your unit, get
13 on the Post case. They did not make 100 percent.

14 Okay. First one, District 1. Somebody want to
15 help Diane? You have -- we need some help. Okay. I got
16 them stapled by district to make it faster. Okay. We can
17 do it individually, that's fine. Any way that works.

18 District 1: Unit 174, 205, 415, and 529. Here
19 we go again. We have Hoopa and Hopland. District 2:
20 197, Madam President. I should have forgot her and see
21 what she would say, but I didn't dare.

22 District 4: Unit 218 and 807.

23 Diane, tell me if you don't keep up.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Be careful,
25 leprechaun. She's bigger than you are.

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 5: Unit
2 111, 179, and 437. District 6: Unit 77, 233, and 521.
3 District 7: Unit 119 and 57. District 9: Unit 161.
4 District 10: 68 and 695. District 11: Unit 16, 102,
5 249. Are you keeping up?

6 Okay. District 12: 168 and 491. District 14:
7 Unit 100 and 110. District 16: Unit 50. District 18:
8 Unit 139 and 261.

9 (Applause.)

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 19: Unit
11 134 and 411. District 20: Unit 276 and 507. Keep going
12 around, please.

13 District 21: Unit 328, 519, and 739. District
14 22: Unit 146, 365, 416, 625, and 820. District 25: Unit
15 324 and 650.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 26: Unit
18 82. District 27: Unit 118, 265, 457, 476, and 684.
19 District 28: Unit 69 and 694.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 29: Unit
22 132, 291, and 716.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: District 30: Unit
25 597 and 801. Ladies, that was awesome. Let's have a big

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1 hand.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: The next one I'm
4 going to give, it's a first place in each category.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: All right.
6 Leprechaun, where did you run off to? We need to get her
7 another beer.

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I may need it. Okay.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She said yes.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: All right. Now we're
11 going to do the Unit Best Overall Membership Supplemental.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Uh-oh, she's
13 escaped again. You know, I've never seen a leprechaun
14 wearing feathers.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: They were given to me
16 so I'm wearing them.

17 Okay. Now I'm giving the first place Group A, 10
18 to 700 members. This was tough, ladies. I pulled over a
19 hundred report to judge in each category. It was tough.
20 I had to have five people, including my husband, to help
21 me. And sometimes I don't know about men.

22 First place: Cecil Cox Unit 147, District 14,
23 Ellen McClurg, President.

24 Group B, 701, first place. Oh, my God. I hate
25 to give the first place to that lady, but I really do.

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1 First place: Monterey Cypress Unit 694, District 28.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Group C, 1501 plus
4 members. First place, Joe Dominguez Unit 742, District 21
5 Susan Romero, president.

6 (Applause.)

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Now we're going to go
8 to District Best Overall Membership Supplemental. The
9 district, it's supposed to be three plaques. Okay. Group
10 A, 10 to 700. First place go to District 15, Rebecca
11 Hester, Membership Chairman.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Group B, 701 to 1500.
14 First place, District 16, Connie Biggers, Membership
15 Chair.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Group C, 1501 plus.
18 First place, District 25, Debbie Fletcher, Membership
19 Chair.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: We're going to go to
22 the Siver Brigade, if I found it on my page. I found the
23 place. She's bringing my glasses.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: The president
25 went to get you a beer, by the way.

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. The Siver
2 Brigade. Ladies, this is a very high award. There are
3 three ladies that recruited 25 members each. So this is
4 very, very special. And they are Cynthia Mayfield, Los
5 Alamitos, Unit 716, District 29.

6 (Applause.)

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: The second one goes
8 to Deloris McDonald, Haggin-Grant, Unit 521 District 6.

9 (Applause.)

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: The third one goes to
11 Glenda Schultz, Haggin-Grant, Unit 521, District 6.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. I guess I have
14 one more, but the name never came into my list. I should
15 get back with you, but I will announce it. Which district
16 is it? Okay. It's Pat Goddy, Unit 526, District 19. I'm
17 very sorry I did not know. So I shall do it for you and
18 mail it to you. You better write me your address so I can
19 mail it to you. I did not have -- it was not on the -- I
20 must make some mistakes after all. I am not God yet.

21 Now I'm going to go to special, special award.
22 The first one is the Ethel Flynn Award. It is the unit
23 with the greatest numerical increase over goal as of close
24 of book 2013. District 29, Newport Harbor Unit 291, Karen
25 Karanickolas.

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1 (Applause.)

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: So where is the
3 woman? Pat Sweeny, where are you? And Pat has been very
4 ill and she couldn't come, and her best friend would like
5 to do the presentation on her behalf. I will tell you
6 what it is, but I won't tell you the name. Esther -- no,
7 Colleen Award, Marjorie McDonald citation and \$100 to be
8 presented by Pat Sweeney, but she's not here.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I talked to Pat
10 during the lunch break and she said to give her love to
11 everyone. She's still getting around very slowly on her
12 walker since she had her hip replacement, but she's
13 thinking of all of you. So I would like to present this
14 award in her name, and it's the Colleen Award and it was
15 started by Marjorie McDonald many years ago. And this
16 year it goes to Susan Baker, President, District 28, Unit
17 694.

18 (Applause.)

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. This award also
20 goes -- has a \$100 check going with it.

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I want to tell you
22 when I read the report, it was fantastic. And everything
23 they were telling me, they spent over \$18,000 of donations
24 and they have maybe a couple hundred left in their
25 checking for this coming year. So I said, oh, my God, now

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1 they have 300, so that will help out.

2 Estella Hannell Memorial Award. It's the
3 district with the greatest numerical increase from close
4 of books 2012 to close of books 2013. The award goes to
5 District 29, Kendall Madsen, Membership Chair.

6 (Applause.)

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Am I taking too much
8 time, Madam President?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Not as far as I'm
10 concerned. Quite gripping, ladies. This is my
11 leprechaun. She is rewarding you on the fabulous job on
12 the membership this past year. So she's not taking too
13 much time. Thank you.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I have -- oh, what do
15 you call that? I have Top Senior Recruiter. District 6,
16 Haggin-Grant Unit 521.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm getting all of
19 these notes here. Top Junior Recruiter. District 14,
20 Fresno Federal Unit 509, Sandy Urban.

21 (Applause.)

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Now I have
23 Highest Unique Percent Goal, over goal, presented to
24 District 25, Ontario Unit 112. 272.73 percent.

25 (Applause.)

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Now what
2 you've been waiting for. We have five districts that are
3 100 percent that have goal districts. And this is
4 fantastic. I would like to have 20 of them, but it cost
5 me money so only a few is better.

6 The first one, first district that made 100
7 percent goal district is District 6.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You notice
10 they're sitting in the front row.

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. Okay.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Come on,
13 leprechaun. Just present the ones you have there, baby.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. I know it by
15 heart. Okay. The third place is District 15 as an also
16 100 percent.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I have the
19 certificate, but I don't know where it went here.

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: Here, do this one.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ruby, behave
22 yourself. Come on, leprechauns, play nice back here now.

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I want you to know
24 that she is doing that and she want hers and mine both.
25 So I'd like to present it and I am so proud of it, is my

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1 district. Not only they made 100 percent, but every unit
2 is 100 percent. I'm so proud of them. And then she gave
3 me the wrong ones. Never trust Ruby Kapsalis. District
4 27 is my pleasure to present it to Vella.

5 (Applause.)

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I don't know if Vella
7 gets that one, but I'm going to do District 29.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I'm getting back at
10 her. And those are 1500 plus. They are first place and
11 good Lord, ladies, you have my membership.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: And this one I don't
14 have to give it away. Do I have to give it to her, Madam
15 President? I don't have to give it to Ruby, do I?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Honey, if I were
17 you, I'd pass it on.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. It's District
19 28, first place for 1500 -- no. For 701 to 1500, first
20 place. And she works so hard. Where is Prunedale. Is
21 Prunedale here? Oh, boy. She was waiting for Prunedale.
22 I'll give it to you now, but I want it back. So I have to
23 take it and have it re-engraved, but I'll get it back
24 later on.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Danielle, you

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1 made a mistake.

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Well, I made quite a
3 few, I'll tell you. Now I want to tell you something that
4 is very close to my heart and close to probably a lot of
5 us. We have 24,000 members in and we need 24,537; right?
6 So this year, it's a very, very special year. First we
7 have Madam President, but we have someone very special
8 that we are going to install in Indianapolis.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: No, Houston.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Houston. Okay.
11 Houston. I was going to go to Indianapolis. I guess I
12 better be -- it's National President Elect Nancy
13 Brown-Park. We -- Park, not spark. We want to be 100
14 percent California. So I have a plan, ladies. I have a
15 plan that I presented yesterday at a special meeting in my
16 room. And I've already heard it -- don't go. Don't go
17 because you've got to listen to this plan because I need
18 everybody, everybody's help. And I think, I think with
19 God's help, and he will help us, we can make it before
20 convention is over.

21 What I'm suggesting is -- do I have the guts to
22 say that?

23 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Yeah.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yeah. That if each
25 and every one of you pay for one member per capita only,

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1 every one of you pay one member by Sunday, by tomorrow. I
2 have plenty -- I'm prepared for you to tell us who you
3 want. I can write it. I can do the transmittal. I am
4 ready to do all that, I think, and I'm pretty sure we will
5 meet our goal.

6 Okay? We are seniors and we are juniors. So
7 let's say the 17, if you want to give 20 or ten for
8 junior, but I don't know if you have ten in your district
9 that have not paid. And if everybody would do that,
10 ladies, we will make it. And don't you want to make it?

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: We're so close and
13 yet so far away. Even if I let you go home after
14 convention, I am not going to make it because you people
15 will say forget it, 2014's coming. But if you do it now,
16 we will do it. And it's been 30 years since we had the
17 California National President, don't you think it would be
18 a nice gift to give her to have perfect state, 100
19 percent?

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Are you with me?

22 (Applause.)

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Let me hear you. Are
24 you with me?

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Who has a nonpaid
2 roster for the Department of California, an unpaid member?
3 So if you want to shop on the unpaid roster or if you want
4 to give her the dues to make the selection, she'll do so.

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: But the check must be
6 addressed to the Department of California American Legion.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She'll take a
8 check.

9 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Okay. I'm
10 making the first donation. Here's my \$20 to pay for a
11 member who hasn't paid and maybe they'll come back and pay
12 next year. It's a junior and a senior, how's that? Tell
13 me what we need.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Ladies, if you need
15 cash, I want to -- if we have some receipt.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: That's okay.
17 I'll keep track.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Okay. We will keep
19 track. Ladies, believe me, it's worth it. I have goose
20 bumps to tell you we're going to make it. Now please help
21 me. Now I would like to make a presentation, Madame. May
22 I come to you?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes. Thank you,
24 Leprechaun. "Madam Department President Terry.
25 Membership is a sheltering tree." There's \$50 in here.

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1 "Thanks for always being there. I will cherish our
2 friendship forever. Thank you for bestowing your trust in
3 your Leprechaun Danielle. Buy yourself a new dress for
4 National Convention. Love, Danielle."

5 Let me tell you something, Danielle. Since this
6 leprechaun gave me this \$50, I'm going to give this \$50 to
7 my little leprechaun for membership. Come here, baby.
8 Take this for membership.

9 NEC CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I'm going to add a dollar,
10 and that's three.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They're going to
12 add a dollar so we'll pay for three senior members. Like
13 I said, she does have a current unpaid roster for the
14 whole Department of California. So if you have somebody
15 in your unit or district you want to pay for, you can
16 select that person or you can just donate and let Danielle
17 make a selection for you.

18 Danielle, are you -- where did that leprechaun
19 get off to now? Get back over there and finish, baby.

20 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT STEWART-WILSON: Madam
21 President?

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Madam President, this
23 concludes my report.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Rebecca is on the
25 floor. Go ahead, Rebecca.

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1 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT STEWART-WILSON: Madam
2 Membership Chairman Danielle, Madam Membership Chairman, I
3 have a transmittal that is actually here and ready to go
4 with two plus a check. So that's two from District 24.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. If you
7 want to meet Kathy Harris back in the corner behind
8 District 2. We're seated in the back of the bus, but this
9 year I've decided that being in the back of the bus is not
10 bad because they think you don't know anything. Back of
11 the bus is not such a bad place. District 2 is back there
12 in the back. You meet Kathy Harris back there in the
13 back. Kathy, put your hand up there. See that leprechaun
14 there? She's going on the back corner if you want to give
15 her money.

16 Okay. Leprechaun, hit it. She's done? I don't
17 think she's done. Danielle, are you done with everything?

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Wait a minute. We
19 have the fifth area. Do they want to make their
20 presentation right now because it has to do with
21 membership?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Cheryl Neiffer.
23 I know Ruth Hackney has got money. Donate some money into
24 that pocket there. Come on. Who else do I recognize out
25 here? Genieca. Oh, baby. Karen, Deanna, Harriet,

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1 Delores. Come on, ladies. Karen, pay somebody else's
2 dues. Oh, good. Come on, Ruby. The junior's dues is \$2.
3 The senior dues is 17. Little leprechaun only needs 537
4 and we'll be in the front. I know I said the best place
5 to be was in the back of the bus, but at National
6 Convention, the place to be is at the front.

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: I will tell you the
8 result tomorrow, Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,
10 Danielle.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: By applause you
13 have accepted Danielle's report.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Ladies,
16 district presidents that have not seen me in my room --
17 Susie Tozier I need to touch bases. If you haven't seen
18 me, come up here before you go to your room. I'll see you
19 at 8:30 in the morning here. We're going to reconvene.
20 Most all of you have this evening off. And our department
21 secretary has been looking in her crystal ball and, oh, my
22 God, it's full of papers.

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHITE: Madam President, I
24 think the fifth area wants to make a presentation.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Will you

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1 let Ms. Peggy do her crystal ball first?

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: When I paused to
3 look into the crystal ball after lunch, I found some
4 lovely spectacles to help me with my viewing. So it
5 wasn't so hazy and foggy in the crystal ball. So these
6 will be brought up to the office.

7 And we have some reruns, but we're going to do
8 some -- read some of these again. Sue's Lighthouse,
9 Melanie's Balloon Pilots, Willie's Bandleaders, Margie's
10 Magic Chefs, and Ronnie's Roses will meet for lunch
11 Saturday in the hotel restaurant.

12 Margaret's Dream Catchers, Goldie's Golden Leaks,
13 and Ruby's All Stars will meet Saturday noon in Room 223
14 in the Doral.

15 LuAnn's Ship Captains will meet for breakfast
16 Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. in the hotel restaurant.

17 And if you remember last year and we had the
18 telegraphs, the wires were sent on the telegraph, I had a
19 new wire sent to me regarding Linda's Rodeo Queens.
20 Because you know her so well, it has changed. It will not
21 be tomorrow afternoon, tomorrow morning, it will be right
22 after we convene tonight in the lounge to have a beverage.

23 Linda's Workmen, Clark's Patriots, Bonnie's Prom
24 Princesses, and Sandy's Colonels will meet for lunch on
25 Saturday in one of the meeting rooms at the hotel. So

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1 please meet in the hallway tomorrow.

2 Odette's Performers and Gwen's Penguins will meet
3 for lunch at Saturday's lunch recess in Room 138.

4 Linda's Racers, Bev's Stars, Madeline's Love
5 Princesses, Pilar's Musicians, and Norma's Birds of
6 Paradise will meet at the lunch recess Saturday beside --
7 to the right of the restaurant.

8 For the juniors or anyone who I guess feels like
9 a junior. Tonight -- pardon me. Tomorrow night, Saturday
10 night between 6:00 and -- I'm not sure this is -- I've
11 been told 6:00 and 9:00 at the Palace Places at the
12 Riviera Conference Center, come join us for a fun-filled
13 night of pizza, gaming provided by the Sons of the
14 American Legion. We will be serving pizza and lemonade
15 from 6:00 o'clock to -- I've got to redo my military time
16 again. It looks like it's from 6:00 to 8:00. At one
17 point it says 6:00 to 9:00 and the 6:00 to 8:00 tomorrow
18 night. Tomorrow night between 6:00 and 9:00 over at the
19 Riviera. The Game Stop will provide -- we're going to
20 have pizza, lemonade, Game Stop will provide a 16-station
21 gaming trailer for entertainment until 9:00 o'clock. The
22 pizza party will be in the Riviera hotel starting at 6:00
23 o'clock. The game trailer will be set up adjacent to the
24 parking lot. All ages are welcome, but will need to
25 contact information from Eddie Darvin whose minor will be

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1 left and occupied for the evening. Chaperones will be
2 available until 9:30. Please make arrangements to pick up
3 your charges then, and also a shuttle will be available
4 from this hotel to the Riviera. There are fliers and
5 signs in the department office.

6 And one last time, the office hours today will be
7 until 6:00 p.m. Tomorrow will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
8 and it will be closed between 1:45 and 2:15 for lunch.
9 And then on Sunday is 8:30 in the morning to one hour post
10 close of convention. Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you. Area
12 5 -- who ran away? Well, tell them to come back. Debbie
13 Fletcher, you're part of the fifth area. Come back.
14 What's the matter? You spend too much time in the
15 membership line? Okay. Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Neiffer, are
16 you making a presentation to the leprechaun?

17 No. I'm sorry. Why did I think you were making
18 a presentation to the Leprechaun?

19 District 25 DELEGATE FLETCHER: At this time I
20 would like to present -- well, within the fifth area we
21 have a challenge within our districts. I don't know if
22 you all know which districts are within the fifth area,
23 but -- do you? Okay. Good. Then I don't need to tell
24 you.

25 So at this time I would like to announce that

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1 District 29 came in first place as far as membership.

2 (Applause.)

3 District 25 DELEGATE FLETCHER: And they will
4 receive \$263. And Cheryl can tell you exactly where it
5 goes.

6 District 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Thank you,
7 Debbie, for being so gracious as a loser.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hey, buddy. No
9 slams like that.

10 District 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Madam President,
11 my half of the money went to your special project.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Well, thank you.

13 District 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And the other
14 half of the money is going to Children's Welfare
15 Foundation.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you very,
17 very much.

18 District 25 DELEGATE FLETCHER: Madam President,
19 I have another announcement.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Announcements.
21 (Singing.)

22 District 25 DELEGATE FLETCHER: Thank you. Okay.
23 Also I'd like to say that we as a fifth area challenged
24 Area 6 for, to you know, we challenged them as membership.
25 And I'm pleased to announce that fifth area won. Thank

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1 you sixth area for the \$50. That is going to go to our
2 VA&R program. Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: If Debbie would
4 have lost, she never would have said that.

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8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Is there
9 any other business this afternoon? Okay. Ladies, we will
10 stand in recess until 8:30 in the morning. Have a good
11 evening. Remember, if you haven't seen me, please come do
12 so.

13 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
14 was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. to be reconvened
15 on Saturday, June 29, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.)

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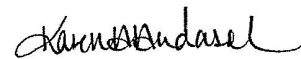
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5 I, Karen A. Andasola, a Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 94th Annual
9 Convention was taken Friday, June 28, 2013, at the time
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California
13 94th Annual Convention members were written down by me in
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 94th Annual
18 Convention members.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for
20 nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor
21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

22 Dated this 11th day of July, 2013, at Modesto,
23 California.



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