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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This convention
3 session is reconvened.

4 Loretta Marsh, Department Chaplain, will offer the
5 invocation.

6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Before I pray I wanted
7 to -- someone brought to my attention that Bert Rosten from
8 19th District fell last night and required emergency surgery
9 for a broken collarbone, and while trying to assist him
10 Louise injured herself and required eight stitches; so they
11 requested that you keep them in your prayers.

12 CONVENTION INVOCATION

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Oh, forgiving God, we
14 come before You with grateful hearts for the privilege and
15 opportunity to meet together today. Put Your loving arms
16 around those among us and those unable to be here who are
17 burdened with special needs and sorrow. We particularly
18 remember the Rostens today. Give them comfort and healing.

19 And as we gather here in Fresno, our love and
20 prayers are with those men and women who are serving this
21 great land of America here and abroad. Bestow upon them
22 a special blessing and keep them in Your loving care.

23 Now, as we begin this meeting, be with
24 Madam President Norma. Uplift her in spirit and strength of
25 body. Open our hearts and minds that all that is done will

1 be for the betterment of our organization and bring honor to
2 our country and, above all, to our loving God.

3 We pray this in Thy name, amen.

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Amen.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: May we observe
6 a moment of silence in honor of our loved ones who have gone
7 on to be with our Heavenly Father.

8 Thank you.

9 Department Secretary Doris Kilkenny will call the
10 role of the officers, chairmen, and district presidents.

11 ROLL CALL

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
13 morning, ladies.

14 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

16 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aloha.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: At least
18 I got one more hour of sleep than the day before; so we are
19 on target.

20 Department President Norma DuVall.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning, Doris.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
23 morning.

24 Department Vice President Pilar Reyes.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Good morning.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
2 morning.
3 Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny.
4 NEC Woman LuAnn Capazzi.
5 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI:
6 Present.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Chaplain
8 Loretta Marsh.
9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Present.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Historian
11 Stacey Estes.
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
14 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.
15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Aloha.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.
17 Musician Harriet Clendenin.
18 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Good morning.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I heard a
20 weak "good morning."
21 Sergeant-at-Arms Kathie Martinez.
22 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: Tropical.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Oh, I see
24 her.
25 Okay. Marshal Wantu Robinson.

1 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL ROBINSON: The breeze is here.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
3 Committee Chairman Linda Diebel.
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
6 Committee Senior Member Terry Mikesell.
7 AUXILIARY MEMBER: I believe she is excused.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
9 Committee Junior Member Susie Tozier.
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Advisory
12 Chairman Odette Cucarro.
13 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: Pineapple
14 Number 1.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Advisory
16 Committee Member Margaret Quiñones.
17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES: Pineapple
18 Number 2.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: And
20 Advisory Committee Member Ruby Kapsalis.
21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: Squished
22 pineapple.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Past
24 National President Josie Melgard.
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

2 Americanism Gloria Williams.

3 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Emergency
5 Fund Pat Carey.

6 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
7 Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Children
9 & Youth Danielle White.

10 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE:
11 Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Community
13 Service Kat Conrad.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CONRAD:
15 Present.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
17 Constitution and Bylaws Diane DeLashmit.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Aloha again.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha
20 again.

21 Convention Chairman for Fresno Patty Sharp.

22 CONVENTION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SHARP: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: She's
24 doing her duty.

25 Convention Commission Chairman Beverly Sparks.

1 CONVENTION COMMISSION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SPARKS:

2 Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

4 Credentials Lucille Taylor.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

7 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.

8 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:

9 Right here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Editor,

11 Estella Avina.

12 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Aloha.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

14 Education, Alzora Carter.

15 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

17 Elections, Jane Matthews.

18 Did she say, "Here"?

19 I'm sorry. I'm sorry, ladies. I can't hear you.

20 Girls State Chairman Jean McGinnis.

21 Okay. Madam President has to say, "Excused."

22 I believe you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I haven't had my

24 espresso this morning.

25 Excused.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: And Girls
2 State Director Sherry Schneider.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Junior
5 Activities Chairman Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
7 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Junior
9 Conference Director Rosemary Weber.

10 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WEBER: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
12 Leadership Chairman Pat Alvarez.

13 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Good
14 morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
16 morning.

17 Legislative Esther Garcia.

18 LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
20 Membership Chairman Pilar Reyes.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Yes?
23 She's not sure yet.

24 National Security LuAnn Capazzi.

25 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Happy

1 to see everyone's face.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Past
3 Presidents Parley Sandy Jacob.

4 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
5 I'm here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Poppy
7 Chairman Anita Biggs.

8 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,
9 Doris.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
11 morning.

12 Public Relations Marge Rye.

13 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: [Chicken
14 noises.]

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
16 Marge, on that one I'm going to say right back at you.

17 Resolutions Phyllis Holmberg.

18 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Rules Dorothy
20 Franceschi.

21 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:
22 Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
24 morning.

25 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Linda Fercho.

1 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN

2 FERCHO: Aloha.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

4 Ways and Means Chairman Judy Tabacchi.

5 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Judy isn't here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

7 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

8 TABACCHI: Aloha.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
10 Presidents.

11 District 1, Betty Shelton.

12 DISTRICT 1 VICE PRESIDENT CALCLINI: Vice President
13 Maryalice is here in Betty's absence.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
15 2 Molly Smith.

16 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SMITH: Yes, we have no
17 bananas.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: And they
19 would taste so good right now.

20 District 3, Martha Curtis.

21 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT CURTIS: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
23 4, Geri Fitzpatrick.

24 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: We're still
25 sitting.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
2 5, Nancy Evers.

3 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: Go surfing.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
5 6, Susan Casto.

6 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT CASTO: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
8 7, Jean McGinnis.

9 DISTRICT 7 MEMBERS: Greetings.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Jean is excused.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
12 you, Madam President.

13 District 8, Veronica Spence.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: She's excused.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
16 9, Connie Clement.

17 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT CLEMENT: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
19 10, Emily Magwili.

20 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAGWILI: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
22 morning.

23 District 11, Laura Barghoorn.

24 DISTRICT 11 MEMBERS: Easter Island, and we're
25 still here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
2 12, Norene Ramos.

3 DISTRICT 12 MEMBERS: Aloha.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.
5 District 13, Theresa Jacob.

6 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT JACOB: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
8 14, Teresa -- or I'm sorry. Barbara Davis.

9 DISTRICT 14 MEMBERS: Aloha. Good morning, Madam
10 President.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
13 15, Zana Chaney.

14 DISTRICT 15 MEMBERS: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
16 16, Annette McKendry.

17 DISTRICT 16 MEMBERS: [Singing.]

18 Good morning, Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

20 They have way too much energy.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
22 18, Denyse Laugeson.

23 DISTRICT 18 MEMBERS: Good morning. That is who we
24 are. Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
2 19, Anita Newall.

3 DISTRICT 19 MEMBERS: Good morning.

4 The 19th District Monarchs, Atlantis.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
6 20, Bobbi Estes.

7 DISTRICT 20 MEMBERS: This year has gone fast here
8 on Gilligan's Island. Good morning, Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
11 21, Cheryl Hathaway.

12 DISTRICT 21 MEMBERS: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I want to
14 go when you go.

15 (Laughter.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
17 22, June Hartin-Coatney.

18 DISTRICT 22 MEMBERS: From the island of Molokai,
19 good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
22 23, Heather Martinez.

23 DISTRICT 23 MEMBERS: We are the Bastion
24 23rd District. Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

1 24, Delores Artis.

2 DISTRICT 24 MEMBERS: Bali ha. Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
5 25, Ilona Thomas.

6 DEPARTMENT 25 MEMBERS: As we cherish the past and
7 remember this year, we nurture the present and all we hold
8 dear. We envision our future and continue to care for all
9 our brave veterans everywhere.

10 Aloha, Madam President.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Aloha.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
13 26.

14 DISTRICT 26 MEMBERS: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: That's
16 right. You guys are Alcatraz. Okay. I'm close to that
17 every day. I think I can do that.

18 District 27, `Danielle White.

19 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Hello.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
21 28, Michelle Soares.

22 DISTRICT 28 MEMBERS: Treasure Island has all their
23 booty all the way to Fresno.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

1 29, Rita Johnson.

2 DISTRICT 29 MEMBERS: Happy talk from the island of
3 Tahiti.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
5 30, Belen Telford.

6 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT TELFORD: Busy working.
7 Present. All the other ladies are working.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Well,
9 we're glad you joined us. Thank you.

10 Hospital Representative Veronica Spence, Fort
11 Miley.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Marylou
14 Warner.

15 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE WARNER: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mary
17 Sinoply.

18 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE SINOPLY: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pat
20 Klang.

21 Ruth Briggs.

22 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE BRIGGS: Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Did she
24 say -- okay. I didn't hear her. I see you now, Ruth.
25 Sorry.

1 Phyllis Holmberg.
2 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Here.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mavis
4 Kanka.
5 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KANKA: Here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pat
7 Alvarez.
8 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Good
9 morning.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Delores
11 Artis.
12 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Aloha.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Hermin
14 Fosmark.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
17 Evangeline Acosta.
18 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA: Here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Lois
20 Cornish.
21 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE CORNISH: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: And, of
23 course, Pat Anderson is excused. Sorry.
24 For the past department presidents, Mildred
25 Brockett.

1 Excused, Madam President?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, she's excused.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Nancy

4 Brown-Park is excused.

5 Willie Burke.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: LuAnn

8 Capazzi.

9 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI:

10 Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Linda

12 Caples.

13 MS. CAPLES: Present.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Bonnie

15 Christner.

16 MS. CHRISTNER: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Odette

18 Cucarro.

19 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: Present.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Diane

21 DeLashmit.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Virginia

24 Dandy.

25 MS. DANDY: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Shelby
2 Hitch.
3 NATIONAL SECURITY WESTERN DIVISION CHAIRMAN HITCH:
4 Present.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Phyllis
6 Holmberg.
7 Sue Hooker.
8 MS. HOOKER: Here.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Sandy
10 Jacob.
11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
12 I'm trying to be here.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Ruby
14 Kapsalis.
15 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
16 Here.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Marian
18 Cool.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Madeline
21 Lee.
22 Judy Lloyd.
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Josie
25 Melgard.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Margaret
3 Quiñones.

4 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES:
5 Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Marjorie
7 Shank. Excused?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused, yes.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Beverly
10 Sparks.

11 CONVENTION COMMISSION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SPARKS:
12 I'm here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Veronica
14 Spence.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Patricia
17 Sweeney.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I believe she might
19 be in finance. Excused.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Melanie
21 Taylor.

22 Linda Workman.

23 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
24 Always bringing up the rear, Madam President.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: That's

1 your roll call.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

3 I was given a note this morning. We are going to
4 sing "Happy Birthday." Frances King, District 6, had
5 a birthday yesterday, and she is 88 years young.

6 I hope you don't mind me telling that, Frances.

7 So we can sing "Happy Birthday."

8 (Singing.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: And many more.

10 In order to keep the proceedings running smoothly
11 I'm requesting that photos will be taken at the end of the
12 chairmens' reports. When you receive your award, please stay
13 to the right of the stage so that individual and group photos
14 can be taken.

15 And, also, ladies, please remember to be as quiet
16 as possible so that everyone can hear the reports of the
17 following chairmen. I'm going to be calling three chairmen
18 to the stage at a time. Chairmen, please be sure to send our
19 notes to the recipients of the awards so they are present at
20 the right of the stage when you give your reports.

21 There is going to be a one-sentence elevator speech
22 for the each of the programs. Listen carefully on the
23 program it refers to. An elevator speech should explain
24 clearly who or what the program is about.

25 Lastly, cell phones. Please be sure they are

1 either on vibrate or are turned off. Although we are asked
2 to do so, every year there are numerous phone calls that
3 distract the speakers and the members. During this
4 convention, all in the name of fun, please, remember, but
5 with the lesson to be learned, there are going to be
6 consequences. For those that -- of you that have been at
7 junior conference, there is a lesson taught to both the
8 juniors and the seniors, and the consequences is the teapot.
9 Usually the point is made, but all in good humor. This
10 convention hopefully we will not be doing the teapot;
11 however, in the event that we do, there is also going to be
12 a \$5 fine to Operation Mend. Donation jars over at Ways and
13 Means. So please, everybody, although I would love to have
14 your donations, please check your phones one last time to
15 make sure they are on vibrate.

16 Thank you.

17 Rules Chairman Dorothy Franceschi will now read the
18 convention rules.

19 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:
20 Madam President -- Department President Norma, I move that
21 the convention rules be considered seriatim and be adopted as
22 a whole.

23 I need a second.

24 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This moved -- been

1 moved and seconded that the rules be seconded seriatim and
2 adopted as a whole.

3 Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
6 "aye."

7 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Those opposed, "No."

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
11 carried.

12 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:
13 Thank you.

14 2010 CONVENTION RULES

15 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:

16 Madam Department President Norma, this chairman will hesitate
17 after each rule, or if there is a question or an amendment it
18 may be presented at that time.

19 Please note that since smoking is no longer
20 permitted on the premises, I had eliminated the no smoking
21 rule from Rule Number 3.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 This chairman will present the rules of the
24 convention.

25 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California,

1 2010 convention rules.

2 One: All meetings of the convention shall be
3 called to order at the designated time or as soon thereafter
4 as a quorum is present.

5 A quorum -- two: A quorum shall exist when
6 one-third of the units in good standing are partially or
7 wholly represented by duly elected delegates or alternates.
8 (Article IV, Section 3, Department Constitution.)

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

15 Four: The chair may deviate from the printed
16 program when necessary or expedient.

17 Five: The credentials chairman shall report
18 registration as directed by the chair.

19 Six: The registration of delegates and alternates
20 shall close at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26th, 2010.

21 Seven: Only qualified delegates shall have voice
22 and vote.

23 Eight: It shall be the responsibility of each
24 district president to see that only accredited delegates and
25 alternates serving as delegates are seated in her direct

1 delegation during the business meetings of the convention.

2 Nine: If a delegate expects to be absent from the
3 convention except for the purpose of attending a committee
4 meeting, she shall relinquish a delegate card to the
5 alternate. The alternate shall then take her seat in the
6 voting section. In the event the delegate does not have the
7 opportunity of reporting to the district president, it shall
8 become the duty of the chairman of the unit delegation to
9 report to the district president the absence of the delegate
10 and the presence of the alternate or the absence of both the
11 delegate and the alternate.

12 Ten: A delegate wishing the privilege of the floor
13 shall rise; address the chair as Madam Department President;
14 give her name, unit, and district number; pause; and wait to
15 be recognized by the chair.

16 Eleven: A member speaking in debate on a question
17 shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall speak more
18 than twice on the same question without consent of the
19 assembly.

20 Twelve: Delegates called -- delegates attending
21 called committee meetings shall be notified when the
22 convention is considering and voting upon adoption of any
23 change in policy or matters affecting finance.

24 Thirteen: Reports of committee which do not appear
25 to be controversial in nature may be adopted by general

1 consent if there is no objection. If there is objection,
2 a vote shall be taken. Following the acceptance of a report
3 of a committee, recommendations or resolutions may be
4 presented for consideration and adoption.

5 Fourteen: Any committee whose proposed changes in
6 policy might conflict with that of the American Legion shall
7 confer with the American Legion before presenting said
8 changes to the convention.

9 Fifteen: A committee recommending an appropriation
10 of funds for any purpose shall consult with the department
11 finance committee before presenting the recommendation or
12 resolution to the convention.

13 Sixteen: All resolutions to be presented to the
14 convention shall be in triplicate and properly signed.

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

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

24 Nineteen: Committees shall report to the
25 convention all resolutions properly submitted and accepted by

1 a majority of the convention committee.

2 Twenty: A resolution rejected by a committee may
3 be brought before the convention by two-thirds vote.

4 Twenty-one: Emergency resolutions which may arise
5 during the convention or after the date for submitting
6 resolutions may be presented no later than noon of the second
7 day of convention. (Article IV, Section 4, Department
8 Constitution.)

9 Twenty-two: Nomination of officers, junior member
10 of finance, department delegates, and alternates to the
11 national convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June 25,
12 2010.

13 Twenty-three: Endorsement of candidates for
14 national office shall follow the nominations.

15 Twenty-four: Nominations speeches shall be limited
16 to three minutes. There shall be no seconding speeches.

17 Twenty-five: Election of department officers,
18 junior member of finance, national candidate, department
19 delegates, and alternates to the national convention shall be
20 held Saturday morning, June 26th, 2010.

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

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

3 Twenty-seven: When there is but one nominee for
4 all department offices and but one nominee for the junior
5 member of finance, the nominee shall be elected viva voce.
6 (Article V, Section 3, Department Constitution.) Upon roll
7 call the district president shall report the number of units
8 partially or wholly represented by duly elected delegates or
9 alternates present at the delegation at the time of roll
10 call. This is to determine if there is a quorum of the units
11 present at the time of the election.

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

22 Twenty-nine: When there are three or more nominees
23 for an office or junior member of the finance, unless one
24 nominee receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the
25 nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be

1 automatically dropped before proceeding with the ballot --
2 the next ballot.

3 Thirty: Each district president and member of the
4 elections committee shall distribute and collect the vote
5 passed by the district delegation and deliver them to the
6 department chairman of the elections.

7 Thirty-one: Department officers, chairmen,
8 members, and past department presidents shall vote with their
9 respective districts.

10 Thirty-two: Each delegate shall be entitled to one
11 vote. The vote of an absent unit delegate not presented by
12 an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates
13 from the unit. When two delegates represent three votes, the
14 chairman of the unit delegation shall cast the third vote.

15 Thirty-three: A majority of all votes cast shall
16 elect except that in the election of the national delegates
17 and alternates a plurality shall elect.

18 Thirty-four: These convention rules may be amended
19 during the convention by a two-thirds vote.

20 Thirty-five: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly
21 Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points
22 not covered by these rules, the department constitution and
23 bylaws, and convention mandates.

24 Madam Department President, this concludes the
25 reading of the convention rules.

1 And I move their adoption.

2 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a motion on
4 the floor to accept the rules.

5 Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
8 "Aye."

9 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
13 carried.

14 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:
15 Madam Department President, Rule Number 3 provides that it is
16 your responsibility to designate certain doors to accommodate
17 delegates to enter and leave the convention. I would suggest
18 the door pages request delegates entering the hall to stand
19 quietly until the speaker has finished before returning to
20 their feet.

21 And thank you, President Norma, for this
22 appointment and for the opportunity to serve you and the
23 Department of California.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Dorothy.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: At this time I will
2 designate the doors for entering and exiting the hall, they
3 will be over here, the main -- the main doors.

4 We will now have the report of the National
5 Executive Committeewoman LuAnn Capazzi.

6 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Thank
7 you, Madam President.

8 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN REPORT

9 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Good
10 morning, ladies.

11 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

12 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: This
13 past year it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your
14 national executive committeewoman, being able to go our to
15 our nation's capitol, walk the halls of Congress, and to
16 visit with our California representatives and senators was
17 a wonderful experience. Of course there was Auxiliary
18 business to attend to also.

19 At our mid-year meeting I told you that there was
20 a possibility of a dues increase in the near future and that
21 a new financial system which will incorporate how renewals
22 and new members will be processed would soon be on board.

23 I received the information on the awareness
24 assembly shortly after returning home from our mid-year
25 conference. After scanning all the materials in the packet,

1 I knew I was going to have a very busy schedule, and there
2 was going to be lots of information to cover.

3 Our first NEC meeting was on Saturday night, with
4 greetings and welcome from our national president, Rita
5 Navarette. After the regular business meeting opening,
6 Kristine West, past national president and 90th anniversary
7 chairman, gave an inspiring speech about our first 90 years
8 of service to our veterans and how we could continue to do
9 our great works.

10 The meeting then proceeded with a summary of the
11 audit report and review of the financial policies by Finance
12 Chairman Linda Boone, past national president. Members of
13 the strategic planning committee gave an update on their
14 progress since our August meeting.

15 The Auxiliary's involvement in the VISTA program,
16 Call to Service Corps, was given by Robert Reeg from our
17 Washington D.C. office. Recess was called until Monday
18 morning.

19 Sunday is a very special time when we go to
20 Arlington National Cemetery and President Rita lays a wreath
21 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The changing of the
22 guard right before the wreath-laying ceremony is so very
23 impressive. There is such dedication from these young men
24 and women.

25 We then took a bus tour through the cemetery,

1 stopping at several interesting grave sites and a look at the
2 newest part of the cemetery. There was a beautiful, large
3 Air Force memorial that was new and very impressive.

4 After returning to the hotel, it was time to take
5 our poppy corsages down to the judging area. Wow. What a
6 beautiful display of red, white, and blue. Melanie had a big
7 job of logging in each corsage and putting a number on it so
8 that the participants could pay \$1 for each of their voting.
9 They wanted to win. We weren't one of the big winners, but
10 we had beautiful corsages.

11 That evening was the 90th celebration and the
12 presentation of the public spirit award. Of course, all of
13 us from California were very excited as John Wordin from the
14 Ride to Recovery program was the winner, and he is a
15 Legionnaire from California. It was a very special evening.

16 Monday morning it was back to work, and our first
17 speaker was the Honorable L. Tammy Duckworth from the
18 Department of Veterans Affairs. He spoke on the plan to end
19 homeless veterans in the next five years. I am going to be
20 watching this -- his department very carefully this coming
21 year.

22 There was a very special gentleman who was next on
23 the dais who looked like a homeless man, but as he spoke and
24 told his story he would peel off a layer of his tattered
25 clothes, and as he continued his journey through

1 homelessness, more of the clothing was shed until finally he
2 stood there in a business suit and tie. He had worked with
3 the program and got his life back through -- with the help of
4 the Veterans Affairs office. We do make a difference,
5 ladies, and we need to continue our efforts to make sure more
6 stories like his are possible every day.

7 Our day continued with speakers on topics such as
8 military and veterans health care issues; our service to the
9 veterans, past, present, and future; Operation Military Kids,
10 Citizen Corps, Operation Homefront; Give an Hour, which are
11 psychiatrists who donate an hour each week at a veterans
12 facility; then they prepared us for our hill walk on Tuesday.
13 Nancy Brown-Park gave a membership whistle stop presentation,
14 and we closed the session with a parade of checks for
15 national donations to the Ride to Recovery Program.

16 Tuesday morning we had a joint session with the
17 Legionnaires, with guests from the House and Congress, who
18 were receiving special awards from the American Legion for
19 their service to our country and to our veterans' issues.

20 The California delegation met after lunch and
21 headed over to the offices of our representatives and spent
22 the afternoon leaving our legislative priority sheets with
23 their representatives and also getting to talk to some of the
24 aides that were available. There was a vote going on; so
25 many of our senators and Congressmen were in session and not

1 available.

2 Wednesday morning was a wrap up, with another
3 presentation on the VISTA Project and the Auxiliary's role;
4 the future of the American Legion Auxiliary, and National
5 Secretary Debbie Buckler spoke about the necessity of a dues
6 increase at that time because of those that we were losing
7 because of death and those that were not renewing. And then
8 we had a presentation on the veterans' history project and
9 how they really wanted more participants to tell their story
10 for the archives.

11 The poppy corsage winners were announced and awards
12 were handed out.

13 National President Rita thanked all of us for our
14 participation in the presentations and hoped we would take
15 all this information back to our departments and get them
16 energized and reconnected to what our organization is all
17 about.

18 It has been a very rewarding year, and, again, I
19 thank you for allowing me to be your representatives from
20 California.

21 Madam President, this concludes my report.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, LuAnn.

24 Will the vice president, Pilar Reyes, please assume
25 the chair for the department president's report.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The tropical island
3 theme has lived up to be a fun, colorful year. There has not
4 been much solitude or isolation, but I do believe my travels
5 and island hopping were, indeed, an escape from routine.
6 Relaxation? Definitely not. An adventure? Absolutely.
7 What an exciting, memorable, and busy year it has been.

8 The beautiful installation in Riverside was an
9 extra special day, being able to extend a tearful but happy
10 Father's Day wish and hug to my dad. After many
11 installations in June and July, August arrived with the 79th
12 Annual Yountville picnic at the veterans home and a tour of
13 the grounds, hospital, cemetery, and creative arts building.
14 It was an honor to make the hospital tours at Yountville,
15 Fort Miley, Palo Alto, Livermore, and Menlo Park with our
16 Department Commander Dennis Fercho and VA&R Chairman Linda.
17 It was amazing to see the prosthetic ears and noses, hear the
18 process for ocular prosthesis -- those are artificial eyes --
19 and smell the aroma of homemade soup and fresh baked bread
20 drifting down the hallway -- best therapy for anyone.

21 August concluded with my visit to the Long Beach
22 VA, where I enjoyed their first car show, lots of oldies
23 music, and a tour of the wood shop and creative arts area.

24 Whirlwind travels in September and October included
25 more preparations for the mid-year meeting, the Girls State

1 budget meeting, department training, and three workshops,
2 with a total of 276 members from 26 of 29 districts
3 attending, 70 attending a workshop for the first time.
4 October included my first official visit and very public hula
5 lesson in Tahiti, District 29. Thank goodness that was not
6 the photo that made the front page of the Legionnaire. With
7 regret I had to miss the second California Ride to Recovery
8 due to attending the president's and secretary's meeting in
9 Indianapolis.

10 October concluded with Commander Fercho once again
11 joining us on a tour of West LA VA, Fisher House, and New
12 Directions, a facility for homeless veterans. It is truly
13 amazing to see and hear of the care our veterans receive.
14 The tours gave us insight into the needs of our newest
15 veterans and changes in the VA system.

16 I would be remiss if I did not mention Pearl, the
17 Wonder Horse, a tiny, tiny horse, that is a regular visitor
18 at West LA for the West LA patients. We really didn't call
19 each other -- I was in my pink; Peter in his pink, and Pearl
20 was in her pink, complete with her pink Nikes.

21 November kicked off with the junior leadership
22 workshop attended by 20 seniors and 22 juniors. Honorary
23 Vice President Aaronisha learned quickly the first
24 responsibility of vice president: Be ready to assume
25 responsibility for conducting the meeting should the

1 president not be available. And a fine job she did.

2 On November 11th Peter and I were honored to
3 participate in the 6th annual San Fernando Veterans Day
4 Parade. A few short days later we once again were in the
5 company of Commander Fercho and Linda, attending a fundraiser
6 honoring our national -- or excuse me. Our nation's veterans
7 in Ceres.

8 Concluding the months were tours of Loma Linda VA
9 Medical Center and the Barstow Veterans Home and the
10 celebration of life of Odette Taylor, Hospital
11 Representative, for 15 years at West LA VA.

12 After much needed family recoup time, the holiday
13 season kicked into high gear with District 18's annual
14 POW/MIA Christmas Candlelight Service just prior to being
15 washed ashore at Gilligan's Island -- this time in District
16 20 -- greeted by the entire crew, as well as good ol' Saint
17 Nick.

18 Before that week was out we were once again on the
19 road to San Diego to meet Linda for the tours of Chula Vista
20 Veterans Home, WAVE Clinic, and San Diego VA. Intermittent
21 rain dampened our trip back to Norco to attend National
22 Commander Clarence Hill's dinner, then off to rest for the
23 commander's dinner the next evening in District 18. More
24 rain as we traversed the freeway that same evening back to
25 Escondido for the island stop at Molokai, where once again I

1 saw myself performing the hula -- not a pretty sight -- among
2 those who had been practicing.

3 Finally, Christmas morning was spent with
4 a tri-district holiday visit to Long Beach VA to bring gifts
5 and holiday greetings to the veterans.

6 January rings in the new year, 2010, the start of
7 a new decade. Official visits to the district "islands" are
8 well underway, and the units are doing an incredible job
9 working our programs and membership. Although we have
10 accomplished many good things, there are many opportunities
11 waiting and visions of an incredible membership payoff yet to
12 come.

13 It is countdown to DEC but have one more last stop,
14 this time to Wacky Dacky Island in Riverside. What a bunch.
15 Their song? "They're coming to take me away, ha ha." I need
16 to be careful or they are going to take me away too.

17 The January DEC in Ontario was very well attended,
18 and we had the pleasure of entertaining the Western Division
19 Vice President Peggy Brown. This year at the banquet it was
20 an extreme privilege and pleasure to have three young active
21 duty personnel from the United States Marine Corps
22 participating in our POW/MIA ceremony, bringing a deeper
23 reverence and meaning to this already very special and
24 memorable ceremony. Lance Corporal Austin DuVall, Lance
25 Corporal Lora Clendenin, and Lance Corporal Beni Tupou are

1 fine examples of today's military personnel and represent all
2 that is good in this nation today.

3 Another highlight of the evening was a Polynesian
4 show by Na 'O Hana O Mele and their smallest, but not
5 youngest, who stole the show and won many of our hearts. Do
6 I dare mention another very public hula lesson? Why not? I
7 was in the company of many of you this time.

8 January concluded with more island stops where I
9 found my way to District 26, Alcatraz Island, that is, was
10 thrown in jail, but was bailed out with the unit donations to
11 my special project, only to have yet another very public hula
12 lesson at Treasure Island, District 28, the next day. This
13 trip concluded with a stop at the department office and an
14 incredible tour of David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis
15 Air Force base. The state-of-the-art medical center is a
16 VA/DOD joint venture providing inpatient/outpatient care for
17 nearly 400,000 VA eligibles in the Sacramento vicinity, as
18 well as the jumping-off point for nearly 3500 patients from
19 OIF/OEF. Their campus tour included the VA Fairfield
20 Outpatient Clinic, Fisher House, Travis USO, and the largest
21 hyperbaric medicine chamber on the west coast.

22 In February I attended the Four Chaplains service
23 in San Francisco, many more official visits were made, and
24 the final VA tour in Fresno was completed and 8 & 40 Pouvoir
25 was attended.

1 The first weekend in March found me once again in
2 flight for an overnight trip, this time to the Isle of Capri
3 in beautiful Rio Linda and my first delayed flight and my
4 experience of flying standby.

5 My next official visit -- my next official duty? A
6 road trip to the Legion DEC in Santa Maria with grass skirt
7 and leaf leis in hand. Need to make sure that Commander
8 Fercho's grass skirt fits for his signature performance at
9 convention. Yes. After bringing greetings and a box of
10 chocolates my special order grass skirt was a perfect fit;
11 however, I did recommend Linda not make many more fast food
12 stops before convention. Commander Fercho was a great sport,
13 but I think there was some -- were some Legionnaires in the
14 audience that were really serious about that bikini thing.
15 A couple days later, a 4.4 earthquake at 4:04 a.m. Hope the
16 Legion Kuhunas aren't that upset.

17 (Laughter.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It was then off to
19 meet the Kilkenny shuttle in Sacramento for an island hop at
20 Castle Craig, District 2, then down to Paradise Island,
21 District 5. Final preparations for National President Rita's
22 visits are completed for the next weekend. A highlight of
23 President Rita's visit to Southern California was our tour at
24 UCLA, with part of the Operation Mend team; a very moving
25 visit and not a dry eye to be seen. Flight back to Paradise

1 Island, District 5, and President Rita's northern visit and
2 luncheon, also attended by National Commander Clarence Hill
3 and Commander Fercho. I am told it was a first for
4 California having both our national leaders at the same place
5 at the same time.

6 It is now April, and Norma's island girls are at
7 Wonder Valley having a tropical good time. What? No talent
8 show for the juniors? Whose idea was this to have the
9 seniors, including yours truly, as the entertainment? What
10 a sight we were in our island attire and performance of
11 District 25's song, "Hot, hot, hot."

12 Just one week after junior conference my island
13 hopping took me to Atlantica, District 23. In the midst of
14 meeting and greeting, my binder mysteriously disappeared.
15 There were 17 junior members in attendance, and it didn't
16 take long for me to figure out what happened. Yes, you
17 guessed it. Newly installed Honorary Junior President Jamiya
18 Sparks came up with my binder, but not until after I did the
19 teapot with my island explorers. April concludes with my
20 homecoming. Is that a light at the end of the tunnel of
21 presidency?

22 Where has the year gone? It is May and time for
23 the dreaded budget meeting and the final island stops. What
24 a hectic, draining four days. Early morning flight, budget
25 meeting, three island stops. Would you believe my last two

1 final visits were May 15th to District 1, held in Fort Bragg;
2 and May 16th to District 30 held in Bombay Beach,
3 approximately 700 miles apart. What a way to end my island
4 hopping. May closed out with welcoming Commander Fercho home
5 and laying a wreath at our local Memorial Day ceremony.

6 June brings final preparations for convention and a
7 bright light and visions of a normal Auxiliary life:
8 District meeting with elections and being part of the
9 district ritual team for installations.

10 Lastly, as your department president I was
11 privileged to attend UCLA's Flag Day celebration of Operation
12 Mend, meet seven of the patients, and spoke at great length
13 with Retired Marine Corporal Aaron Mankin. It was a very
14 humbling but uplifting experience to be in the presence of
15 everyone involved with Operation Mend. The passion and
16 commitment of the entire Operation Mend team is equal to the
17 incredible inspiration and spirit of these young men.

18 Your support of my special project, Operation Mend,
19 is appreciated beyond words. Thank you for sharing the
20 privilege of providing newfound hope to these wounded
21 warriors and helping heal the wounds of war. Our total
22 donations as of this minute is \$29,235.76.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

25 Hopefully you will find it in your hearts to

1 continue to assist and give back to these heroes who have
2 given much -- so much to protect our family and country.

3 In the next couple of days we will be concluding
4 our year. I really am getting those happy feet, even though
5 I had a birthday and am starting my next decade. It was an
6 honor and a privilege serving you and the Department of
7 California. Please accept my sincere appreciation, and thank
8 you once again for all your courtesy and for all you have
9 done making your mark, "Celebrating 90 years of service, not
10 self, for veterans, God, and country," as we "Cherish the
11 past, nurture the present, envision the future." And always
12 remember to accentuate the positive.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you,
15 President Norma.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

18 We are going to have the reports of the department
19 officers.

20 Will all officers not already on stage please come
21 up quietly and be ready to give your reports. Anyone who
22 received notes from them for awards, please come up quietly
23 and line up to the right of the stage.

24 And a gentle reminder to the department officers
25 and chairmen: All reports -- excluding Americanism,

1 education, membership, children and youth, poppy resolutions,
2 and veterans affairs and rehabilitation -- per the department
3 policy code are to be limited to five minutes. I have
4 a timer. This includes in five minutes is including your
5 committee reports, your supplementals, and your first-place
6 presentations.

7 Pilar, would you please assume the station while I
8 go bring greetings to the American Legion.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Have a nice trip.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: See ya.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We will now hear
13 the report of our Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER CONVENTION REPORT

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Hello,
16 ladies.

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Hello.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Welcome
19 to the beautiful island of Fresno, where we can experience
20 a heat wave, a tropical heat wave, to conclude this Auxiliary
21 year the tropical paradise. I have to say that the weather
22 has been cooperating a lot better than we expected. So as I
23 look upon the seas, I can see a change coming -- actually,
24 lots of changes coming. Some are stormy seas, but most are
25 of only weathering changes. A secretary's workshop was held

1 yesterday morning in the Sanger room. I thank you for the
2 large attendance. It was great -- it would be great to have
3 a little bit more time, but we did cover a lot of
4 information, and I appreciate your questions. As always, we
5 can learn from each other.

6 Some of the changes we will be weathering in the
7 department office, our bookkeeper, Wilson Song, is leaving
8 the office. His last day will be June 30th. He has been
9 attending classes while working part time for the Auxiliary
10 and has recently received an offer of a full-time job
11 utilizing his education. We currently have a plan in place
12 that would be a savings to the department, and we are
13 implementing a new accounting software for nonprofit
14 organizations that should be in place within the next couple
15 of weeks. Keep your fingers crossed.

16 Next year delegate cards will not be sent to the
17 units. More than \$200 was spent in postage, and over 25
18 percent of the units either did not receive them in the mail
19 prior to convention, although they were mailed in time; and
20 there were other issues, such as the contact person for the
21 unit not getting the cards to the delegates, to the office,
22 and not having a correct address for the unit contact. Due
23 to the verification of the elected delegates being processed
24 in the department office, there is no longer a need for the
25 unit secretary to sign the card. She and the unit president

1 have already confirmed their membership by the signature on
2 the certification of delegate and alternate form; so this
3 will serve as a savings in time and money for our office.

4 Additional cost reduction was the removal of our
5 smart mailer machine that was used to process bulk mailing
6 addresses. Due to the USPS requesting a process of
7 presorting, checking for duplicate addresses, and discarding
8 nondeliverable addressed mail, it is no longer a savings for
9 us to utilize third-class mail. Last year I asked the units
10 to pay \$25 to help with the cost of postage, and I had more
11 than 50 percent of the units who went green and obtained
12 their mail from the Website, and those who wanted first-class
13 mail paid the money to help the costs. Thank you, ladies.
14 You helped the department office save a third of the cost to
15 continue the lease of the mailing machine until it ended.
16 Now that time has come, the machine has been removed from the
17 office, and that is a savings of \$4400 a year.

18 I have several of you who have, again, started
19 sending the mailing cost of \$25 to the office for this coming
20 year, when the sole intent was only to offset costs last
21 year; therefore, I leave it up to this body of delegates to
22 decide if you wish to continue or not with this donation to
23 assist in postage.

24 Our Website has been a valuable asset, and thank
25 you to those who use it to retrieve forms and bulletins.

1 The addition of a Girls State Website has been
2 invaluable to the Girls State program, which provided an
3 estimated \$1600 in savings to the Girls State program
4 expenses.

5 I also wish to take this time to thank Art and Ruby
6 Kapsalis for maintaining the department Website. We -- I --
7 could not have had all the information available to you
8 without their assistance and hard work. I appreciate you
9 both for your dedication and the valuable time that you put
10 in to make me look good. So thank you, Art and Ruby.

11 The implementation of the new American Legion
12 Auxiliary's ALA MIS database membership system is fast
13 approaching. Excuse me. The conversion of the ALA to create
14 our own membership database is a very large project. The
15 first phase was to begin the second week of May. Then it was
16 moved to the 1st of June, and then to the 15th of June, and
17 now the target go-live date is this coming Tuesday, June
18 29th. This is a very good change for the Auxiliary, and more
19 explanation of the process will be heard at a later time
20 during this convention. Those of you in attendance at
21 yesterday's workshop heard about the progress and the
22 excitement surrounding our new membership system.

23 A new lease on our copier in the office has been
24 negotiated just this past week, creating a savings of over
25 \$300 per month.

1 This year we celebrate 90 years of service, and our
2 national president, Rita Navarette, chose the theme
3 "Celebrating 90 years of service, not self." What a
4 wonderful statement, ladies. If we could all follow those
5 words of advice. Our mission is to serve our veterans, their
6 families, and our community; so I ask you if you do so for
7 self gratification or to follow our mission.

8 I also have some feedback I wish to report from the
9 department office.

10 Many questions still come into the office that are
11 not relevant to our purpose; so please be prepared to explain
12 what action you would like our office to take regarding your
13 complaint. In the future, please be prepared to present the
14 complaint to the department office for our files; that is in
15 writing, ladies, and signed. When the post asks for your
16 membership card before serving you in the bar or cantina,
17 respect their policy and show it, or find somewhere else to
18 do your socializing in a place that is not offensive to you.
19 There is no ruling in the department that allows me or your
20 president to stop you from being refused service.

21 Abusive attitudes are offensive to the staff and
22 myself; so please consider this. If you wanted an immediate
23 answer and asked with rudeness, you just went to the bottom
24 of my task list. Statements of, quote --

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: -- "How
2 stupid are you up there anyway?" "Who runs this show?" And
3 "I demand you do something," all quotes, are some that have
4 been received, and some in writing. I firmly believe in
5 customer service, and the staff and I will continue to
6 provide that to you, but the rudeness and condescending
7 remarks will no longer be accepted.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: You asked
10 and then challenged the answers; so you have apparently
11 already researched the question. I thank you for taking that
12 time that I really do not have to jump at your request. I no
13 longer have the energy to deal with this childish behavior.
14 You have worn me down, ladies. I urge you to take
15 accountability and make a change. To those of you who have
16 been patient, understanding, kind, and always gracious you
17 make our day; so thank you. Those who are disgruntled are
18 actually few but leave a huge impression and irritation.

19 If you treat our new members with the same attitude
20 that some of you treat the office staff, I can understand why
21 they do not renew their dues. We entertain rudeness and
22 disrespect daily, and I believe that you really have
23 forgotten why you joined this organization or what it means
24 to belong to it.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: We strive
2 to invite new members into our organization, but we fail to
3 retain those members. Please do not treat them with that
4 same disrespect. Do you truly cherish the past? There is
5 dissension among those -- among us, as we seem to be on our
6 own little power trips, ballooning our egos and not working
7 our programs. Remember those before us. I believe they
8 taught us respect and perseverance, not degradation and
9 rudeness.

10 Nuture the present. Don't hinder our growth. The
11 office is not the mediator or referee for arguments and
12 personality conflicts within your unit. We frequently
13 receive requests from members throughout the state to
14 transfer to units who, quote, do something for the veterans
15 and the troops, not just fight amongst ourselves and have
16 power control issues, unquote.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Please do
19 me -- and I'm going to add our organization -- a favor and
20 don't call me for advice if you think we are stupid. If that
21 is your opinion of us, why are you calling? I am no longer
22 willing to argue in these situations. I am calling to a halt
23 to the remarks. If you don't agree with our policies and
24 procedures, then stand up and take action to get it changed.
25 You have the right to disagree; so follow the protocol and

1 take action. Utilize your energies in helping a veteran.
2 Please remember that the end result has always been and will
3 always be that you are hurting a veteran most by being
4 belligerent, indignant, and nasty. There are several who
5 need a good meal, a blanket, and a bed. Their sacrifices
6 were to give us freedom in a democratic country; so, please,
7 try to use the same compassion that they have for their
8 fellow soldiers.

9 Our loss of ladies this past year has been
10 tremendous, as was indicated in yesterday's memorial service.
11 It is time to stop and smell the roses. We cover our losses
12 by bringing in new members and teaching them what we have
13 been taught over the years by those before us. If we don't
14 regroup, reenergize, and revitalize ourselves, we will not
15 have a future to envision.

16 I firmly believe that we can do what we joined
17 together to do, and that is devotion to our veterans and
18 their plights. Changes are a part of life that teach us how
19 to adapt in everyday activities. We will continue to strive,
20 to provide customer service, but I, again, ask for your help.
21 To those of you who give me continued support, I thank you.
22 I pray that others will heed our mission and take action.
23 Let us work together to cherish, nurture, and envision.

24 Madam President, I have to personally thank you for
25 listening to sometimes days of venting. You have been my

1 pillar of strength.

2 To the past department presidents who have assisted
3 me and took over Barbara Carlson's sometimes daily phone
4 calls to ask, quote, so what is going on in the department
5 office today, unquote, I appreciate you and cannot thank you
6 enough for your support in mentoring.

7 To all of the Auxiliary members assembled in this
8 room, thank you for allowing me to serve you, pushing
9 opposition and criticism aside, you are the greatest group of
10 volunteers I would ever hope to be associated with and stand
11 beside.

12 I thank you for allowing me to work for you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you, Doris.
15 Thank you very much.

16 You will hear from our Hilo Hattie Diane DeLashmit,
17 Parliamentarian.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN CONVENTION REPORT

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Good
20 morning.

21 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I think the
23 department secretary/treasurer pretty much gave my report.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam

1 Caribbean Queen, I hardly know where to begin. As many have
2 been swaying to the warm tropical breezes, this Hilo Hattie
3 has been in a whirlwind from all the problems, issues,
4 questions, personality issues, et cetera, posed by our
5 members. It was difficult to know if I was being called for
6 parliamentarian or constitution and bylaws because they go
7 hand in hand.

8 I have had to ask our department commander, a
9 district commander, Legion department constitution and bylaws
10 chairman, as well as the department adjutant to intervene in
11 some cases. This is not to mention our own department
12 president and secretary drawn into these situations.

13 I am very proud to belong to the world's largest
14 patriotic women's organization; however, I am not always
15 proud of how we act with one another. Sometimes we have
16 forgotten what our organization is about. There are so many
17 internal problems within our units and posts. We need to
18 remember that we don't tell the Legion what to do, and they
19 don't tell us what to do, and they certainly don't tell us --

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: -- and they
22 certainly don't tell us how to spend our money or confiscate
23 our goods.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Another

1 problem that has been surfacing for a while is bringing our
2 organization's ways of doing things into other organizations
3 and probably taking ours to theirs. You know the saying,
4 "When in Rome, do as the Romans"? The VFW and other
5 organizations are fine organizations. They have their
6 procedures, and we have ours. I am sure we have many members
7 that belong to many of these organizations. When you
8 participate in them, use their procedures. When you are
9 doing American Legion Auxiliary work, use ours.

10 There is such a power struggle among our members
11 trying to get one up on each other. This has to stop. It is
12 destroying our organization. In just ten years we have lost
13 over 50 units. And yes, that was before 9/11, after which we
14 had an increase in patriotism. Ask yourselves, why did I
15 join this unit? If I were a new member, would I ever come
16 back to a meeting with how the members act? Would I want to
17 be treated the way I see others being treated? Have I been
18 the one to attack someone, and if so, was I able to take it
19 if they spoke harshly to me? We don't have to like each
20 other, but we should be able to work for the betterment of
21 our veterans, youth, and communities. Isn't that what we are
22 all about? We spend a lot of time being very hostile with
23 one another when we could be doing something constructive.
24 We have no control over others, only ourselves.

25 If we familiarize ourselves with the constitution

1 and bylaws on all levels, standing rules, our rights and
2 responsibilities, handbook, and Robert's Rules of Order it
3 will give us a good start. We all need to play by the same
4 rules. They should be available to everyone. Spend some
5 time each meeting to educate our members. How about
6 encouraging others to attend a workshop? I pretty much see
7 the same people attending, and the ones that need it the most
8 aren't there.

9 As we begin a new year, let us vow to change our
10 turmoil to a nice breeze instead of a gust of hot wind. We
11 can do much to improve our organization if we just think
12 before we speak and overreact.

13 Hilo Hattie is tired and wore out.

14 Madam Caribbean Queen, this concludes my report.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you, Madam
17 Parliamentarian.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We will now hear
20 the report of the historian, to be given by Pat Alvarez.

21 Pat.

22 CONVENTION HISTORIAN COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

23 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: The
24 historian's convention committee met on June 24th, 2010, at
25 10:00 a.m. in Salon C at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno,

1 California.

2 The historian's statical report appears on Page 16
3 of the book of Reports.

4 Connie Jarvis of District 27 was appointed
5 secretary, Gigi Gebhart of District 20 offered prayer, and
6 Judy Tabacchi of District 18 was appointed sergeant-at-arms.
7 Pat Alvarez of District 29 filled in for the department
8 historian.

9 A total of 19 district delegates answered roll
10 call, with ten districts absent, and there nine visitors
11 present.

12 The committee agreed upon the following report.

13 The department code for the historian was read,
14 questions and answers were taken and answered, and no
15 resolutions were presented.

16 Recommendations for the next department historian
17 were explained and placed in the procedure book. There were
18 no resolutions.

19 Sorry. That's a repeat.

20 Second and third place award winners were
21 announced, and those certificates were placed in the
22 respective district envelopes.

23 Some further discussion was held, the chaplain
24 offered a closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 10:40
25 a.m.

1 Madam President, that concludes the -- Madam
2 President, that concludes the historian convention committee
3 report.

4 May I continue with the supplemental?

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: You may.

6 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: For
7 Stacey.

8 Madam President, let me start this report with
9 a thank you for understanding why I cannot be with you this
10 week. Who would have thought that in one short year so much
11 would have happened to both Madam President and the
12 historian.

13 All of you please close your eyes and imagine back
14 to June 2009, when we started off the year of cherishing the
15 past. Let's do that a little now, keeping your eyes closed.

16 What a colorful, sentimental, awesome department
17 installation.

18 What fun times Madam President had making the VA
19 hospital tours.

20 How did you feel after attending your first
21 department workshop?

22 Are your eyes still closed?

23 What colorful halls, rooms, and restaurants you all
24 made for Madam President's visits.

25 How busy your units all were for a whole year with

1 that colorful, fun department theme of the tropics.

2 Are your eyes still closed?

3 What was your most unique happy memory from the
4 last year? Keeping your eyes closed, keep that thought in
5 your head. May you all use those thoughts to cherish the
6 past, nurture the present, and envision the future.

7 Now open your eyes.

8 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the
9 two units who did supply Milestones Over the Years reports,
10 which were sent on to national -- Frank Gallino, Unit 130 of
11 District 7, from Arline Kenney; and Placentia Unit 277 of
12 District 29. Thank you, ladies, for taking the time to do
13 something extra.

14 Madam President, this office has been one of making
15 memories for this historian and making -- and making history
16 for you at the beginning of the year. At the beginning of
17 the year you asked for DVDs instead of books. That is
18 exactly what has happened.

19 Today we present you with some of the DVDs because
20 pictures and literature was still coming in at the end of
21 last week. You will receive more DVDs than even I expected.

22 For those of you who are computer savvy, try
23 Windows Movie Maker. It is an awesome program, and it is
24 quiet easy to use.

25 We hope all unit and district "Tacky Tourists" have

1 had as much fun and hard work as this department historian
2 has had. And thank you for this appointment.

3 Please remember to pick up your historian picture
4 books before the end of today.

5 This concludes the historian report.

6 Madam --

7 (Applause.)

8 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Madam
9 President, may I continue with the written history and
10 history picture books first place award?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

12 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Second and
13 third place awards were handed out in the convention
14 committee meeting, as were the awards to the unit and
15 district for the most pictures submitted. A list of all the
16 winners will be at the department office.

17 I would like to thank the Past Department
18 Presidents Ruby Kapsalis, Linda Workman, and Margaret
19 Quiñones for the judging of the books.

20 First place district written history goes to Jeri
21 Johnston, District 21.

22 (Applause.)

23 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: First
24 place unit written history goes to Marie Cowan, Unit 359 of
25 District 29.

1 (Applause.)

2 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: First
3 place historical picture book, Unit 496, District 19.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: That will cost
6 you \$5.

7 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: First
8 place junior historical picture book, Alia Tiller, Unit 310,
9 District 22.

10 (Applause.)

11 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Most
12 pictures submitted by a unit, Unit 280, District 18, Donna
13 Ryan.

14 (Applause.)

15 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Most
16 pictures submitted by a district, District 29, Judy Gomez,
17 Historian.

18 (Applause.)

19 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: I'm
20 finished, except I have the DVD for her.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: All right. You
22 can give it to her later.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Thank you
25 very much, Pat, for doing it for Stacey.

1 Will the community service chairman, poppy
2 chairman, senior activities chairman and her committee,
3 junior conference director, and past presidents parley
4 chairman please come to the stage and be ready for your
5 reports.

6 Now we can ask the musician to give her report
7 while our department president is back.

8 (Appause.)

9 CONVENTION MUSICIAN REPORT

10 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Good morning, Madam
11 President, ladies.

12 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Harriet.

13 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Is that better?
14 Sorry, I guess.

15 Okay. Good morning, Madam President and ladies.

16 The musician, also known as island rhythms, role is
17 to set the tone musically for the meetings. This will be
18 evident throughout the weekend.

19 We will be hearing not only island music, but many
20 of the district songs chosen by the presidents. We will hear
21 such favorites as "Gilligan's Island," "Yes, We Have No
22 Bananas," and my favorite, "Margaritaville," to name a few.

23 There is some confusion about the musician and the
24 music chairman. I would like to explain that my role, versus
25 the role of the music chairman, is different in that I gather

1 music for the department executive committee meeting and for
2 convention, as well as anytime Madam President directs me to.
3 Due to this fact there are no end-of-year reports. Of
4 course, many units and districts include music in their
5 meetings, and this is definitely encouraged. The only
6 similarity we have is that the music chairman would have
7 a song contest, and by direction of Madam President, this
8 musician created one for this year. And let me tell you
9 ladies, wow, you always, as always, stepped up to the plate
10 in a big way.

11 As we cherish the past, nurture the present, and
12 envision the future, let there always be a melody in our
13 minds and a tune in our hearts.

14 Thank you, Madam President, for this opportunity to
15 entertain you all.

16 This concludes the report of the musician.

17 Madam President, may I continue with the first
18 place winners of the song contest?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

20 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Thank you.

21 The unit award goes to unit -- I'm sorry. Charter
22 Code Unit 755, written by Diane Mitchell, her rendition of
23 "God Bless the U.S.A.," sung by the ladies of her unit. Come
24 on.

25 (Singing revamped "God Bless the U.S.A.")

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Thank you very
4 much, ladies.

5 Okay. Now, the district award goes to Denyse and
6 Amber Laugeson, District 18, and their rendition of "Islands
7 in the Stream."

8 Hurry, hurry, hurry. "Islands in the Stream."

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I wanted to let you
10 know when I was over bringing greetings to the
11 American Legion, I was presented and did bring back a check
12 from the Department American Legion, \$500 for Operation Mend.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: And we left
15 a donation jar circulating through the delegation, plus we
16 have one over here, if you so choose, again, to make
17 a personal donation without doing a teapot and being --
18 pardon?

19 We're going to make -- oh, no. We've already
20 succeeded 30,000. Doris gave me a check that cleared the
21 department -- or clearing the department office, total
22 donations of \$30,815.76; so hopefully we are going to be
23 making close to 40- or 45,000.

24 Are you ladies, ready? Let's hear it.

25 (Singing revamped "Islands in the Stream.")

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

3 Aren't they wonderful? And they're gorgeous too.

4 Uh-huh.

5 We will now hear the report of the vice president.

6 Pilar, are you ready for your report?

7 Our pink flamingo. Thank you, Jeri.

8 Oh, it's not now.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you,

10 Madam President Norma.

11 CONVENTION VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: It seems like it
15 was not too long ago when this chairman officer was installed
16 as department vice president, together with the other
17 officers of the Department of California at Riverside in June
18 2009.

19 As I ponder on the days gone by, memorable events
20 and accomplishments come to mind as we add another chapter in
21 the history of our dear organization.

22 August 2009 -- started a mission driving for the
23 annual veterans picnic. It was a fun day visiting with the
24 veterans, watching their thankful smiles as they received
25 their duty bags filled with essentials. When the officers of

1 the Legion and Auxiliary were introduced, this officer was
2 enthused to introduce herself as the department membership
3 chairman of the Auxiliary and will be counting on their full
4 support on her extensive campaign for membership growth and
5 strengthen recruitment and retention.

6 August 19th -- left for Louisville, Kentucky, for
7 the national convention. It was a great convention as the
8 Department of California garnered several awards, including
9 one received by this chairman. When President LuAnn was
10 called to the stage to receive one of the five national
11 president's awards of excellence for the report submitted by
12 District 19, the California delegation responded with
13 a resounding applause.

14 August 25th -- back to California to get ready for
15 the department training workshop. There wasn't really much
16 time to prepare 200 packets with more than 20 pages for three
17 department workshops.

18 September 12, 2009 -- on to Bakersfield for the
19 September 13, 2009, training workshop. A wealth of
20 information providing tools for everyone in carrying out and
21 supporting programs for the year were shared.

22 September 18, 2009 -- on to Roseville for the
23 September 19th Girls State committee meeting. Right after
24 the meeting packed again and back on the road to Rio Linda
25 for the northern workshop on September 20th. Another great

1 performance by the beachcombers.

2 October 2nd, 2009 -- drove for seven hours to
3 Orange with my buddies for the south workshop on October 3rd.
4 President Norma did an outstanding job on organizing the
5 beach -- the beachcombers' presentations. A total of about
6 75 first timers attended the three workshops.

7 The month of October, November, and December were
8 utilized in preparing giveaway gifts and numerous citation
9 certificates to be presented at the mid-year meeting to
10 deserving units that reached the targets 55, 65, and
11 75 percent, and constantly checking updated reports on
12 membership coming from department.

13 On January 8th, back on the road again on the way
14 to Ontario for the department executive committee meeting.
15 One of the most exciting experiences I had was giving out
16 awards on membership to deserving units and districts in
17 various categories, recognizing all the hard work they have
18 done for the promotion and support of the membership program.
19 It was such a rewarding feeling to see a packed room filled
20 with happy members full of enthusiasm.

21 February 6th, attended the Four Chaplain memorial
22 services at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco and then
23 proceeded to Santa Clara to join President Norma in her
24 visitation of District 13. It was a beautiful event as every
25 unit president made impressive reports on their various

1 activities in support of the Auxiliary programs.

2 On March 28th, 2010, National President Rita
3 Navarette made her official visit to northern California. It
4 was a pleasure seeing her, and everybody enjoyed her sharing
5 of her outlook for her theme to energize and reconnect.

6 In April 8 to 10, 2010, we found ourselves in
7 Wonder Valley for junior conference. This is a momentous
8 event that every junior looks forward to every year. It was
9 a fun weekend hearing all the reports of the junior chairmen,
10 seeing how enthused they were, especially when campaigning
11 for office. This vice president had the honor of installing
12 the honorary junior officers for 2010/2011.

13 On May 1 to 3, attended the membership workshop in
14 Indianapolis with Doris, meeting dedicated and loyal women
15 from all over the United States serving the Auxiliary. The
16 presentations and skits for membership promotion were
17 outstanding, and it was a rewarding and learning experience.

18 With hardly a few days rest, commuted from Alameda
19 to the department office May 13 to 15 to attend the budget
20 meeting. I witnessed the trying moments the members of the
21 finance committee had to go through to prepare and straighten
22 our budget. We have to appreciate what they do for us to
23 come up with an acceptable budget -- I hope they will this
24 time -- that will keep us within our limits. It was an eye
25 opener for me, and I wouldn't want to be in their shoes.

1 On Memorial Day, together with District 10
2 President Emily, this vice president had the honor of
3 offering the memorial wreath to honor the fallen soldiers.
4 It was a very touching moment.

5 By June 1st continued working on reports, keeping
6 in constant contact with district chairmen and district
7 presidents, reminding submission of reports and all necessary
8 supporting materials.

9 June 11 had the honor of volunteering to help serve
10 at the luncheon hosted by the Oakland Senior Citizens Center
11 celebrating women veterans in the military, and then back to
12 make more citations for deserving members to be presented at
13 this convention.

14 This task was most challenging but enjoyable with
15 the rewarding feeling, feeling that I am availing my services
16 to the most patriotic organization in the world.

17 How can I survive the challenges along the way can
18 be answered by reconnect and energize and cherish the past,
19 nurture the present, and envision the future.

20 This concludes my report, Madam President.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Pilar.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We do have some
25 dignitaries that have come into the room. I would like to

1 ask the sergeant-at-arms and marshal, with the distinguished
2 guest chairman, to please present William Lewis, Sons of the
3 American Legion National Vice Commander; Robert Bedell,
4 National Executive Committee Detachment of California; Paul
5 Mesmer, the detachment commander for the Department of
6 California; and Paul Rodriguez, SAL chairman; and Luis Diaz,
7 president of the American Legion Riders.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I would like to ask
10 Luis Diaz, the president of the American Legion Riders, if he
11 would bring greetings, please.

12 (Applause.)

13 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

14 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT DIAZ: Thank you.

15 I was just over and greeted our convention as it
16 started, and it was bringing great news. Again, I represent
17 a program of the American Legion and, unfortunately, insofar
18 as our program is a trinity, it is made up of Auxiliary
19 members, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion members.

20 (Applause.)

21 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT DIAZ: A new
22 member to the Riders who has not been involved in the Legion,
23 isn't either -- is under a new Auxiliary member or a SAL
24 member or a veteran who has finally come to the Legion to
25 help. So we've grown.

1 I was the past president two years ago, and when I
2 stood before this group I brought greetings from 26 posts
3 that were now sponsoring chapters of the American Legion
4 Riders. And today I stand before you representing 50-plus
5 post chapters.

6 (Applause.)

7 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT DIAZ: Our
8 membership has grown. We have grown from about 600, and now
9 our number is approaching 3,000.

10 (Applause.)

11 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT DIAZ: We have
12 three new chapters that are just ready to roll out. We have
13 a DEC actually every month, and whenever I mention that they
14 look up at me and say we don't travel. We are a little high
15 tech. We do -- all of our meetings are hold online. We use
16 a company called Budget Conferencing, and we meet online once
17 a month to take care of business in quick order. I don't ask
18 people what they are wearing during the meeting.

19 We do say the Pledge of Allegiance, but, again, I
20 don't know what they are wearing.

21 But, again, our business meetings have been very,
22 very effective, very cost effective. We have a small budget
23 as we have grown because we are trying to run the
24 American Legion Riders without drawing any money from our
25 parent organizations, from the Legion, from the Auxiliary, or

1 from the South. So we are real frugal.

2 But I look out and I met and got a nice hug from
3 some of my very special Auxiliary friends. We have a lot of,
4 well, joint activities in which we work with them. We have
5 hosted a large party that I am very proud of out of our 28th
6 district. I see the ladies from the 28th --

7 (Applause.)

8 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT DIAZ: -- who sort
9 of spearheaded a great new drive to energize an activity for
10 our veterans in the veterans home. And it was a great
11 activity. They brought them several brand-new TV sets and
12 new books, and we were able to raise close to \$8,000 for that
13 event, and it went straight to them. I didn't know our
14 coffers meant to be spent by us but to go straight to our
15 brothers and sisters who are in those hospitals.

16 So it has been a great -- a great year. I hope to
17 meet, again, the Riders with another great year of support of
18 my cherished Auxiliary members, and I hope you all have a
19 great convention.

20 And there were a few negative kind of things said
21 in both houses. I know our numbers are dwindling, but the
22 Legion Riders are going to help you get all that fixed up.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: And we have Paul
25 Rodriguez, Area 2 SAL Chairman.

1 (Applause.)

2 AREA 2 SAL

3 AREA 2 SAL CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Good morning.

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

5 AREA 2 SAL CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Well, ladies, as
6 usual it is always beautiful to come out here and have an
7 opportunity to talk to all those lovely women at the
8 Auxiliary. We always are very thankful for what the
9 Auxiliary does, especially with the Sons. The Sons also make
10 their contributions. But because the Sons is a Legion
11 program, I want you to also share in their glory.

12 And one of their great accomplishments that they
13 have done over the last few years is the department -- the
14 attachment of California now has a two-time national color
15 guard champion.

16 (Applause.)

17 AREA 2 SAL CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: They will be going
18 to national convention this year for a three-peat; so please
19 support them. One of the programs that our color guard is
20 doing for their fundraising is they have adopted a half-staff
21 flag for a donation of \$5, and this is what helps sponsor
22 them to cover some of their expenses being able to go back to
23 national convention. So if you see some of our color guards
24 running around with -- wanting a donation of a half-staff
25 flag, please -- please promote it and contribute.

1 It gives me great pleasure as a representative of
2 the attachment of California, your detachment commander, Paul
3 Mesmer.

4 (Applause.)

5 DETACHMENT COMMANDER PAUL MESMER

6 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: I always say you
7 folks have so much fun. We entered the room while you were
8 in a musical interlude.

9 (Laughter.)

10 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: If during a
11 convention meeting or a meeting the Sons broke into song I'd
12 have to have the sergeant-at-arms do a sobriety check.

13 (Laughter.)

14 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: Anyway, a heartfelt
15 aloha from the Sons of the American Legion attachment of
16 California. As this will be my last opportunity to come
17 before you as detachment commander, I wish to express my
18 gratitude to all of those who put faith in me to lead the
19 detachment this past year. I had a great supporting cast,
20 and many of those will leave the detachment in 2010 and 2011.

21 I must now also acknowledge the support of the
22 American Legion, certainly the American Legion Auxiliary and
23 the American Legion Riders. Our membership grew
24 significantly in 2009, and we saw the birth of five new
25 squadrans. Our CWF donations far exceeded those of 2009,

1 despite the challenging economy we are in. We could barely
2 keep up with requests for our five-star program exams and
3 have placed several orders to national emblem sales for award
4 medals.

5 Our children and youth chairman have secured a
6 kennel full of those lovely Josh Dogs.

7 With the membership of Mr. David Ebie, we published
8 a high-quality detachment newsletter monthly called
9 "California Connection," which was posted immediately to our
10 Website.

11 Lastly, we are anticipating record volunteer hours
12 and donations once we collect all the data from our
13 consolidated squadron district reports.

14 In closing, the success of any organization,
15 especially a volunteer organization like our own, is as good
16 as its members. I am proud of the California Sons of the
17 American Legion, who each contributed to our success in 2009
18 and 2010.

19 I look forward to continued service with the
20 American Legion family. Best success to each of you and our
21 incoming leaders.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: It is my pleasure to
25 introduce the Detachment of California and National Executive

1 Committee Member Mr. Robert Bedell.

2 (Applause.)

3 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER ROBERT BEDELL

4 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER BEDELL: Good
5 morning, ladies.

6 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

7 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER BEDELL: It's
8 been -- it's been a few years since I have had the privilege
9 of standing before you; so let me tell you that my name is
10 Bob Bedell, and I am a very proud member of Norco Squadron
11 328 in the thriving 21st District.

12 (Applause.)

13 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER BEDELL: There
14 they are, girls.

15 As you know, it is the duty of the national
16 executive committeeman to escort and to introduce any
17 national guest that comes to our state. And in 2006/2007
18 I had the privilege of serving as a national vice commander
19 for the west, and one of the trips I made during my year was
20 to the department and detachment of Oregon.

21 Now, the detachment of Oregon -- the state of
22 Oregon has a little bit of significance to the Sons of the
23 American Legion, something they are very proud of because
24 when we say Oregon, we say birthplace of the SAL. While I
25 was there, their national executive committeeman and his wife

1 escorted me around the state. We were up in Astoria, and I
2 can tell you if you have never been that far north, it is one
3 of the most beautiful places you can ever go.

4 Anyway, without any further ado, it is my privilege
5 to introduce to you our national vice commander from the
6 great detachment of Oregon, again, the birthplace of the SAL,
7 Mr. Bill Lewis.

8 (Applause.)

9 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER LEWIS

10 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER LEWIS: Ladies, I have to
11 tell you I wouldn't be standing here before you if it wasn't
12 for an Auxiliary member, my wife, who had done a lot of work
13 for me.

14 I bring you greetings from our SAL National
15 Commander Mark Arneson, and he wishes you a successful
16 convention, which I know you will have.

17 What a room full of lovely ladies.

18 My wife is not here. She is currently back in our
19 room. We brought two little service dogs with us, and she is
20 looking after them; so if you see somebody running around the
21 hotel with two little dogs, it is me taking them for a potty
22 break.

23 (Laughter.)

24 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER LEWIS: The hospitality in
25 California extended to my wife and I has been outstanding,

1 and we will never forget our trip here to Fresno. You ladies
2 do such wonderful work, and I know sometimes you are not
3 appreciated, but you really are. You know, we owe you a huge
4 thank you.

5 Again, thank you for all you have done.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I understand we have
8 another guest.

9 Will the sergeant-at-arms and marshal with the
10 distinguished guest chairman please escort our guest in.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This is David Smith,
13 District 12 Commander for the Sons of the American Legion,
14 and he has some greetings and a -- communications. He tried
15 to trick me.

16 COMMANDER FOR THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DAVID SMITH

17 DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER SMITH: Good morning, ladies.
18 My name is David Smith.

19 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

20 DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER SMITH: Half you guys are
21 asleep. I'm going to say it again.

22 Good morning, ladies. My name is David Smith.

23 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

24 DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER SMITH: Because I know where
25 I work at we get the party bumping, and I know you ladies got

1 it going on; right?

2 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Right.

3 DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER SMITH: Okay. Anyway the
4 reason why I am here -- my name is David Smith. I'm also
5 part of the back-to-back national champions of the honor
6 guard for the Sons of the American Legion.

7 (Applause.)

8 DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER SMITH: And we are seeking to
9 do it again for the third time.

10 I am also part of the convention -- convention city
11 to where we take young -- the junior Auxiliary ladies out for
12 an outing. I have an outing set up at the Clovis Lanes. I
13 spoke with Laura at the Clovis Lanes, and she is spoke with
14 me and said they are glad to have us there. We are going to
15 plan on doing it tomorrow at 6:00 -- from 6:00 to 8:00. And
16 in that area of the Vineyard there is also pizza and ice
17 cream.

18 Do you junior Auxiliary members like ice cream?
19 They have all got their hands up. You guys aren't junior
20 Auxiliary.

21 (Laughter.)

22 DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER SMITH: Just for today we'll
23 let you be junior Auxiliary. But that's -- that's what we
24 have planned.

25 But also I am going to need some assistance as far

1 as people to help us in driving, you know, the young ladies
2 over there to the event for bowling and all that. I am
3 looking forward to doing this. This is my first turn. This
4 is my first time doing it. I'm looking forward. I'm pretty
5 excited. So also having fun.

6 All right. Thank you.

7 And also can I make a quick announcement here? Can
8 I also make a communication? This is all new to me, you
9 know. I work at a women's prison. Take it easy on me.

10 I also want to congratulate my wife, Kathy Smith,
11 for being the president of Post 83 in Merced.
12 Congratulations.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The sergeant-at-arms
15 and marshal will escort our guests from the stage.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. You may move
18 it until we need it.

19 We're going to proceed with additional reports of
20 the department chairmen. We are going to hear from
21 constitution and bylaws, Diane DeLashmit.

22 Now, your one-sentence elevator speech is --
23 up-to-date governance documents benefits our members in many
24 ways, including providing an understanding of our
25 organization, its purposes, lending direction to the smooth

1 operation of group meetings and programs, and creating
2 a better environment in which to accomplish our goals and
3 objectives.

4 CONVENTION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That sounds
6 good.

7 (Laughter.)

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Different
9 hat.

10 (Laughter.)

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The
12 convention committee on constitution and bylaws met on June
13 24th, 2010, at 9:05 a.m. in the Kingsburg room of the Fresno
14 Convention Center, Valdez Hall, Fresno, California.

15 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
16 Page 15 of the Book of Reports.

17 Rosalie Taylor-Bailey, District 14 was appointed
18 secretary; C.J. Reyes, District 19, offered prayer; and Vella
19 Meyers, District 27, was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

20 A total of 19 district delegates answered roll
21 call. There with two visitors present.

22 Just a moment.

23 Thank you.

24 The committee agreed upon the following report.

25 The code was read and there were no changes.

1 The following resolutions were read.

2 Madam President, may I have your permission, since
3 these resolutions have been distributed, to only read the
4 resolved clauses?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.

7 Resolution Number 1: The subject is per diem for
8 district presidents for executive committee meeting.

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the last
10 sentence of the current department bylaws, Article V, Section
11 1, be deleted, and if approved will take effect immediately
12 and will now read.

13 The executive committee, as provided for in Article
14 VII, Section 1 of the department constitution shall be called
15 to the executive committee meeting and should be allowed
16 mileage to and from when in attendance. Other department
17 officers and department chairmen, as may be called to the
18 executive committee meeting by the department president,
19 shall be allowed mileage to and from the meeting when in
20 attendance. Delegates authorized to attend department
21 convention with expenses shall be allowed mileage to and from
22 when in attendance.

23 This resolution was accepted in committee by
24 direction of the committee.

25 I move the adopt of this change to the

1 constitution.

2 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
4 seconded that the -- the code current -- will read.

5 I'm lost on where you were at. Sorry.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Oh, okay.
7 It's on the second page, what's in the bold.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the last
10 sentence of the current department bylaws, Article V, Section
11 1, be deleted, and if approved it will -- is going to read:

12 The executive committee, as provided for in Article
13 VII, Section 1 of the department constitution shall be called
14 to the executive committee meeting and shall be allowed
15 mileage to and from when in attendance. Other department
16 officers and department chairmen, as may be called to the
17 executive committee meeting by the department president,
18 shall be allowed mileage to and from the meeting when in
19 attendance. Delegates authorized to attend department
20 convention with expenses shall be allowed mileage to and from
21 when in attendance.

22 Is there any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor?

25 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed say "No."

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
4 carried.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: For those
6 following along with the resolutions, please skip to
7 Resolution Number 4.

8 Number 4 is subject, delegates and alternates to
9 national convention.

10 Therefore, be it resolved as amended that Article
11 V, Section 10 be changed to read as follows:

12 Delegates and alternates to national convention
13 shall be elected at department convention as prescribed by
14 the national organization. The department president, the
15 department president elect, the department secretary
16 treasurer, or the individual called by the department
17 president to serve as the delegation secretary to the
18 national convention and national chairmen shall be the first
19 nominated delegates if they are attending the national
20 convention. Each district will present the names of the
21 elected delegate and/or alternate for ratification. The
22 privilege of further nominations provided the number of
23 delegates and/or alternates is under the designated number
24 shall be given by district numerical district strength, and
25 if passed, will become effective at the 2010 department

1 convention.

2 This was accepted in committee by direction of the
3 committee.

4 I move the adoption of this change to our
5 constitution as amended.

6 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a motion,
8 Article V, Section 10, be changed to read as follows:

9 Delegates and alternates to national convention
10 shall be elected at department convention as prescribed by
11 the national organization. The department president,
12 department president elect, department secretary/treasurer or
13 the individual called by the department president to serve as
14 the delegation secretary to the national convention, and the
15 national chairmen shall be the first nominated delegate if
16 they are attending national convention. Each district will
17 present the names of the elected delegates and/or alternates
18 for ratification. The privilege of further nominations,
19 provided the number of delegates and/or alternates is under
20 the designated number, shall be given by district numerical
21 strength, and if passed, will become effective at the 2010
22 department convention.

23 Is there any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor?

1 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

3 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: No.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I believe the ayes
5 have it.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It requires
7 a two-thirds vote.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Two-thirds vote?

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I don't
10 know. That's your call. I was just mentioning it takes
11 a two-thirds vote. I don't know.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Do we need a standing
13 vote?

14 All in favor please stand.

15 (Auxiliary members in favor standing.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

17 All opposed please stand.

18 (Auxiliary members opposed standing.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
20 carried.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Resolution
22 Number 5, the subject is emergency meeting.

23 Be it resolved that if electronic means, that's
24 conference call, are available that this would be much more
25 cost effective and convenient for the members of the

1 department executive committee.

2 And be it further resolved that Article II, Section
3 3a be changed to read:

4 In case of vacancies in the offices of department
5 president, department vice president, department
6 secretary/treasurer simultaneously, the junior past
7 president, department parliamentarian, and the department
8 finance chairman shall call an emergency meeting of the
9 department executive committee within 30 days of such
10 vacancies, this meeting to be held at the department
11 headquarters of the American Legion Auxiliary or by
12 electronic means.

13 This was accepted in committee by direction of the
14 committee.

15 I move the adoption of this change to the
16 constitution.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a motion:

18 Be it resolved that if electronic means, conference
19 call, are available that this would be much more cost
20 effective and convenient for the members of the department
21 executive committee.

22 And be it further resolved that Article II, Section
23 3a be changed to read:

24 In case of vacancies in the offices of department
25 president, department vice president, department

1 secretary/treasurer simultaneously, and the junior past
2 department president -- and the junior past president,
3 department parliamentarian, and the department finance
4 chairman shall call an emergency meeting of the department
5 executive committee within 30 days of such vacancies, this
6 meeting to be held at the department headquarters of the
7 American Legion Auxiliary or by electronic means.

8 Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
11 "aye."

12 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
16 carried.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Resolution
18 Number 6, subject, unit registration fee.

19 Therefore, be it resolved as amended that the
20 delegates' registration fee be increased from \$10 to \$20 per
21 delegate to cut the deficit cost of convention expense by
22 50 percent.

23 And be it further resolved as amended that the
24 constitution, Article IX, Section 3, now reads:

25 All units in good standings shall pay

1 a registration fee not to exceed \$20 per delegate. Fee shall
2 cover full voting strength of the unit prior to the district
3 pre-convention caucus.

4 And, therefore, be it further resolved that if
5 adopted by the 2010 convention delegates, this amendment will
6 be go into effect 2011.

7 This was accepted in committee by direction of the
8 committee.

9 I move the adoption of this change as amended to
10 the constitution.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. There is
12 a motion:

13 Therefore, be it resolved as amended that the
14 delegates' registration fee be increased from \$10 to \$20 per
15 delegate to cut the deficit cost of convention expense by
16 50 percent.

17 And be it further resolve as amended that the
18 constitution Article IX, Section 3, now reads:

19 All units in good standing shall pay a registration
20 fee not to exceed \$20 per delegate. Fee shall cover full
21 voting strength of the unit prior to the district
22 pre-convention caucus.

23 And, therefore, be it further resolved that if
24 adopted by the 2010 convention delegates, this amendment will
25 go into effect 2011.

1 Is there any discussion?

2 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Madam President,
3 Geri Fitzpatrick, District 4.

4 Does not this have to go before budget and finance
5 for them to make a recommendation before we vote on it?

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:
7 Madam President, this resolution did go to the department
8 office within the required time. I believe it was forwarded
9 to finance. It should have been. It was.

10 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Because it was
11 my understanding from finance that they were going to ask for
12 20 but settle for 15. I just think \$20 for a lot of the
13 little units is hard for them to send people to convention.
14 Look at our convention right now. We don't have that many
15 people here because of that.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:
17 Madam President, the original motion was for \$15. The
18 increase to be \$15 was amended in committee to be 20.

19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN: Madam
20 President, Linda Workman, past department president.

21 It costs a lot of money to put on a department
22 convention, and our general fund is in a deficit now. I am
23 in favor of the \$20.

24 (Applause.)

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

1 Madam President, Linda Diebel, chairman of the finance
2 committee.

3 The resolution was brought before the finance
4 committee. It was approved at \$15. Our constitution and
5 bylaws chairman did come into the committee meeting during
6 the finance committee meeting here yesterday and announced to
7 us and informed us that the amount had been changed at the
8 committee from \$15 to 20, and the committee did approve that.

9 (Applause.)

10 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT NEWALL: Anita Newall, 19th
11 District President.

12 I'm in favor of this because our department every
13 year, with our \$10, is only -- that's only, like, a third of
14 what it costs them to put this convention on. And if we keep
15 taking money out of reserves and things, we are not going to
16 have money for our veterans. I mean, somebody -- if you are
17 talking about the \$10, maybe the unit can pay 10 and the
18 person that is going pay an extra 10. Or put on a breakfast
19 and all proceeds go to the convention fund, you know. But
20 I'm in favor of this because if we don't do something and
21 step up as members, we're not going to have the money to
22 continue to have our convention and helping our veterans.

23 So I'm favor of this.

24 (Applause.)

25 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Michelle Soares,

1 S-o-a-r-e-s, District 28.

2 It's my understanding that the original \$5 increase
3 was going to decrease the deficit by 50 percent; so would the
4 \$20 actually make us even at that point? Would we break even
5 at \$20 or would we still be in a deficit?

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Still in
7 a deficit.

8 DEPARTMENT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: So no matter what
9 we are still in a deficit. I'm actually for the \$20. I
10 think -- I agree with Anita that if we keep pulling money out
11 of our reserves, we're not going to have any money left. We
12 can't operate that way for very long.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

15 DISTRICT 22 VICE PRESIDENT FARRAR: Mitch Farrar,
16 F-a-r-r-a-r, First Vice President, District 22.

17 I am in favor of this increase. Do you all know
18 the situation that this department is in financially? If you
19 don't, speak to those three ladies over there. I am in favor
20 of this increase.

21 Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
25 Ruby Kapsalis, K-a-p-s-a-l-i-s.

1 (Laughter.)

2 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

3 Anyway, I know the delegates to the finance committee meeting
4 know -- are very well aware, and you will hear it when the
5 finance committee gives the budget report, the general fund
6 is going to be in the hole \$19,000. They have cut -- the
7 department secretary/treasurer has tried to save in every way
8 and cut corners any way imaginable that she can do. We can't
9 cut corners anymore. We need more money to operate, and this
10 \$20 will be a tremendous help to bringing that deficit of the
11 general fund down.

12 And I am in favor of this \$20.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

14 Any further discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
17 "aye."

18 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

20 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: No.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
22 carried.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: There was
25 a following recommendation.

1 The cover sheet and the table of contents does not
2 need to be included when submitting your bylaws for approval.
3 Awards were presented and a copy posted in the department
4 office.

5 With no further business, the meeting adjourned at
6 9:55 a.m.

7 Madam President, this concludes my report.

8 May I continue with the supplemental?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVAL: Yes, you may.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.

11 The program of constitution and bylaws is surely
12 one that fits the theme as we cherish the past as those women
13 90 years ago laid the groundwork for our organization,
14 nurture the present by conducting our business in an orderly
15 manner following our governance documents, and envision the
16 future to make necessary changes to adapt to the years to
17 come.

18 This beach comber has had an interesting year with
19 lots of questions posed. It is good to see that so many are
20 interested in following procedures in conducting their
21 meetings, both unit and district. This gives me an
22 opportunity to interface with unit members that I might not
23 otherwise have contact.

24 Two units that needed to rewrite due to the
25 ten-year mandate I have been told will be surrendering their

1 charter.

2 A little side note from my report. At the
3 DEC meeting one of those units is going to try to reenergize.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: So as of
6 today, all 278 other units are in compliance, as well as all
7 29 districts.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The models
10 for units and districts have been updated on the Website
11 continuously this year in hopes of making them easier to
12 understand. In some cases it worked. Thanks to Ruby and Art
13 Kapsalis for constantly making minute changes I requested.

14 My observation is that many do not read the
15 instructions or there would not be the need for so many phone
16 calls or returns for corrections. An amendment page was also
17 added this year to the Website.

18 And, Madam President, I forgot to bring my awards
19 over here, but I will announce them and then I'll go back
20 over and get them.

21 The first place district supplemental -- I'm sorry.

22 The first place unit supplemental goes to Lois
23 Cornish, Chula Vista Unit 434, District 22.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'm sorry,

1 Lois. I've misplaced it for a moment. I have a few pieces
2 of paper.

3 But congratulations, and I will make sure you get
4 it.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The first
7 place district supplemental goes to Odette Cucarro, District
8 28.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.
11 Madam President, this concludes my report.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

13 Sorry, ladies. We are having a sidebar. Sidebar.
14 Not a tiki bar either, Melanie.

15 We are going to -- at this time we are going to
16 recess for lunch. Before you leave -- hold on. Before you
17 leave, Doris, do you have any interisland communications to
18 share with us at this time?

19 Doris.

20 INTERISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Yes,
22 ma'am. I have interisland communications.

23 Okay. For anyone who doesn't know, I'm sure that
24 you already have -- your district presidents have received
25 your PPP lunch tickets; so see your district president.

1 Okay?

2 I have some lost and found.

3 This is an envelope with a key in it. It was found
4 in the ladies restroom. Please see me if you know who it
5 belongs to or it belongs to you.

6 We have a ribbon that was found yesterday and left
7 with me last night; so if you are missing one, please let me
8 know.

9 Robert Edwards says or states that an Auxiliary
10 member picked up his cell phone at the SAL table. Could you
11 please return it to him. I have no idea what that means.
12 Call him. Maybe he'll answer, and maybe he won't.

13 Alexandra Peron, Unit 200, District 21, could you
14 please return Unit 53 membership packet.

15 The 23rd District had one PPP lunch ticket --
16 right? District 23? Oh, you need one. Okay. Hang on. I
17 will hook you guys right up.

18 Linda Workman, Park's Patriots, and Joyce's Nuggets
19 will meet for lunch on Saturday at the noon recess in Linda's
20 room at the Radisson Hotel, Room 743.

21 Too many of you need something.

22 Shelby's Actresses will meet Saturday in Room 443.

23 The PT Performers and the Classy Penguins will meet
24 for lunch on Saturday at the noon recess. We will meet in
25 Room 529 at the Radisson.

1 Linda's Racers will meet in the hotel restaurant at
2 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

3 Betty's Bears, Bonnie's Prom Princesses, and
4 Sandy's Colonels will meet in Room 615 for lunch on Saturday.

5 Why are you guys making it tough on me? I've got
6 two lunch dates.

7 Sues's Lighthouses and Melanie's Hot Air Balloon
8 Pilots will be meeting for lunch tomorrow, Saturday, at the
9 restaurant in the hotel across the street for the grab-and-go
10 lunches in front of the registration tables.

11 Goldie's Golden Links, Jeri's Cards, and Ruby's All
12 Stars will meet on Saturday for lunch in the Radisson Hotel,
13 Room 316.

14 Bev's Stars will meet for lunch at the atrium in
15 the hotel on Saturday during the noon break.

16 I also need to state from the VA and our chairman,
17 Linda Fercho, that the ladies that attended the VA&R
18 preconvention meeting yesterday need to meet with her at the
19 close of today's session for approximately five minutes.

20 There will be a Girls State money drawing. There
21 are tickets available. Please see Vickie Crow, District 15,
22 until after lunch on Saturday. The winners will be announced
23 at Saturday's afternoon session.

24 Madeline's Love Princesses will have lunch at noon
25 tomorrow -- where? In the atrium.

1 I think if I just kind of go around I might be able
2 to hit a lot of lunches.

3 The ways and means are offered a chance for an --
4 to own an office-size printer. It's a color printer. I
5 might want to expand on this a little bit. It's a Rico
6 business printer. It's color, and it was part of our
7 promotional items that were given to the department office
8 when we negotiated the lease three or -- three or four years
9 ago. We renegotiated the lease, as I reported in my report,
10 and they did not want it back. They stated it was a
11 promotional item and the department office really has no need
12 for it; so we are going to see if we can't raise the money
13 for general fund. So try to purchase a ticket for \$2 or
14 three for \$5, and see the ways and means desk -- table inside
15 the door.

16 Unit 280, District 18 needs two banquet tickets.

17 And I have District 23 needs one PPP lunch ticket
18 today.

19 And District 25 needs one PPP lunch ticket for
20 today; so if any of you have an extra, please see District 25
21 and District 23.

22 LuAnn's Ship Captains will meet for breakfast
23 Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the hotel restaurant.

24 I think that is it unless I get any more napkins up
25 here.

1 (Laughter.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: The PPP
3 luncheon will be held in the Radisson Sequoia room.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: For those of you that
5 are making nominations for office for 2010/2011, please be on
6 stage when we return from lunch.

7 We are now in recess for lunch and will reconvene
8 at 2:00 p.m.

9 LUNCHEON RECESS

10 (Luncheon recess taken from 11:48 a.m.
11 to 2:07 p.m.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This session is
13 reconvened.

14 The chairman giving reports after nominations will
15 be junior activities, poppy, Girls State, and if we have time
16 membership will be after that.

17 We are also going to have a presentation from the
18 Legion commission -- convention commission after our
19 nominations. If you are making nominations -- never mind.
20 They are already on stage.

21 We will proceed with the nominations of department
22 officers junior member of finance, finance chairman, and
23 delegates and alternates to the national convention. If
24 there are no objections, we'll deviate without the national
25 -- the delegates and alternates to national convention.

1 Now, this switch up. Sorry. We're going to
2 deviate completely from nominations.

3 AUXILIARY MEMBER: All right.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We are not going --
5 because we have some people that do need to leave; so we are
6 going to have reports.

7 So will I -- could I have the junior activities
8 chairman and the Girls State -- that are doing the report for
9 Girls State on stage.

10 Sergeant-at-arms, do we have the distinguished
11 guest back there with you?

12 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: Yes, ma'am.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Sergeant-at-arms and
14 marshal, will you -- will the distinguished guest chairman
15 please escort our guest for the presentation.

16 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Is this poppy?

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR'S SPEECH

19 AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRE: Thank you, Madam President.

20 Good afternoon.

21 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

22 AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRE: As you know, Mayor
23 Swarengin was supposed to be here earlier, but you folks got
24 delayed, and she had another scheduled appointment she had to
25 be to. But she did want to leave a presentation with you,

1 Madam President, on behalf Ashley Swearengin, Mayor of the
2 city of Fresno.

3 On behalf of the citizens of Fresno it brings me
4 great pleasure to welcome you as you gather for the American
5 Legion Auxiliary Department's annual convention. Please
6 accept my heartfelt greetings and my best wishes for all you
7 have offered this city. The American Legion Auxiliary is the
8 world's largest patriotic women's service organization in the
9 world whose mission is to serve American veterans, their
10 families, and their communities.

11 The Fresno community Auxiliary and each of its
12 members for the contributions and sincere dedication to our
13 country, Fresno thanks you for your service and are extremely
14 honored to be hosting your annual convention.

15 Again, we welcome you to our city and hope you
16 enjoy all that the community has to offer. Please accept our
17 best wishes for a memorable and successful event.

18 Sincerely, Ashley Swearengin, Mayor.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: May I also have the
21 community service up to report, please.

22 Madam Secretary, I understand we have some quick
23 communications that need to go out to our islands.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
25 All you islanders, constitution and bylaws needs to have

1 a one-minute meeting at the end of this session in the front
2 by the ramp. Okay? Everybody that was in the constitution
3 and bylaws committee meeting yesterday needs to meet here at
4 the front immediately following the session.

5 Also, I wanted to make a brief statement that the
6 registration tables will be taken down at the Radisson lobby.
7 All registrations will be done until tomorrow morning at 9:00
8 a.m. It's The last time you can register, ladies; so,
9 please, if someone isn't here and hasn't registered, or if
10 you are here and are not registered, you'd better get
11 registered. And the tables will be set up either right
12 inside the door or in the department office. I will
13 determine that in the morning.

14 Okay. Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

16 We will now have the report of junior activities,
17 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, your one-sentence elevator speech. If
18 we don't connect with our young people and get them involved,
19 our organization will become that extinct dinosaur
20 archeologists are looking for. Too organized here.

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

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23 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Good afternoon.

24 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

1 COOLEY-DESMEULES: I hope everybody enjoyed that lunch. I
2 ate too much.

3 The convention meeting on junior activities and
4 junior conference met on June 24th, 2010, in the Coalinga
5 room in the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Fresno,
6 California.

7 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
8 Page 17 of your Book of Reports.

9 Rosemary Weber, Junior Conference Director, was
10 appointed secretary.

11 Jackie Cleveland, Junior Conference Committee
12 Member, offered prayer.

13 And Cherie Galvan, Junior Conference Committee
14 Member -- I didn't have to find anybody; they were all there
15 -- was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

16 Plus Stacy Platt, the junior conference committee
17 member, was appointed marshal.

18 A total of 21 district delegates answered the roll
19 call.

20 There were two senior members and six junior
21 members as visitors. The visiting juniors were the current
22 honorary junior president, the honorary junior president
23 elect, and two of her junior committee members.

24 The committee agreed upon the following report:

25 Code changes for the junior activities,

1 housekeeping only, were moving Code Number 8, which currently
2 reads:

3 The department chairman shall be responsible for
4 the promotion of the junior conference and all fundraising
5 event efforts to support the conference. All funds and
6 ticket stubs will be sent to the junior activities chairman,
7 not department, earmarked junior conference and made payable
8 to the Department of California ALA. The department chairman
9 will keep an account of all funds and junior conference
10 tickets. The department chairman shall forward to the
11 department secretary/treasurer all funds promptly.

12 There are no word changes. This is only to be
13 moved to Number 1, and then all other codes renumbered in
14 accordance.

15 This motion was seconded by Norma Cooper, District
16 18, and it was unanimously voted upon.

17 Madam President, by direction of the convention
18 committee I move this housekeeping code change.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Was there a second.

20 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there any
22 discussion?

23 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
24 Madam President, Ruby Kapsalis, Past Department President.

25 We did send the checks directly to the chairman

1 years ago, and we ran into problems with that and why the --
2 the checks started being sent to the department. And I don't
3 think that we need to have the checks going to the chairman.
4 They should go to the department, and the department
5 secretary and junior conference chairman can communicate with
6 each other to keep the -- who has paid and who hasn't paid.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Madam
8 President, as the secretary in the department office I
9 understand Ruby's concerns, and I understand the concerns
10 that have been in the past; however, this creates quite
11 a time consumption for us to accept individual checks,
12 especially if they are made out in error, as in the past they
13 have been many times. So if they are not made out to the
14 Department of California, we have to then send them back to
15 the chairman because she is the one they were made out to.
16 As long as we have a clarification as to who they are
17 supposed to be made out to and where they are supposed to go,
18 I don't have a problem with it.

19 But ladies, you'd better listen and read the
20 instructions if you are going to do it that way.

21 Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane
23 DeLashmit, Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, District 25.

24 I believe she said there were no wording changes.
25 It was just housekeeping to move it to Number 1. I have

1 a little issue with it being moved to Number 1. I don't know
2 what the reasoning is for it, but Number 1 in most of the
3 codes that we have deals with the allowance given by finance,
4 and I think that should remain Number 1 so that it is
5 consistent throughout the code.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Luann Johnston, Unit 585, District
7 26.

8 Am I correct then that the checks are going to go
9 to the department and the stubs to the chairman? Is that not
10 what would happen?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: That's what would
12 happen.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: As a past junior activities chairman
14 you're going to get really mixed up.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Ladies, you have to
16 understand the only thing that is being presented to you is
17 moving the entire code, unchanged, Code Number 8 moved to
18 read as Code Number 1. That is the only change. There
19 should be no discussion, I think, about anything within that
20 because it is not being changed. So the only thing is to
21 move it from Number 8 to Number 1.

22 Any other discussion?

23 The reasoning for moving it from 8 to 1 is there
24 had been some districts that had concerns of their activities
25 chairman -- junior activities chairman doing fundraising over

1 all of the other portions of the program, but yet everyone
2 still worked their program. And by putting it to Number 1
3 and being that junior activities -- or junior conference is
4 self supporting, it gives a better emphasis on the
5 fundraising.

6 Thank you.

7 Is there any further discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor of
10 moving Code Number 8 to Number 1 and renumbering the
11 remainder of the code accordingly, please say, "Aye."

12 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

14 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: No.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
16 defeated.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

18 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Okay. Let's see. There were no other
19 proposed changes to the code of junior activities or junior
20 conference.

21 Certificates for 100 percent reporting and second
22 and third place awards for best district supplemental, best
23 unit supplemental, district and unit selling most junior
24 conference tickets were presented and announced in committee.

25 The pages today have already distributed

1 100 percent district and unit participation certificates to
2 the junior -- junior raffle certificate on the floor.

3 All eligible entries have been forwarded to
4 national. A complete list of awards and junior conference
5 raffle winners are posted outside or around the department
6 store -- the department office.

7 Madam President, this concludes the report of the
8 junior activities and junior conference committee meetings.

9 May I move for its acceptance?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

12 COOLEY-DESMEULES: May I continue with my supplemental and
13 first place awards?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

16 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Ladies, what a busy year for the island
17 explorers of the Department of California. Starting out at
18 the Riverside convention, they started selling junior
19 conference raffle tickets to help set off the costs of the
20 junior conference. This chairman was -- with the assistance
21 of the department president held a special contest for the
22 juniors that sold the most tickets. The winner will receive
23 a special gift from the department president and this
24 chairman, but because there were three juniors who went all
25 out, there was one first place and two second places due to

1 a tie in the amount of tickets sold.

2 Even though the Department of California has 280
3 units, only 198 took part in selling the junior raffle --
4 junior conference raffle tickets, but everyone still did an
5 outstanding, selling 5,377 tickets, which brought in \$5,061
6 for the conference. Total tickets sold were 6,015, for a
7 dollar amount of \$5,702.64. It was reported to this chairman
8 that there were 67 island explorers attending the conference,
9 with 35 of them for the first time. This is what it is all
10 about.

11 Our island explorers also assisted their senior
12 members with serving at monthly dinners; creating and
13 coloring 100 get well cards; folded and mailed 144 pocket
14 flags; boxed and mailed several comfort boxes to Afghanistan,
15 Iran, and Iraq; sold Girl Scout cookies, which is Operation
16 Cookie Drop, for our veterans here at the local USO. One
17 island explorer received donations for 1,500 boxes of cookies
18 to be shipped overseas. She likes to refer to them as
19 "a little bit of home" to our troops so far away. Others
20 participated in our POW/MIA memorials; flag disposal
21 ceremonies; supported their local fire and police
22 departments, making and giving them boo-boo bunnies, which I
23 would love to find out what are boo-boo bunnies, and cookies
24 to the dispatchers. Several units collected clothing for
25 women's shelters and rehabilitation centers for the women and

1 the children, and the list goes on and on, ladies. We are
2 very proud of the -- all of the accomplishments of our island
3 explorers this year.

4 Like all of the other island explorers of the
5 department, they attended the department junior workshop in
6 Norwalk, took the junior leadership course, and took part in
7 the Junior Patch Program with 18 juniors completing at Level
8 1, 11 juniors at Level 2, and nine juniors at Level 3,
9 completing a total of -- at the time of this report of 89.
10 But there was one district that reorganized their junior
11 program and completed almost 60 patches alone. That's an
12 amazing task with only a total of eight junior members
13 participating.

14 This chairman was amazed at the donations,
15 dedication of the 384 island explorers who donated a total of
16 5,827 hours in community service, volunteen, education, and
17 children -- and children and youth projects. Just reading
18 this amount makes this chairman very tired but very proud of
19 their accomplishments.

20 Hearing all about what our island explorers have
21 done this year, it is easy to say that they have reconnected
22 with our senior members and they continue to energize all of
23 us throughout the year. So to say that they have cherished
24 the past while serving our veterans, nurturing the present
25 while volunteering, and envisioning the future because they

1 are our future.

2 Now I'd like to announce the first place winners,
3 and hopefully they have all got their notices.

4 Okay. Best district supplemental, first place,
5 Stacey Estes, Chairman, District 29.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

8 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Accepting was supposed to be her mom.

9 Okay. I'll get it to her.

10 First place unit supplemental, Chairman Norma F.
11 Cooper, Chairman, Unit 790, District 18.

12 (Applause.)

13 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

14 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Yeah.

15 Best overall junior activities program report --
16 and I only received one; this one went on to national -- it
17 is Camarillo Unit 741, District 16.

18 (Applause.)

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

20 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Department -- let's see. We have
21 a Department of California Junior of the Year this year. She
22 is Ashley Delgado from Unit 280, District 18.

23 (Applause.)

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

25 COOLEY-DESMEULES: And it was very hard to keep a secret from

1 her all week.

2 (Applause.)

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

4 COOLEY-DESMEULES: She wants to say something.

5 MS. DELGADO: Madam President and ladies of the
6 Auxiliary, I am honored to accept this award.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

9 COOLEY-DESMEULES: District selling the most junior
10 conference raffle ticket dollars, first place, District 20.

11 (Applause.)

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

13 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Unit selling the most junior conference
14 raffle tickets, first place, Oxnard Unit 48, District 16.

15 (Applause.)

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

17 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Department of California past president --
18 no. We're not going to do that one yet. Hold on.

19 Junior selling the most junior conference raffle
20 tickets, first place, Natalie Barriga? Okay. She's from
21 Unit 48, District 16.

22 (Applause.)

23 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

24 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Okay. We had one -- or we had two
25 applicants, one was qualified for the department of

1 California past department president's junior scholarship.
2 The first place goes to Korina Steinberg from Unit 197,
3 District 2.

4 (Applause.)

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

6 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Madam President, that concludes my report,
7 and I want to thank you for the opportunity of being your
8 junior activities chairman. And if I take a point of
9 interest, at junior conference I had emergency surgery and I
10 wasn't able to go, but the day after I got out of the
11 hospital I got a packet full of goodwill from all the juniors
12 that attended, and it made my day.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

16 COOLEY-DESMEULES: If I can have you approach the stage, I
17 have something for you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

20 COOLEY-DESMEULES: This goes along with the umbrella for you
21 and Peter so you can relax.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I've been told not
24 till Sunday.

25 (Laughter.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Probably it is
2 actually Monday.

3 DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CHAIRMAN
4 WEBER: Okay. I'm Rosemary Weber. I'm the junior conference
5 director.

6 And I just wanted to say real quickly -- I would
7 like to introduce my fabulous staff, my committee ladies:
8 Jackie Cleveland, District 23; Cherie Galvan; Stacey Platt;
9 and my advisor, Bonnie, out there.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CHAIRMAN
12 WEBER: And I just want to quickly thank everybody. We put
13 out a plea for money for junior conference, and you came
14 through beautifully.

15 Thank you. Thank you so much. It wouldn't have
16 been possible without you and without all Jean's hard work
17 and my great counselors that I had at junior conference. We
18 had an awesome time.

19 Thank you so much.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, ladies.

22 I would like to take this opportunity to --

23 Is she coming up?

24 Sergeant-at-arms and marshal, would the
25 distinguished guest chairman please escort a very special,

1 special young lady to this station.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I got a little
4 excited over here again.

5 It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you
6 the one that got me in trouble, Jamilah Sparks, Honorary
7 Junior Department President, 2010/2011.

8 (Applause.)

9 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JAMILAH SPARKS

10 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Good
11 afternoon. My name is Jamilah Sparks. I'm from Jackie
12 Robinson Auxiliary, 252, District 23.

13 (Applause.)

14 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: I'm
15 the Incoming Honorary Junior 2010/2011 President. I'm 17
16 years old and a senior at High School, graduating in June of
17 2011, and planning to attend Georgia Southern University and
18 becoming a pediatrician.

19 (Applause.)

20 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS:

21 I have extraordinary plans for myself and all the juniors.
22 My goal is to make the state of California junior members as
23 active as many, if not all, of the other states in the
24 service of our veterans. I believe we have great attributes,
25 and with the help of our senior members we can show who we

1 are, what we do, and what we believe in.

2 I would also like to thank Madam President Norma,
3 or as I call her Mama Goose --

4 (Laughter.)

5 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: --
6 for helping and nurturing me, like many of the other room
7 moms at junior conference. She spoke with me, and I had
8 millions of questions. And as my own mother does, she didn't
9 answer not one, but instead --

10 (Laughter.)

11 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: --
12 but instead got me to all of the answers myself.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: So she's the one that
16 came up with my book after the teapot.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We will now hear from
19 our poppy chairman, Anita Biggs.

20 Your one-sentence elevator speech. Since World
21 War I the poppy has been our memorial flower, representing
22 the sacrifices that our military service men and women have
23 served to keep our country out of harm's way.

24 POPPY DEPARTMENT REPORT

25 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you, Madam

1 President.

2 That's too low for me to bend.

3 Good afternoon, ladies.

4 The convention committee on poppy met on June 24th,
5 2010, in the Reedley Room of the Fresno Convention Center
6 here in the city.

7 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
8 Page 20 of the book of Reports.

9 Harriet Clendenin from District 15 was appointed
10 secretary. Denise Coleman, District 23, was appointed
11 chaplain and offered player. And Diana Moreno from District
12 19 was appointed sergeant-at-arms, and she said the Pledge of
13 Allegiance. A total of 23 delegates answered roll call.
14 There were nine guests.

15 The committee agreed upon the following report.

16 The chairman read the code, and the committee
17 recommends the following code changes in addition to the
18 code.

19 Code 7 currently reads:

20 Poppy orders shall be accepted only from units of
21 the American Legion Auxiliary. Subsidiary organizations and
22 the American Legion may purchase poppies from the units for
23 memorial and/or initiations only. Order blanks shall be
24 supplied by the department office using only current forms.
25 Current department chairman's name and address to be on the

1 form, and orders forwarded to the department chairman and
2 office by October 1. Requests for additional poppy orders
3 shall be made to the department chairman, who will confirm
4 the availability of extra poppies. Upon confirmation, the
5 unit will send an additional poppy order form to the
6 department office with copies to the department and district
7 chairmen.

8 The proposed code change shall read:

9 The poppy orders shall be accepted only from units
10 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Subsidiary organizations
11 and the American Legion may purchase poppies from the units
12 for memorial and/or initiations only. Order blanks shall be
13 supplied by the department office using only current forms.
14 Current department chairman's name and address to be on the
15 form and orders forwarded to the department chairman and
16 office by October 1.

17 The change: If poppy order form is not received by
18 October 31st, units will be assessed a \$25 fee and shall be
19 allocated 100 poppies.

20 Requests for additional poppy orders shall be made
21 to the department chairman, who will confirm the availability
22 of extra poppies. Upon confirmation, the unit will send an
23 additional poppy order form to the department office, with
24 copies to the department and district chairman.

25 At the direction of the committee, Madam President,

1 I move acceptance of this code change.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
3 code change, Code Number 7:

4 Poppy orders -- if accepted, will read:

5 Poppy orders shall be accepted only from units of
6 the American Legion Auxiliary. Subsidiary organizations and
7 the American Legion may purchase poppies from the units for
8 memorial and/or initiations only. Order blanks shall be
9 supplied by the department office using only current forms.
10 Current department chairman's name and address to be on the
11 form and orders forwarded to the department chairman and
12 office by October 1. If poppy order form is not received by
13 October 31st, units will be assessed a \$25 fine and shall be
14 allocated 100 poppies. Requests for additional poppy orders
15 shall be made to the department chairman, who will confirm
16 the availability of extra poppies. Upon confirmation the
17 unit will send an additional poppy order form to the
18 department office, with copies to the department and district
19 chairmen.

20 Excuse me. Mine says fine.

21 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'm sorry,
22 Madam President. I didn't correct yours. It should say fee.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: So I didn't read it
24 wrong?

25 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: No, you didn't.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Let me read that one
2 sentence.

3 If poppy order form is not received by
4 October 31st, units will be assessed a \$25 fee and shall be
5 allocated 100 poppies.

6 Is there any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
9 "Aye."

10 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Motion is carried.

14 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Code 2 of the
15 poppy policy currently reads:

16 Poppy production managers shall notify the
17 department office and the department chairman of dates poppy
18 orders were shipped to the units as soon as possible after
19 shipment. Discrepancies in shipments must be reported to the
20 department office within 15 days after receipt of the poppies
21 by the unit or adjustments will not be made.

22 The proposed code change shall read:

23 Poppy production managers shall notify the
24 department office and the department chairman of dates poppy
25 orders were shipped to the units as soon as possible after

1 shipment. Discrepancies in shipments must be reported to the
2 department -- the change -- chairman within 15 days after
3 receipt of the poppies by the unit or adjustments will not be
4 made.

5 Madam President, at the direction of the committee
6 I move the acceptance of this code change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
8 code change under poppy managers, Code Number 2.

9 Poppy production managers shall notify the
10 department office and the department chairman of dates poppy
11 orders were shipped to the units as soon as possible after
12 shipment. Discrepancies in shipment must be reported to the
13 department chairman within 15 days after receipt of the
14 poppies by the unit or adjustments will not be made.

15 Is there any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
18 "Aye."

19 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
23 carried.

24 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Code 11 of poppy
25 production currently reads:

1 Unit poppy and financial report forms shall be sent
2 to the district chairman no later than two days following
3 Memorial Day. Copies of poppy financial report shall be sent
4 immediately to the department office with the checks and
5 department chairman. District reports are due to the
6 department chairman by June 5th -- or 5.

7 The proposed code change will read -- it is
8 entirely rewritten:

9 The original unit poppy financial report, along
10 with the checks, shall be sent immediately to the department
11 office, but not later than the fourth Friday of May, and
12 a copy shall be sent to the department chairman and district
13 chairman. Unit and district report deadlines will be
14 determined annually by the department chairman with enough
15 time to adhere to national's deadline.

16 Madam President, at the direction of the committee
17 I move acceptance of this code change -- or, yeah. Code
18 change.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. We have
20 a proposed code change, Code Number 11, of poppy production,
21 Number 11.

22 The original unit poppy financial report, along
23 with the checks, shall be accepted immediately to the
24 department office, but not later than the fourth Friday of
25 May, and a copy shall be sent to the department chairman and

1 district chairman. Unit and district report deadliness will
2 be determined annually by the department chairman with enough
3 time to adhere to national's deadline.

4 Is there any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
7 "Aye."

8 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
12 carried.

13 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you.

14 The following is a code addition to poppy contests.
15 It would be Code Number 6 of the poppy contest.

16 Poppy monetary prizes shall be awarded per the
17 budget as follows:

18 A, Miss Poppy -- the Miss Poppy and Little
19 Miss Poppy first place awards shall be \$20 to each.

20 B, the poppy poster contest shall be awarded as
21 follows:

22 All categories will receive \$20 for first place
23 awards. Second and third place winner shall receive
24 certificates. Categories are defined by national.

25 Class I, Grades 2 and 3.

1 Class II, Grades 4 and 5.

2 Class III, Grades 6 and 7.

3 Class IV, Grade 8 and 9.

4 Class V, Grades 10 and 11.

5 Class VI, Grade 12.

6 And Class VII, students with special needs.

7 Madam President, at the direction of the committee

8 I move this code addition.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a proposed
10 code addition to poppy contests, which would be Number 6.

11 Poppy monetary awards shall be awarded per the
12 budget as follows.

13 A, the little -- excuse me.

14 A, the Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy first place
15 awards shall be \$20 to each.

16 B, the poppy poster contest shall be awarded as
17 follows:

18 All categories will receive \$20 for first place
19 awards, second and third place winners shall receive
20 certificates.

21 Categories are defined by national.

22 Class I, Grades 2 and 3.

23 Class II, Grades 4 and 5.

24 Class III, Grades 6 and 7.

25 Class IV, Grades 8 and 9.

1 Class V, Grades 10 and 11.

2 Class VI, Grade 12.

3 Class 7, students with special needs.

4 Is there any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say

7 "Aye."

8 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is

12 carried.

13 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you.

14 To continue, Resolution Number 2 regarding the
15 standard of poppies was read and discussed by the committee.
16 The resolution was rejected by the committee.

17 There were no recommendations.

18 Awards for 100 percent reporting and all second and
19 third place awards were given. A copy of those winners has
20 been posted in the department office.

21 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned
22 with prayer at 10:50 a.m.

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

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

1 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you.

2 Madam President, there really are several words
3 that can be used to describe this year's poppy program. And
4 no. It is not what you are thinking. I was thinking
5 challenging. Beginning with the increase of poppy costs from
6 15 to 18 cents, the challenge was how do we keep poppy orders
7 increasing with the price rising. Unfortunately, the money
8 crunch has affected us all, and the orders were down by
9 almost 38,000 poppies. On the good side, our revenues were
10 up by comparison. But if poppy orders are down, our veteran
11 poppy makers are the ones who will suffer. There will be
12 fewer poppies for them to make in order to assist with their
13 therapy and less income to earn. If it's possible -- and I
14 know it is hard -- but please dig a little deeper. Maintain
15 or increase your poppy orders next year and remember why we
16 have this important program.

17 The beachcombers of California and unit members
18 continue to amaze me with their dedication and enthusiasm for
19 our programs. The next word to describe this year's poppy
20 program is exciting. Unit members held poppy luncheons,
21 poppy luaus, poppy taco night, a poppy fashion show featuring
22 a salute to veterans, and a poppy fish fry, just to name
23 a few of the fundraising ideas. Based on the financial
24 reports received so far, members have raised \$140,200 from
25 poppy distribution; so give yourselves a round of applause

1 for that.

2 (Applause.)

3 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Two units crowned
4 poppy queens for bringing in the most donations. Unit
5 members were also very successful contacting the media,
6 elected officials, and receiving proclamations. Margaret
7 McIntosh from San Gabriel Unit 442, District 18, requested
8 and received a commendation from the Governor of California
9 acknowledging our poppy program.

10 (Applause.)

11 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Quite
12 an accomplishment, and she received a special award from me.
13 She also got proclamations from other elected officials.

14 Another unit involved their community with a
15 commitment of volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol, plus
16 a high school NJROTC class that helped increase their poppy
17 committee to 58 people. We must keep the public aware and
18 remind them of the importance of the Poppy Program.

19 This same unit set up a beautiful poppy display at
20 their local library to educate all visitors. Not only did
21 senior members distribute -- distribute poppies, many
22 American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, juniors,
23 friends and family helped distribute poppies.

24 While attending this year's junior conference this
25 chairman had the pleasure of working with the honorary

1 department junior poppy chairman, who assisted me while all
2 the juniors decorated their very own tropical headdress with
3 poppies.

4 Madam President, at this time I would like to
5 present to you with this year's Little Miss Poppy and Miss
6 Poppy for 2010.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Sergeant-at-arms and
9 marshal, would the distinguished guest chairman please
10 present our Little Miss Poppy and Miss Poppy.

11 (Applause.)

12

13 PRESENTATION OF LITTLE MISS POPPY 2010

14 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Little Miss Poppy
15 2010 for the Department of California is the daughter of
16 veteran parents. Her mother, who is in the back, is Deborah
17 Roesler -- is the post vice commander and unit president
18 of --

19 That's right.

20 (Applause.)

21 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: -- of Post M Unit
22 911. This young lady has been all over the state of
23 California promoting the Poppy Program. And I told her when
24 I looked at her book it put tears in my eyes because it was
25 beautiful, and it matched her dress.

1 Please welcome Little Miss Poppy 2010 from the Next
2 Generation of Heroes, Unit 911, District 8, Ms. Eliza
3 Roesler.

4 (Applause.)

5 LITTLE MISS POPPY 2010 ROESLER: In World War I
6 many sacrificed their lives for our country. While they were
7 fighting, their families were crying and hoping they would
8 return. They would pray, but what happens happens. You
9 can't prevent the future, and you can't change the past.
10 When the war was over, all that lay remain in Flanders Field.
11 On that day poppies grew. A beautiful site for such a sad
12 tragedy. The poppy is an important symbol to us. It reminds
13 us of the many that lived, that died, that had families. As
14 we look back, we see our heroes, so brave, so bold -- our
15 country.

16 (Applause.)

17 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you, Eliza.

18 On behalf of the Department of California -- make
19 sure I have the right bag here -- here is your award and
20 a gift, and you are going to be crowned with your head lei.

21 (Applause.)

22 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: We thank you so
23 much for your dedication, and please continue to grow with
24 us. You are fantastic.

25 Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And I have
3 something else for you too; so stay right there.

4 PRESENTATION OF MISS POPPY 2010

5 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Miss Poppy 2010
6 for the Department of California is also the daughter of
7 a veteran, Mr. Dewey Cooper; and her mom, you just saw her up
8 here, won an award earlier, Norma Cooper.

9 This young lady was awarded Little Miss Poppy when
10 Madam President Norma was poppy chairman; so she has already
11 been here, and she knows how to wear that sash quite well.
12 She has continued her outstanding dedication and is the
13 junior poppy chairman who stuck by me at my side during the
14 entire junior conference to help me.

15 Please welcome Miss Poppy 2010, from Unit 790,
16 District 18, Ms. Samantha Cooper.

17 (Applause.)

18 MISS POPPY 2010 COOPER: I'm Samantha Cooper from
19 District 18, Unit 790. When I was younger, about eight, I
20 was Little Miss Poppy for Norma. She chose me. And I also
21 served last year as junior department poppy chairman. And
22 now I am proud to be coming in as this year's Miss Poppy.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you,

1 Samantha. As a junior member we are so proud of you as well,
2 and we want you to continue here. We have a citation of
3 honor for you.

4 And you too, Eliza.

5 Thank you both so much. Thank you, ladies.

6 (Applause.)

7 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Here is your
8 award and a gift from me.

9 Thank you, Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy. You
10 all be careful.

11 Give them a big round of applause. Those are our
12 juniors, and they are adorable.

13 Oh, Samantha, you forgot your headdress. It is in
14 your bag. I'm sorry. Okay.

15 Okay. We will continue now with the first place
16 award after they are escorted back.

17 (Applause.)

18 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you.

19 Now we will proceed with the first place awards.

20 For the best district supplemental, it goes to --
21 are the people up here? It goes to District 23, Denise
22 Coleman, chairman.

23 (Applause.)

24 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Congratulations,
25 Denise. Good job.

1 Our best overall unit poppy program goes to -- drum
2 roll -- Shasta Unit 197, District 2, Judy Gama, chairman.
3 They sent a lot of money to the Department of California.

4 (Applause.)

5 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Now we're going
6 to give you awards for the poppy displays.

7 First place poppy display for free form goes to
8 Jerry Wilkin, Robert Romo Unit 422, District 25.

9 (Applause.)

10 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Anybody from 25
11 here? I gave you a note. I sent you a note. It's only one
12 of the biggest districts in the state.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Here she comes.

14 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And while you're
15 coming, first place poppy display for the president's theme
16 goes to Michelle Banks, Unit 751, District 25.

17 (Applause.)

18 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Okay. I was
19 advised the name of the winner is actually Alyssa Jacobs, but
20 your name was on everything; so yeah. You could have just
21 took the credit.

22 (Laughter.)

23 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Write me a note
24 and get me your name and I'll get you a certificate. Thank
25 you.

1 All right. First place, poppy display, the
2 president's choice, goes to Paulette Boudreau and Deborah
3 Heidemann, Unit 291, District 29.

4 (Applause.)

5 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Oh, we got
6 somebody up here? You're one of the ladies? Great job. The
7 president loved your display. You can come up one more step.
8 Congratulations. Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Our poppy poster
11 contest winners for Class 2, first place, goes to Amanda
12 Hamilton. That is from -- she is from -- I'm sorry -- Norco,
13 Unit 328, District 21.

14 And our first place winner -- I'm going to call him
15 -- here come on.

16 Thank you very much. Great job.

17 Our first place winner for Class 5 -- we had no
18 other entries for each of the other categories. First place
19 for Class 5 poppy contest is from Hollywood Unit 43, District
20 24, Ms. Min-Ji-Yi is the winner.

21 (Applause.)

22 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: You all look so
23 cozy sitting up here in the front row, kick back.
24 Congratulations.

25 You're so welcome. Thank you very much.

1 I want to thank all the judges who had to make
2 these difficult decisions. Past department presidents
3 Melanie Taylor, Trish Ladre, and Sandy Jacob. Thank you,
4 ladies, so much for doing all the hard work. I had fun just,
5 you know, hanging out with them.

6 Poppy production manager is Melanie Taylor, Lois
7 Cornish, and Trish Ladre have done an outstanding job at our
8 facilities, and you must give them a round of applause. They
9 do hard work.

10 (Applause.)

11 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: It is quite an
12 accomplishment to manage these facilities, the veterans, and
13 at the time ensuring that the poppy orders are filled and
14 delivered in a timely manner. We can do our part by ordering
15 poppies on time, as you all agree; so let's follow through
16 with that.

17 Thank you to the members of California who continue
18 to support the Poppy Program.

19 We had our poppy corsage contest and the new poppy
20 lei contest at mid year. All the funds raised were donated
21 to the president's special project, Operation Mend. These
22 funds will directly aid service men and women who have
23 returned from combat with serious injuries. We must stay
24 reminded that this is the reason that the Poppy Program must
25 continue. We know the challenge of offering, ordering,

1 getting donations, and reporting, but the ultimate reward is
2 apparent; when we can look at the faces of our nation's
3 veterans and know that we are doing our best to help support
4 some of their needs through our amazing Poppy Program.

5 Madam President this concludes my report.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Anita.

8 Sergeant-at-arms and marshal, I understand we have
9 someone with a presentation for us. Someone really cute?

10 Then we're going to hear from our community service
11 chairman, who needs to leave to go to Girls State, and then
12 we will have our nominations. Yes.

13 (Applause.)

14 PRESENTATION BY PETER DOUGLAS

15 MR. DOUGLAS: Good afternoon, ladies.

16 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

17 MR. DOUGLAS: The juniors, I love you. Ashley, all
18 you young ladies out there, appreciate you.

19 President Norma had placed a mayonnaise jar for
20 donations over on the Auxiliary side.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The Legion side.

22 MR. DOUGLAS: I'm sorry. The Legion side. I did
23 take it to the Sons, but I understand -- let me see. It
24 looks like \$4 in here.

25 (Laughter.)

1 MR. DOUGLAS: Hold on. Don't spend these dollar
2 coins because they don't have "In God We Trust." Okay? You
3 give them away.

4 President Norma -- hold on, hold on, hold on, hold
5 on.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. DOUGLAS: Okay. Okay. Okay. Here's another
8 \$218.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. DOUGLAS: Total of \$222 from the Sons and the
11 Legion.

12 Ladies, love you all dearly.

13 For the Operation Mend, we have traveled quite a
14 bit, and I have been fortunate to have President Norma as my
15 better half. And I have been blessed with a good woman, and
16 you have been blessed with a good president as well, so....

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. DOUGLAS: Continued success, ladies.

19 Have a good day. Love you all dearly. Appreciate
20 you.

21 And is there a Heineken somewhere?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

23 MR. DOUGLAS: Thank you, Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

25 He scared me half to death when he came over to the

1 past presidents parley and did the same trick to me. I was
2 not very happy with some Legionnaires at first.

3 Thank you, Peter, for doing that for us.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We're now going to
6 hear from community service, Kat Conrad.

7 Your one-sentence elevator speech.

8 Community service through dedicated and committed
9 volunteers who know and understand the needs of their
10 community while initiating projects for the betterment of its
11 citizens is a vital component to the survival of every
12 community.

13 COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

14 COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CONRAD:

15 Thank you.

16 Good afternoon.

17 The preconvention committee meeting was held in the
18 Kerman Room at the convention center here in Fresno. It
19 began at 10:15.

20 We had no code changes.

21 The prayer was offered by C.J. Reyes, District 19.
22 Secretary was Harriet Clendenin from District 15, and
23 sergeant-at-arms was Christi Shipman from District 1. 21
24 districts were represented with six guests.

25 The code was read, and certificates were handed out

1 to all districts who sent in reports.

2 There was 100 percent reporting by 22 districts.
3 Recommendations were to increase the font size for the
4 end-of-year reports. There were only two senior volunteer
5 applications and one junior volunteer application. There was
6 some concern expressed that there should be more awards.
7 Everybody that sent in a report, I made a certificate for --
8 for them.

9 The awards that were offered by national this year
10 were for senior volunteer of the year, junior volunteer of
11 the year, department, and best unit awards. And I did send
12 those in for consideration. And I did send out little notes
13 before lunch for those; so I hope the ladies are up here.

14 I was also asked that the second and third prizes
15 for best supplemental were awarded. This chairmen did not
16 specifically award those prizes but would like to recognize
17 that District 19, District 14, plus Districts 21, 22, 25, 27,
18 and 24 all wrote amazing supplementals; so I want to thank
19 you guys for all of that.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: So
22 if I may continue with my little supplemental regarding my
23 awards.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

25 COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CONRAD: The

1 beachcombing treasure hunters indeed rose to the challenge of
2 cherishing the past, nurturing the present, and envisioning
3 the future with over \$169,128.20 worth of money spent to
4 improve all conditions of life, and 120,154.80 hours
5 dedicated to a host of community activities, and over 4,193
6 volunteers. 13 units participated in some form of the
7 national action plan, which were Martin Luther King, Junior,
8 day of service; community emergency response team programs --
9 the CERT; and support of active duty troop families with Army
10 community covenant projects.

11 The statistical reports are on Page 15 of the Book
12 of Reports.

13 Four districts sent supplemental reports for Make
14 A Difference Day, and Random Acts of Kindness were also
15 awarded certificates. I also awarded certificates for best
16 blood donation too because there was amazing -- it was
17 amazing the reports I got.

18 I would like to thank our Madam Department
19 President for this appointment and say that I appreciate all
20 that California American Legion Auxiliary does for its
21 communities, its veterans, children and youth.

22 Okay. So now I will give out my little awards.

23 For best department supplemental goes to District
24 21 for the best supplemental.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: And
2 for volunteer of the year -- for the senior volunteer of the
3 year was from District 10, Unit 837, Mona Walker.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: So
6 this one is for best unit, and that is -- hold on one second.
7 I have to rearrange myself here. District 13, Santa Clara
8 Unit 419.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: All
11 of these awards were forwarded to national.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: And
14 the junior volunteer of the year went to Mia Novicki from
15 District 24, Unit 43.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: And
18 I also had a special recognition for Rebecca, since she was
19 a consideration for the volunteer of the year as well.

20 So thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD: And
23 I also have two little awards for District 19 and District
24 14, for the supplementals that they sent in as well. Unit
25 170 for District 19, and Patty Sharp.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CONRAD:

3 Thank you.

4 And that concludes my report.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Kat.

8 Girls State or bust. Kat is on her way to Girls
9 State. She is the Girls State nurse; so we must take care of
10 our Girls Staters. Safe travels, Kat.

11 (Applause.)

12 NOMINATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We will now proceed
14 with the nominations of department officers, junior member of
15 finance, finance chairman, and delegate -- delegates and
16 alternates to the national convention. If there are no
17 objections, the chair will open the nominations.

18 Nominations are now open for the office of
19 department president.

20 The chair recognizes Asteria de Peralta from
21 District 10.

22 NOMINATION OF PILAR REYES FOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

23 DISTRICT 10 REPRESENTATIVE DE PERALTA: Madam
24 President, Pilar S. Reyes joined Unit 598 in District 10
25 under her through the service of her late husband, Felix

1 Reyes, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. She has been
2 a member of her unit for 26 years, where she served as
3 president two terms, vice president, held various
4 chairmanships, and is currently serving as parliamentarian of
5 the unit.

6 At the district level she served as president in
7 1991 and 1992, first president, vice president, secretary,
8 and parliamentarian for several years, up to the present
9 time.

10 At the department level Pilar served as chairman of
11 music twice, legislative, Americanism, elections, children
12 and youth, and currently she is department vice president and
13 membership chairman.

14 She has received national awards for most
15 outstanding overall membership chairman. She has received
16 national awards. She has served as member of the junior
17 conference committee three times, as member of the UBR&R
18 committee, and presently an American Legion Auxiliary
19 certified leadership instructor.

20 Pilar is currently serving as Le Chapeau of Alameda
21 County Salon 236 of the 8&40.

22 Professionally, Pilar earned her degree of bachelor
23 of science in chemistry from the University of the
24 Philippines. Since her arrival in the United States in 1956,
25 Pilar has worked in several research labs, including her job

1 at the University of California in Berkeley as a research
2 associate, where she retired after 27 years of service.

3 In 1985, Pilar was chosen the most outstanding
4 Filipino immigrant with International Institute of the East
5 Bay with 41 immigrants from other countries.

6 Her other organization affiliations include the
7 California Federation of Women's Clubs, where she served as
8 the president for two years, club president for two years,
9 president of the district past president assembly for two
10 years, and held various district chairmanships, including
11 leadership.

12 Pilar has three daughters, a son, and three
13 grandsons, one of whom is deceased.

14 Madam President, the members of Rizzal Unit 598 and
15 District 10 are proudly reaffirming their support for and
16 trust in Pilar as president of the American Legion Department
17 of California for the year 2010 to 2011.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Will you please place
21 her name and nomination.

22 DISTRICT 10 REPRESENTATIVE DE PERALTA:

23 Madam President, I would like to put Pilar Reyes' name in as
24 nomination for president of the Department of California for
25 2010 and 2011.

1 Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Asteria is 93 years
4 young.

5 Are there any further nominations for department
6 president?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hearing none,
9 nominations for department president are now closed.

10 Nominations are now open for the department vice
11 president. The chair recognizes Madam Lay, District 16.

12 NOMINATION OF LINDA FERCHO FOR DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT

13 DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE LAY: Linda Fercho's
14 eligibility is through her father, Chief Petty Officer John
15 Heinlein, who was a Pearl Harbor survivor.

16 A member of Camarillo Unit 741 for 15 years, her
17 membership began as a junior member of Oxnard Unit 48. She
18 is a member and past chapeau of Salon 277, the Camarillo Arts
19 Council, the Camarillo Moose Lodge Chapter 1957, and the
20 Camarillo Unit United Methodist Church.

21 Linda is a native to California, born at the Port
22 Hueneme Naval Base and moved with her family to Camarillo at
23 age -- at the age of four. Linda retired in 2002 after 30
24 years from the Camarillo Pleasant Valley Elementary School
25 District as an employee benefit specialist and is currently

1 employed as part-time financial assistant for Lisco Private
2 Ledger.

3 Linda has held numerous chairmanships and offices
4 at the unit and district level, beginning with district
5 president, 2002/2003. Department chairmanships include
6 membership in 2003/2004, where the Department of California
7 was a gold department for the first time in 14 years.

8 Her favorite story and membership tool is that at
9 age 48 she found herself divorced with a lot of time on her
10 hands. Remembering her rewarding experience to volunteer as
11 a junior Auxiliary member at Oxnard Unit 48, she paid her \$20
12 dues, joined the Camarillo unit, and got a husband and four
13 children.

14 (Laughter.)

15 DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE LAY: Other department
16 level positions include junior conference director and
17 chairman of poppies, children and youth, Americanism,
18 education, veterans affairs and rehabilitation.

19 She has received national awards for department
20 poppies, children and youth, Americanism, and education.

21 Linda is an American Legion Auxiliary certified
22 leadership instructor.

23 Linda's husband of 12 years is past department
24 commander -- well, soon to be -- Dennis Fercho. They have
25 five children -- Tracey, James, Steve, Debbie, and Julie; and

1 five grandchildren -- Scott, Jacquelyn, Carlson, Wyatt, and
2 Broxton; Robert, and two daughters-in-law, Natalie and
3 Cassandra.

4 Linda's mother, Linda's sisters and brothers are
5 all Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion members, a true
6 Legion family.

7 Linda believes that there is strength in working
8 together as a Legion family and in service, not self. Linda
9 was born on the 4th of July, and she is truly a Yankee Doodle
10 Dandy, and her favorite colors, you know, have to be red,
11 white, and blue.

12 It gives me great pleasure, as well as District 16
13 and Unit 741, to place in nomination the name of my good
14 friend Linda Fercho for vice president for the American
15 Legion Auxiliary Department of California 2010/2011.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Are there any further
18 nominations for the office of vice president?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hearing none, the
21 nominations for department vice president are now closed.

22 Nominations are now open for the office of
23 department junior member of finance.

24 The chair recognizes Luann Capazzi, District 27.

25 NOMINATION OF NORMA J. BILLINGS FOR DEPARTMENT JUNIOR MEMBER

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OF FINANCE

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Norma J. Billings is a member of John M. Armitage Unit 234 in Ridgecrest, District 27.

She's been a member of our unit for ten years after moving here from Las Vegas. She has chaired the veterans affairs and rehabilitation program for the last several years; been district program chairman, both unit and district, for the last couple years; and has been a historian for three years on all of those levels; and is current second vice president of our unit. She has a strong background in business associated with financial, which spans 20 years.

Norma has a certificate in accounting, bookkeeping, and business machines from Sigma Business College. She also had an associates degree in business from Bucks County Community College and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the Western Governors University.

Norma's employment history includes general ledger month-end processing; payroll accounting; general accounting; and bookkeeping, budget, and inventory tracking; office management; and assistant program manager as the budget analyst.

She has also done federal income taxes for clients. She also worked on the contracts at our Navy base and oversaw

1 many million-dollar contracts.

2 Her eligibility in the Auxiliary is through her
3 father, who served in the Army.

4 Norma and her husband, Dale, are both active in
5 their local Post and Auxiliary, and between them have five
6 children and six grandchildren, who are all members of our
7 American Legion.

8 It is my privilege to put the name of Norma J.
9 Billings, a nomination, for junior member of finance, the
10 American Legion Auxiliary for the 2010/2011 year.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Are there any further
13 nominations for the office of department junior member of
14 finance?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hearing none, the
17 nominations for the department junior member of finance are
18 now closed.

19 Nominations are now open for the office of
20 department finance chairman.

21 The chair recognizes Linda Farriss, District 19.

22 NOMINATION OF LINDA DIEBEL FOR DEPARTMENT FINANCE CHAIRMAN

23 DISTRICT 19 REPRESENTATIVE FARRISS:

24 Madam President, I would like to tell you a little about
25 Linda Diebel, those of you who don't already know about her.

1 Her eligibility is through her father, Hank Diebel,
2 who was a career Navy man, and he was a 20 -- wait a minute.

3 She is a 20-year member of the American Legion
4 Auxiliary, belonging first to Unit 723 in Hollydale and then
5 going to Norwalk in 359.

6 She is hard working. She has held so many offices.
7 She has held chairmanships at all levels, unit, district, and
8 works very hard at all of them. She has put in three years
9 on Department of California Finance Committee, and is
10 currently the chairman.

11 With her career experiences as a retail buyer, in
12 accounting, as well as catering, I think she would make an
13 excellent finance committee chairman.

14 Therefore, on behalf of District 19 I nominate
15 Linda Diebel as finance committee chairman for the American
16 Legion Auxiliary, Department of California, year 2010 to
17 2011.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Are there any further
20 nominations for the office of department finance chairman?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hearing none, the
23 nominations for the department finance chairman are now
24 closed.

25 Are there any endorsements for national office?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: If not, we will
3 proceed with the nominations of delegates to the national
4 convention.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

6 Madam President, national -- representation to national
7 convention, out of the National Constitution, Article VI,
8 Section 2, each department shall be entitled to five
9 delegates and one additional delegate for each 1500 members
10 or major fractions thereof whose current dues have been
11 received by national treasure 30 days prior to the meeting of
12 said convention and to one alternate to each delegate. At
13 the current time our membership gives us a total of five
14 delegates, plus 17, for a total of 22.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Nominations are now
16 open for delegates to national convention.

17 Will Secretary Doris Kilkenney please read the names
18 of the nominees.

19 NOMINEES FOR DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

21 Madam President, I'm going to ask for clarification from the
22 parliamentarian.

23 After the constitution and bylaws reading this
24 morning and acceptance, Department President Norma Duvall
25 will be the first delegate nominated.

1 Department President Elect Pilar Reyes from
2 District 10 will be the second.

3 Department Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny from
4 District 5 would be the fourth -- or the third. I'm sorry.

5 And National Chairman Nancy Brown-Park would be the
6 fourth delegate.

7 Okay. Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Correct.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: First,
10 District 1, Delegate Kat Conrad.

11 There was no delegate form turned in for District
12 2.

13 None for District 3.

14 None for District 4.

15 District 5, Melanie Taylor.

16 District 6 passed.

17 District 7, Josephine Handy.

18 District 8 passed.

19 District 9 passed.

20 District 10 had nominated Pilar Reyes; so Madam
21 parliamentarian, I ask your clarification. Yes. The
22 alternate elected -- or nominated is Emily Magwili.

23 District 13, Sandy Jacob.

24 District 14, Martha Sweeney.

25 District 15, Harriet Clendenin.

1 District 16, Linda Fercho.

2 District 18 is Norma DuVall. Our alternate was
3 Pamela Hicks.

4 District 19, Linda Diebel.

5 District 20, Glenda Hayes.

6 District 21, Marge Rye.

7 District 22, Midge Farrar.

8 District 23, Anita Biggs.

9 District 24, Susie Johanssen.

10 District 25, Diane DeLashmit.

11 District 26, Nancy Brown-Park, alternate
12 Linda Workman.

13 MS. WILCOX: Madam Department President, remove
14 Linda to delegate.

15 Jeri Wilcox.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I have
17 one more. I have 22 to elect -- or to nominate.

18 Okay. District 28, Rosie Eskridge.

19 And that is the 22 delegates.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Did you skip 27?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Well,
22 that's because I don't have a form.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You're a delegate in
24 your own right; correct? Okay. So Rosie is the last one.

25 Could you repeat the name, please?

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Rosie
2 Eskridge would be Number 22.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Let's continue with
4 -- even though we have enough, continue through the districts
5 through 30.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I only
7 have two more forms.

8 District 29, Judy Lloyd.

9 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE:
10 District 27 was mailed to the department, and it was LuAnn
11 Capazzi.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: She was
13 a delegate in her own right anyway.

14 Do you have an alternate?

15 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Yes.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Who was?

17 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Pat
18 Sweeney.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay. I
20 now have Pat Sweeney from District 27 as the 22nd. Okay.

21 Okay. District 28 is Rosie Eskridge.

22 District 29 is Judy Lloyd.

23 And District 30 passed.

24 19 DISTRICT PRESIDENT NEWALL: Madam President,
25 Department President Anita Newall from the 19th District.

1 Linda Diebel will not be able to make it; so we would like to
2 move Dorothy Ann Chavez up instead for the 19th District.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We are entitled to 22
4 delegates. We have 24 names. We will need to have an
5 election to elect 22 of those 24.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
7 Madam President, I'd like to make a suggestion that if you
8 are physically or you know you are not going to attend the
9 national convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in August,
10 please ask to have your name removed from the delegate list.

11 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Madam
12 President, Linda Farrar.

13 For our District 22, I'll have my name removed from
14 the list.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Is there
16 anyone else who may not be attending at all?

17 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Rita Johnson,
18 District 29.

19 Judy Lloyd will not be arriving in time; so you can
20 go ahead and remove her name. District 29.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Rita.

22 Judy Lloyd is being removed, District 29. Rita
23 Johnson, District 29 President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We now have
25 22 delegates, and we do not need to have an election.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Nominations are now
3 closed -- excuse me. Open for alternates to national
4 convention.

5 NOMINATIONS FOR ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
7 I'm sorry. Right.

8 Is it time to go home yet?

9 Okay. Let me get back to District 1.

10 Okay. District 1 alternate, Maryalice Canclini.

11 No one for District 2.

12 No one for District 3.

13 No one for District 4.

14 District 5 alternate is Doris Kilkenny, and after
15 this morning that removes me from that.

16 Who was it? That's what I thought; can't do it.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excuse me. Doris we
18 need some clarification here. If we could back up to the
19 delegates.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Uh-huh.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: District 1 had
22 a delegate.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Kat
24 Conrad.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Oh, you
2 didn't catch it. Okay. You want me to read them again?

3 Okay. The four delegates elected automatically per
4 constitution and bylaws change this morning, Department
5 President Norma DuVall, Department President Elect Pilar
6 Reyes, Department Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny,
7 National Chairman Nancy Brown-Park.

8 District 1, Kat Conrad.

9 There was no one from District 2, 3, or 4.

10 District 5, Melanie Taylor.

11 District 6 passed.

12 District 7, Josephine Handy.

13 District 8 passed.

14 District 9 passed.

15 District 10 had Pilar Reyes, and with the changes
16 became Emily Magwili.

17 District 11, no form.

18 District 12, no form.

19 District 13, Sandy Jacob.

20 District 14, Martha Sweeney.

21 District 15, Harriet Clendenin.

22 District 16, Linda Fercho.

23 District 18 was Norma DuVall, moving Pam Hicks into
24 that position as delegate.

25 District 19 was Linda Diebel and from the floor

1 changed to Dorothy Chavez, who was the alternate; so she was
2 moved up.

3 District 20, Glenda Hayes.

4 District 21, Marge Rye.

5 District 22 was Midge Farrar and removed by said
6 delegate.

7 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Midge Farrar.

8 Can I add somebody else's name to delegate at this
9 time?

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pardon
11 me?

12 DEPARTMENT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Are we
13 waiting for the alternates?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We are clarifying
15 whether we have 22 --

16 DEPARTMENT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: -- delegates first.

18 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Okay. Thank
19 you.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I lost my
21 place.

22 Okay. Thank you.

23 District 23, Anita Biggs.

24 District 24, Susie Johanssen.

25 District 5, Diane DeLashmit. Is that what I said?

1 Oh, I'm sorry. 25. Pardon me.

2 District 26, Nancy Brown-Park, moving Linda Workman
3 into that position of delegate.

4 District 27 from the floor, Pat Sweeney.

5 District 28, Rosie Eskridge.

6 District 29 was Judy Lloyd and then removed, giving
7 us 22.

8 30 passed. I'm sorry. District 30 passed.

9 Okay. Okay. Aye yi yi. It's going better than
10 last year, isn't it, ladies? A little bit. We're not done
11 yet.

12 Okay. For alternates, Maryalice Canclini, District
13 1.

14 District 2 passed.

15 District 3 passed.

16 District 4 passed.

17 District 5 was Doris Kilkenny and removed. Our
18 second alternate -- did we have Marge Shank for District 5?
19 No?

20 Okay. I need a District 5 clarification. I know
21 we did it. It's just not on here.

22 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: Nancy Evers, District
23 5 President.

24 Monica Foxworthy.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

1 6 passed.

2 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury.

3 District 8 passed.

4 District 9 passed.

5 District 10 now has no alternate.

6 Madam President, Leonarda Estigoy for alternate for

7 District 10.

8 District 11 passed.

9 District 12 passed.

10 District 13, Theresa Jacob.

11 District 14, Barbara Davis.

12 District 15, Zana Chaney.

13 District 16, Madeline Lee.

14 District 18, no alternate at this time. Pamela

15 Hicks was moved to Norma DuVall as delegate.

16 Do we have an alternate from District 18. No?

17 District 19, we moved Dorothy Chavez to delegate.

18 Do we have an alternate?

19 AUXILIARY MEMBER: No, we do not.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

21 20, Roberta Estes.

22 District 21, Joann Evans.

23 District 22, Sandy Spence-Landis.

24 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Move Sandy

25 Landis to delegate. We don't have a delegate then from our

1 district.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: No. You
3 removed your name.

4 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: I know that,
5 but I can't move an alternate to a delegate?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: For
7 District 22, that's Sandy Spence-Landis as the alternate.

8 District 23, Lucille Taylor.

9 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Madam President,
10 Heather Martinez, 23rd District President.

11 I would like to remove Lucille Taylor as an
12 alternate and replace her with Wantu Robinson as an
13 alternate.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
15 23, Wantu Robinson, alternate.

16 District 24, Ruth Hackney.

17 District 25, Donna Scott.

18 District 26, no alternate. Linda Workman was moved
19 to delegate.

20 Do you have an alternate for District 26?

21 DISTRICT 26 REPRESENTATIVE WILCOX: Madam
22 President, Geraldine Wilcox, District 26.

23 I was moved to -- I was second alternate; so
24 I would be moved to alternate.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay. We

1 have Geraldine Wilcox as alternate for District 26.

2 District 27.

3 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Danielle White,
4 District 27 President.

5 We have no alternate.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
7 you.

8 District 28, I have no alternate.

9 Does District 28 have an alternate?

10 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Michelle Soares for
11 District 28.

12 No. We do not have an alternate.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
14 you.

15 District 29, no alternate; is that correct?

16 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Rita Johnson,
17 District 29.

18 Jan Spriggs as an alternate.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Jan
20 Spriggs, S-p-r-i-g-g-s.

21 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Right.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Jan
23 Spriggs for District 29.

24 District 30 passed, leaving us with three places
25 for alternates. I'm sorry. Six. No. Seven.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Six.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Well, I
3 have three places, plus the four that we have on the other
4 side; that's seven.

5 First alternate we have is Maryalice Canclini.

6 Second alternate, Monica Foxworthy.

7 Third is Bonnie Bradbury.

8 Fourth is Leonarda Estigoy.

9 Fifth is Theresa Jacob.

10 Sixth, Barbara Davis.

11 Seventh, Zana Chaney.

12 Eighth, Madeline Lee.

13 Nine, Roberta Estes.

14 Ten, Joann Evans.

15 Eleven, Sandy Spence.

16 Twelve would be Wantu Robinson.

17 Thirteen, Ruth Hackney.

18 Fourteen, Donna Scott.

19 Fifteen, Geraldine Wilcox.

20 Sixteen, Jan Spriggs.

21 Well, I've got three. I've got three plus four.

22 How many do you have?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We need 22. We

24 have --

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I can't

1 add. Okay.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: So now we have 16.
3 We need 22. We need six more.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Then I'm
5 missing a spot, ladies, because I can't come up with the same
6 figure.

7 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT LAUGESON: DeNyse Laugeson --
8 it's spelled D-e Capital N-y-s-e, Laugeson, L-a-u-g-e-s-o-n
9 -- District 18 President. I'd like to place Carol Velasquez
10 as an alternate.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You'll have to wait.
12 We'll have to wait.

13 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT LAUGESON: Okay.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

15 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Rita Johnson,
16 District --

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We'll have to wait,
18 Rita.

19 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Okay.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
21 Now we will continue with membership by membership strength.

22 First district will be 29. Do we have an
23 alternate? Up, down, up, down. Pretend you're at mass.

24 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Rita Johnson,
25 District 29.

1 We'd like to remove Jan Spriggs and put Judy Lloyd
2 in as an alternate.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: No. You
4 can add Judy now.

5 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Okay. We will add
6 Judy Lloyd; so we have two alternates, Jan Spriggs and Judy
7 Lloyd.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Yes,
9 that's correct.

10 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
12 22 is next.

13 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR: Midge Farrar,
14 District 22.

15 I'd like to place the name the June Coatney-Hartin,
16 C-o-a-t-n-e-y H-a-r-t-i-n.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: June
18 Coatney.

19 We have now District 25.

20 DISTRICT PRESIDENT 25 THOMAS: Ilona Thomas,
21 District 25.

22 I'd like to place Geri Wilkin as second alternate.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Is it J-e
24 or G-e.

25 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT THOMAS: It's Geraldine.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Wilkin.
2 Got it. Sorry.
3 Okay. We now have District 21.
4 Would you please go to the microphone.
5 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT HATHAWAY: District 21
6 President Cheryl Hathaway.
7 Pass.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
9 16.
10 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: Annette McKendry,
11 District 16.
12 Pass.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
14 19. If you run, you'll fall or slip.
15 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT NEWALL: Anita Newall,
16 District 19.
17 We pass.
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
19 18.
20 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT LAUGESON: DeNyse Laugeson,
21 District 18 President.
22 I'd like to place Carol Velasquez as an alternate.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Two more;
24 correct?
25 District 28.

1 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: District 28 passes.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

3 District 23.

4 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: District 23,

5 Heather Martinez, President, would like to place Gloria

6 Williams as alternate.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

8 District 5?

9 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: District 5.

10 Madam Secretary, what were you asking?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Do you

12 have an alternate? Another alternate?

13 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: Another alternate?

14 Hold on one second.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Holding.

16 How do they do that on the phone? I'd like some music while

17 I am waiting, please.

18 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: We'll put my name,

19 Nancy Evers, as alternate.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

21 Madam President, that's 22 alternates for national.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I move to close

24 nominations for national delegates and alternates.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Second?

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Moved and seconded we
4 close nominations for national convention.

5 Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
8 "Aye."

9 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
13 carried.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Will the candidates
16 who were nominated for department office please come to the
17 stage.

18 And I have to regroup and see where we are at. I
19 think we will go ahead and have Girls State, being they've
20 waited so patiently, up here.

21 Jeri, not yet. Not yet.

22 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Madam
23 President, as many of you met last night in the reception
24 line and heard that our president, Norma Billings, was absent
25 from our group. She was hospitalized this week with a

1 serious condition, with colitis, and she was just really too
2 weak to come to convention; so we told her to stay home; that
3 we would carry her torch.

4 And she did call last night and said she was home
5 and feeling better and is on the mend; so that is why she is
6 not up here this afternoon.

7 Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 INTRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENT CANDIDATES

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It is my pleasure to
11 introduce your department candidates for the year 2010/2011.

12 For department president, Pilar Reyes.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Department vice
15 president, Linda Fercho.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Junior member of
18 finance, Norma Billings.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: For finance chairman,
21 Linda Diebel.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hold on. We're going
24 to clear the way.

25 Okay. We will now hear from our Girls State. Your

1 one-sentence elevator speech.

2 One of the most respected and selective educational
3 programs of government instruction, this is a participatory
4 program that develops tomorrow's leaders by helping them
5 understand how our government works and the duties and
6 responsibilities of good citizenship.

7 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION REPORT

8 GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: Hi. My name is
9 Jerene Adams, and I am here to present the Girls State report
10 for Jean McGinnis, who is off to Girls State.

11 I will give you what information I have. I have --
12 she didn't give me all the information for the preconvention
13 meeting, but I have pretty much all of it.

14 It was held June 24th in the Kerman Room at the
15 convention center, with Jean McGinnis presiding as the
16 chairman. There were 25 delegates and five guests.

17 They read the code. There were no code changes and
18 there was no action recommended.

19 All of her reports were given out at committee, and
20 they were posted at the office.

21 Madam President, that concludes this portion of the
22 report.

23 May I continue with her supplemental report?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

25 GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: Thank you.

1 Are you from Girls State? You've heard that
2 before. Yeah. Are you from Girls State?

3 Jean McGinnis, Chairman; Mary Martin, Assistant
4 Director; and two-year member Gloria Sinopoli are at Girls
5 State session as we speak. And our three-year member this
6 year, Rhodona Enright; myself, Jerene Adams, a one-year
7 member; and Nurse Kat Conrad, who presented her report
8 already -- I don't know if she's still here or not. She left
9 already? Okay. And our advisor, Madeline Lee, is still
10 here. And I believe Judie Tabacchi is still here somewhere.
11 Well, she was over there. And Valerie Hardy, our vice
12 president alternate, is absent.

13 Jean says I am sorry that Sherry and I are not here
14 today. We are at Girls State. We -- the Girls State this
15 year started a year earlier, which takes us away from
16 convention.

17 Where am I? Oh, a year earlier -- a day earlier.
18 Forgive me. I'm just a stand in.

19 It started a day early; so they left. There is
20 only four of them and they needed to get ready, basically is
21 the bottom line.

22 We had 483 Girls State delegates arriving on
23 Saturday, June 26th. Our numbers are down on account of the
24 fees going up for 2009/2010 and the economy going down, with
25 fewer donations to Girls State; however, we have 13 units

1 that added new schools. Funds donated by the department to
2 Girls State was \$1826, a little up from last year. 25
3 districts have a Girls State orientation, and 44 districts
4 have their own Girls State orientations. About 100 units
5 recognize Girls State citizens at meetings and dinners. 50
6 of them shared the events with their past -- with their post.
7 Excuse me. That is a good example of the American Legion
8 family.

9 Ladies, you all worked very hard for Girls State,
10 and she thanks you. She wants you to understand why it is so
11 important for the Girls State organization to go online with
12 forms and their Website and packets. If they sent out the
13 forms to 281 units, the Girls -- I lost my spot. It would
14 cost about a thousand dollars. Going online pays for the
15 copy machine at Girls State. If they had sent out a monthly
16 mailing to each of the units, Doris would need to charge us
17 \$2, which is \$562; that pays for the water at Girls State
18 that the girls drink. We must spend our money wisely at
19 Girls State.

20 These young ladies have computer knowledge starting
21 in preschool. Because they use the computer more and more,
22 their handwriting is not perfect. We need to move Girls
23 State to online forms that the girls will type up online and
24 print the pages and then turn them in to the local Girls
25 State chairman. The initial form given to the Girls State

1 online at calgirlsstate.org has the unit and chairman
2 information at the bottom. The girls can type up the
3 information. And these girls are smart, and many of us many
4 of us are -- I being a Girls State unit chairman, gave it to
5 me. These girls, they know so much more than I do, and I'm
6 trying to explain it to them, and they're going, "Yeah.
7 Yeah, right, Jerry." They have the computer skills that we
8 don't.

9 Jean would like to thank you for this appointment,
10 Madam President, and would hope to see you at Girls State.

11 This concludes my report.

12 Oh, I have a challenge -- laterally challenged
13 friend here who would like to talk.

14 (Laughter.)

15 GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVE ENRIGHT: Good
16 afternoon.

17 And see my size? That wasn't for the court
18 reporter.

19 Madam Department President Norma and delegates to
20 this convention, I would like to give the following report on
21 behalf of Girls State Director Cherry Schneider, who is
22 currently at Claremont McKenna College getting everything set
23 up before young women from around the state converge and take
24 over the campus, as they work together for a week to build a
25 society where camaraderie and compromise are actually a part

1 of politics.

2 Somewhere out there Girls State delegates from
3 across the state are packing and preparing themselves for the
4 week of a lifetime. As 485 young women start arriving at
5 Claremont McKenna College tomorrow morning, the 66th session
6 of Girls State will begin in Claremont, California. The
7 planning for this session started before last year's session
8 even ended, as our incoming director met with the summer
9 campus program director at Claremont McKenna College to set
10 the dates for this session of Girls State.

11 One of Sherry's goals as director this year was to
12 implement changes that would reduce costs while maintaining
13 the quality of the program. One of the changes we
14 implemented was launching a California Girls State Website,
15 as was recommended by the national organization.

16 Our assistant director, Mary Martin, put in hours
17 of work and had cagirlsstate.org up and running in March.
18 With the use of the Website we were able to reduce the size
19 of the application mailout to one page, saving the program
20 over \$1,000. We collected e-mails from all but 22 of the
21 selected delegates and sent the Girls State delegates packet
22 out via e-mail, at a savings of over \$600.

23 As we continue to try to streamline the application
24 process next year, we are going to be seeking out test units
25 whose Girls State chairmen feel comfortable working with

1 computers and try to go completely paperless with those test
2 units. We need all the units to help us next year; however,
3 by encouraging the delegates and the alternates that they
4 select to go to the Website and fill out the online form.
5 This year we had less than half the delegates fill out the
6 forms online. By filling out the forms online we can
7 minimize the errors that occur when we try to decipher the
8 handwriting of over 500 young women.

9 Next year we have no plan to raise the delegate or
10 the unit fees.

11 (Applause.)

12 GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVE ENRIGHT: And we will be
13 working hard to find other sources of revenue so that we can
14 continue to improve the program. In a couple of weeks make
15 sure you contact your Girls State citizens and invite them to
16 a unit function so they can share with all of the unit
17 members their experiences, about their amazing week that they
18 are about to embark on.

19 This concludes my report, Madam President.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVE ENRIGHT: And on a real
23 quick separate note, I'm ready, Madeline. See you at Girls
24 State.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, ladies.

1 We're going to have the report of the chaplain.

2 Past presidents parley, if you'd like to come up,
3 Sandy will do your report.

4 Sergeant-at-arms and marshal, do you have a report
5 you would like to do today also.

6 Thank you.

7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: She waits until I get
8 sleepy looking at you folks sleeping out there.

9 (Laughter.)

10 CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT

11 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Okay. Madam Department
12 President, the statistical report for the chaplains can be
13 found in the Book of Reports.

14 The chaplains met at 10:00 a.m. Thursday,
15 June 24th, in the Reedley Room of the Valdez Hall, Fresno
16 Convention Center.

17 By general consent the following were appointed:
18 Ann Philcox from District 20 served as secretary. Jerry
19 Danielle from District 4 served as chaplain. Yvonne Mack
20 from District 16 as sergeant-at-arms.

21 Roll call recorded 22 district chaplains in
22 attendance. Eight visitors were welcomed.

23 The code was read, and no code changes were
24 recommended.

25 Certificates of award were given for second and

1 third place for unit and district supplements, and I am happy
2 to report to you that I was very pleased by the quantity and
3 the quality of the chaplain supplemental reports this year.

4 The awards for the largest donations to the Chapel
5 of Four Chaplains and the Loving Tribute Fund and for the
6 most cards sent were presented in committee. A posting of
7 these awards can be seen in the department office.

8 There was discussion on improving the death notice,
9 which I did not include in my report, but the recommendations
10 or suggestions will be passed on to the next chaplain.

11 Madam President, this concludes the report of the
12 chaplain's committee meeting.

13 May I continue with the prayer book and first place
14 awards and short supplement?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

16 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Thank you.

17 Okay. I'm going to give the awards first before I
18 go on back and the members finish their naps. Actually, I
19 didn't see any of them sleeping.

20 Okay. The first place award for the best unit
21 supplemental is presented to Unit 53, District 21, Chaplain
22 Jennie Blackadar.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: The first place award
25 for best district supplemental is presented to District 22,

1 Connielou Caldwell.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Congratulations,
4 ladies. These reports exemplify what accomplishments and
5 heart the chaplains have displayed.

6 The first place award for the most outstanding
7 prayer book for a unit goes to Unit 221, District 15, Linda
8 Carmichael.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Okay. The first place
11 in district for the prayer book goes to District 20, Ann
12 Philcox.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: And I have to tell you
15 Ann has been stewing ever since our committee meeting because
16 she learned that some were disqualified, and she didn't hear
17 her name for a second. And she was very concerned, wanted to
18 know what was wrong with it? What was wrong with it?

19 Okay. Thank you, ladies.

20 The chaplains and the Department of California have
21 performed admirably for their units and the districts. They
22 have placed flags and pictures in their communities to honor
23 their heroes. They have ministered to the sick and needy
24 with cards, visits, prayer, food, and financial help when
25 needed. They have stepped up to the plate on a moment's

1 notice and conducted memorial services. They have donated
2 time and moneys to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Salvation
3 Army, various churches, convalescent care centers, senior
4 centers, community parades and events, Cancer Foundation,
5 stand downs, Ride to Recovery, Boys and Girls Scouts, and
6 community fire and police departments, food banks, Alzheimer
7 walks, veterans hospitals and clinics, and local schools.

8 They have supported veterans overseas with gifts
9 and mailings and attended homecomings to welcome them back
10 home after their time of service overseas, and they have
11 uplifted and supported their home American Legion posts.

12 The chaplains have definitely cherished the past,
13 nurtured the present, and they do envision the future.

14 We will continue to uplift our family, friends, and
15 neighbors, our wonderful servicemen and women, our beloved
16 country and its leaders in constant prayer.

17 Madam Department President, it has truly been an
18 honor and a privilege to serve as your chaplain this year,
19 and I do thank you for this opportunity for service.

20 This concludes my report.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: May I approach your
24 station for the purpose of a presentation?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Madam President Norma,
2 this is your prayer book for the year. Your unit members and
3 district people have contributed, and they hope you enjoy it.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

5 And it is colorful.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you all. In
8 the absence of time I will go ahead and look at this later,
9 but I thank you very much for all of your entries into my
10 book.

11 Past presidents parley, your one-sentence elevator
12 speech.

13 We recognize and honor female veterans and utilize
14 past Auxiliary leaders as ambassadors for the Auxiliary to
15 ensure strong leadership at all levels of the organization.

16 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT

17 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

18 Do I have to remember that?

19 Thank you, Madam Department President Norma.

20 The convention committee on past presidents parley
21 met on June 24th, 2010, in the Kingsburg Room of the Radisson
22 Hotel in Fresno, California.

23 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
24 Page 15 of the Book of Reports.

25 LuAnn Johnson was appointed secretary.

1 Arlene Barton offered prayer.

2 And Rhodona Scott was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

3 A total of 23 district delegates answered roll
4 call. There were five visitors present.

5 The committee agreed upon the following report.

6 The department code was read with the following changes.

7 Code Number 6 now reads:

8 Eligible applications shall remain on file for five
9 years before being discarded. Information should be retained
10 on an index card file, name of the applicant sponsoring the
11 unit and district, and name of the nursing school or
12 hospital. Unit and district -- excuse me. Unit and district
13 parley chairman shall be notified when an application has
14 been accepted.

15 With the change, the code will now read:

16 Complete applications shall be retained in the
17 department office. The applications and all related material
18 shall be scanned and downloaded to a memory stick or disc and
19 kept in the safe to ensure security of personal information
20 on the scholarship applicants. Department chairmen shall
21 provide to the department office a list of names, addresses,
22 school attending, and dollar amount of scholarships issued
23 for the current year.

24 Unit and district parley chairmen shall be notified
25 when an application has been accepted.

1 Madam President, by the direction of the committee
2 I move acceptance of this code change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a proposed
4 code change to Number 6. With this adoption it would read:

5 Complete applications shall be retained in the
6 department office. The applications and all related
7 materials shall be scanned and downloaded to a memory stick
8 disc and kept in the safe to ensure security of personal
9 information of the scholarship recipients. Department
10 chairmen shall provide to the department office a list of
11 name, address, and school attending, and the dollar amount of
12 scholarships issued for the current year.

13 Unit and district parley chairmen shall be notified
14 when an application has been accepted.

15 Is there any discussion?

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane
17 DeLashmit, Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, District 25.

18 I didn't really have time to absorb this. The last
19 sentence, "Unit and district parley chairman shall be
20 notified when an application has been accepted," in the
21 Education Code it states that all scholarships that are
22 submitted, that a report needs to go out to the district --
23 in this particular case the unit -- letting them know if they
24 had a winner or not so that if theirs was not a winner, they
25 could give a scholarship on the local level.

1 Do we not want that also to be part of this so that
2 everyone who has submitted a scholarship application would be
3 notified either it was accepted or it was denied?

4 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
5 Unit district shall be notified.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I amend this
7 code then for the last line, for unit district parley
8 chairman shall be notified of all applicants' applications
9 disposition.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. The code amend
11 is unit and district parley chairman shall be notified of all
12 application dispositions.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
16 "Aye."

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is carried
21 on the amendment.

22 We will now vote on the code as amended, which
23 would read:

24 Complete applications shall be retained in the
25 department office. The applications and all related material

1 shall be scanned and downloaded to a memory stick disc and
2 kept in the safe to ensure security of personal information
3 and of the scholarship recipients. Department chairmen shall
4 provide to the department office a list of name, address,
5 school attending, and dollar amount of scholarships issued
6 for the current year.

7 Unit and district parley chairmen shall be notified
8 of all application dispositions.

9 Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
12 "Aye."

13 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
17 carried.

18 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 The second code change -- Code 14 now reads:

21 The corsages and past presidents parley luncheon
22 tickets for the \$2,000 scholarship winner and/or the
23 Auxiliary member of the year and veterans honorees who attend
24 the luncheon will be paid out of the miscellaneous expense
25 line in the Past Presidents Parley Fund. As a courtesy for

1 the recognition a president national president brings to
2 California, her past presidents parley luncheon ticket will
3 be paid out of the miscellaneous expense funds in the past
4 presidents parley fund.

5 Code 14 will now read:

6 The corsages and past presidents parley luncheon
7 tickets to the \$2,000 scholarship member and/or Auxiliary
8 member of the year and veterans honoree who attend the
9 luncheon will be paid out of the convention expenses. As
10 a courtesy for the recognition a past national president
11 brings to California, her past presidents parley luncheon
12 ticket will be paid out of the convention expense.

13 By the direction of the committee, I move
14 acceptance of this code.

15 And, Madam President, this was taken to finance for
16 their -- because there was a change in not using the
17 miscellaneous expense line anymore.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane
19 DeLashmit, Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, District 25.

20 On the original, the way it is in the code it says,
21 "Women veterans honorees." On this it just says, "Veterans
22 honorees." I believe we probably want to remain the women's
23 veterans honorees. I amend this code to enter the word
24 "Women veterans honorees."

25 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

1 Ladies, I quit typing, I guess.

2 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
4 seconded that the word "women" be inserted so it reads "Women
5 veterans honorees."

6 Is there any discussion.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
9 "Aye."

10 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
14 carried.

15 The amended code will now read:

16 The corsages and past presidents parley luncheon
17 tickets for the \$2,000 scholarship winner and/or the
18 Auxiliary member of the year and women veterans honorees who
19 attend the luncheon will be paid out of the convention
20 expenses. As a courtesy for the recognition as past --
21 a past national president brings to California, her past
22 presidents parley luncheon ticket will be paid out of the
23 convention expenses.

24 Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
2 "Aye."

3 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."
5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
7 carried.

8 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 Certificates for 100 percent reported were included
11 in the district packets.

12 Second and third district awards were presented. A
13 list of these winners will be posted in the department
14 convention office.

15 A question and answer period was held.

16 There being no further business to come before this
17 meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

18 Madam Department President, may I continue with my
19 supplemental department report?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

21 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
22 President Norma, your pretty pineapple parfait, aka the past
23 president parley chairmen, their message this year was
24 looking for applications for scholarships, helping unit
25 veterans, and marching with that special members that goes

1 above and beyond their unit and their community.

2 Our chairmen have held lunches, dinners, and teas
3 to honor our special veterans. Special gifts were given to
4 women veterans, including items of necessity and always
5 a very special gift of appreciation.

6 We received many applications for the nurses
7 scholarships; however, many did not qualify due to
8 eligibility.

9 Ladies, when you are submitting those applications,
10 please make sure they qualify. We received -- okay. Sorry.

11 However, we had four scholarship recipients. They
12 are the \$2,000 scholarship winner, Shelby White, Unit 147,
13 District 14.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
16 \$1,000 recipient was Melanie McCann, Pasadena Unit 13,
17 District 18.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
20 \$1,000 recipient was Christy Ruiz, Unit 277, District 29.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
23 Another \$1,000 winner was Andrea Henschhold, Oceanside, Unit
24 146, District 22.

25 (Applause.)

1 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
2 These are very talented women, ready to make their mark in
3 the nursing field. Even though we work locally for our women
4 veterans, the target was active duty women this year. We did
5 not receive any entries that were qualified.

6 The unit member of the year, well, would have been
7 revealed at the PPP luncheon -- I have to adjust my form
8 here. I did receive several of those supplementals about the
9 unit member of the year was Sharon Hial -- Hial. Thank you.
10 District 21. I'm sorry. It was on my list for the PPP
11 luncheon, and I didn't copy it here.

12 What's your unit number? 21. Thank you.

13 On both of our honorees a \$2,000 scholarship winner
14 and our Auxiliary unit member of the year I received very
15 good supplementals from these two ladies, and they really
16 stood out with their extra efforts that was shown. They were
17 above and beyond, both of our recipients. Thank you.

18 At this time I would like to present my first place
19 unit and first place district winners.

20 First place unit award goes to Unit 777, District
21 25, Arlene Hartin.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
24 Our first place district award goes to District 25, Esther
25 Garcia.

1 (Applause.)

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
3 Madam President, this has been a busy year of learning and
4 many hours working, trying to find the best way to stretch
5 our dollars to assist as many students as we could. It has
6 been a pleasure working with you this year.

7 I hope everyone -- I hope to see everyone at the
8 PPP luncheon. I guess I did. We had a good crowd and had
9 a good lunch.

10 This concludes my report.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Sandy.
13 Gloria, could you come up and do your Americanism
14 report.

15 Sergeant-at-arms and marshal.

16 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND MARSHAL CONVENTION REPORT

17 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 Good afternoon, ladies.

20 Madam President Norma, as your tropical breezes,
21 Marshal Wantu and I have walked the sands of many islands
22 carrying your colors and banner.

23 Workshops in Bakersfield and Orange found us
24 distributing material from your department chairman to all
25 those in attendance eager to learn. And believe me, your

1 chairmen had a lot to distribute. They don't travel lightly.

2 DEC in January had us running again. Although we
3 did not post your colors for the meetings or escort any
4 dignitaries or carry any messages, there was still no time to
5 rest our feet. Saturday night banquet definitely made up for
6 the official time off during the day. It was our extreme
7 pleasure to present the colors and banner of this great
8 organization and to escort for you our Western Division Vice
9 President Peggy Brown, National Membership Committee Member
10 Nancy Brown-Park, Department Commander Dennis Fercho and
11 First Lady Linda, along with all of your other special
12 guests. As the tie-die duo, we were not exactly tropical,
13 but we had the spirit of the island in us.

14 March gave us the extreme opportunity and pleasure
15 of escorting our National President Rita Navarette for her
16 southern California visit at Pacific Palisades.

17 We have reached our final island stop, and we have
18 presented your colors and banner one last time and escorted
19 all of your dignitaries and distinguished guests for your
20 convention. As we approach the conclusion of your year, let
21 us say that it has been a pleasure to be your tropical
22 breezes.

23 Oh, PS, if something comes up and you need to find
24 us, we'll be on some tropical island location, undetermined,
25 sitting on our lounge chairs, watching the sunset, umbrella

1 drink in hand, toes in the sand, recuperating and remembering
2 what a wonderful year we had in your service.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ:

7 Madam President, may we approach?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

9 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: Thank you.

10 We understand that you are not opening your gifts,
11 but if you could show this we would really appreciate it. It
12 is heavy; so I will hold the bag.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: And your
15 plaque reads your motto, "Cherish the Past, Nurture the
16 Present, Envision the Future, 2009/2010."

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you so much.

18 Thank you, my tropical breezes.

19 Americanism Gloria Williams, your one-sentence
20 elevator speech. We build on the fundamental basics of
21 freedom by acts of patriotism and instill the spirit of
22 Americanism in our youth through educational programs and, in
23 turn, create patriots that will be our future leaders.

24 AMERICANISM CONVENTION REPORT

25 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank

1 supplemental report and first essay winners and awards?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

3 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS:

4 Promoting pride in country, respect for our flag, and
5 appreciation of the freedoms are the primary purposes of the
6 American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program. Our Pacific
7 Coast Beachcombers, known as the PCBs, hit the sandy beaches
8 of California in solidarity to educate and emphasize the
9 important of our Americanism program.

10 Units showed their love for the red, white, and
11 blue with flag promotions at cemeteries, memorials, schools,
12 businesses, and at community forums. Units volunteered 1,138
13 hours. One unit offered downtown merchants a chance to show
14 off their patriotic pride by providing Old Glory to local
15 merchants to adorn their storefronts on six patriotic
16 holidays. 78 units presented certificates to businesses and
17 others who showed their patriotism for flying the flag.

18 Juniors have been a great asset to the PCBs. One
19 unit included their juniors, along with a post-sponsored Boy
20 Scout Troop, in a flag-folding ceremony. A total of 843
21 flags were presented up and down the coast of California.

22 The Pocket Flag Program was incredible, with
23 34 units participating and distributing 4,130 pocket flags,
24 spending \$2,730. Units volunteered 1,416 hours. Many flags
25 went to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

1 In December, when most beachcombers are in
2 hibernation, not the PCBs. Several units coordinated special
3 programs and events for our veterans. Numerous units visited
4 convalescent homes, wrote letters to the hospitalized
5 veterans, and hosted Thanksgiving dinners for hospitalized
6 and homeless veterans. One unit participated in a Veterans
7 Day parade and chose the theme "90 Years of Honoring our
8 Veterans." The Grand Marshal was the major general from
9 Edwards Air Force base. Unit members built the float for the
10 parade and junior and young SAL members rode in the parade.
11 100 Americanism flags were given to people along the parade
12 route.

13 February, that's Americanism month, found many of
14 our units involved with celebrating their love for our
15 country and veterans in countless patriotic events. One unit
16 celebrated National Hospitalized Veterans Day at their local
17 VA outpatient clinic. The patients enjoyed a barbecue
18 luncheon and a celebratory dance. The members wore red,
19 white, and blue, gave away flags, Valentine's Day cards,
20 candy, and patriotic gifts. California had 190 units
21 supporting patriotic holidays.

22 One unit and its community constructed a memorial
23 wall and assisted the public in finding the names of their
24 loves ones who were killed or missing in action during the
25 Vietnam War. Unit members volunteered as security to protect

1 the memorial through the night hours. The community raised
2 thousands of dollars to build and assemble the wall. The
3 unit donated \$2,000 to this project. At the end of the
4 display week, the unit and post family attended the closing
5 ceremony. This is a unit and post that realizes that the
6 dreams and hopes of their community can be materialized
7 through its leaders and citizens.

8 Operation Military Kids and National Guard
9 Activities found 26 units donating over \$3,308 and 572 hours.
10 One unit working in conjunction with the Los Angeles Air
11 Station and National Guard gave over 250 backpacks filled
12 with school supplies, monetary gift cards. Cameras were
13 given to children of active duty personnel. 22 units
14 continue to support the Spirit of Youth Fund with donations
15 totalling \$1,000.

16 Our department essay contest was extremely
17 successful, with 55 units participating. There were 745
18 entries and awards of \$2,054 in prizes. Three units
19 submitted applications for the national essay contest, and
20 there were -- five Girl Scout achievement applications were
21 received, and the winner was forwarded to national. All
22 competitors will receive certificates of participation.

23 Forty-five units became involved with the "Get out
24 to vote." Unit members worked at the polls, provided
25 transportation for the veterans and elderly members. Units

1 reminded members that all elections, primary as well as the
2 major elections, are important to the welfare of the entire
3 community. One unit conducted a forum at their post,
4 reminded attendees that your vote is your voice. The unit
5 members prominently displayed poppies and gave a brief
6 explanation about the poppies and their importance to our
7 veterans and their families.

8 One question to the candidates was, "If elected to
9 Congress, what will you do to help the veterans and their
10 families?"

11 The blue star and gold star banner were supported
12 by 45 units, and 208 banners were presented.

13 One unit provided the mothers with a special
14 festive luncheon and a full day of fun. There were 15 units
15 that participated with the oratorical contest. The great old
16 American sport of baseball was supported by 11 units spending
17 \$891 and donating 607 hours of volunteer time.

18 The PCB's are grateful for the special little
19 treasures found on all beaches. They are our little island
20 explorers. The month of the military child had eight units
21 visiting children's hospitals, child care centers, and giving
22 away toys and games. Juniors were involved in volunteering
23 at ceremonies, leading parades, leading the Pledge of
24 Allegiance, as well as learning the process of volunteering
25 at the polls.

1 As you can see, Madam President, your Pacific Coast
2 Beachcombers have been actively involved in all aspects of
3 the Americanism program, and we are proud to represent
4 Americanism ideals and principles for the Department of
5 California.

6 Now, Madam President, I would like to give out our
7 first -- our essay contest awards, first place, and I would
8 like to start with Veronica Spence. Veronica Spence is not
9 with us today; so I would like to present those awards.

10 Group 1 will go to Hannah -- and if I mispronounce
11 your name, please forgive me -- Janji -- that's J-a-n-j-i.
12 She's from District 29, Unit 716.

13 (Applause.)

14 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And
15 Hannah was our junior person that was at the Americanism
16 meeting.

17 (Applause.)

18 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank
19 you, Hannah.

20 (Applause.)

21 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Group 2
22 is Chelsea Huggins, Unit 468, District 22.

23 (Applause.)

24 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And
25 Group 3 is Angel Lukerman, Unit 468, District 22.

1 (Applause.)

2 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Now for
3 the department essay contest winners.

4 Group I, which is \$100, goes to Abbey DeLaMerced,
5 District 3.

6 (Applause.)

7 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Do
8 I have someone from District 3?

9 Group II is \$100, and it goes to Brianna Hipp,
10 H-i-p-p, District 22.

11 (Applause.)

12 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District
13 3, which is \$200, goes to Teresa Welch, District 16.

14 (Applause.)

15 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District
16 5, and that's our children with special needs, \$200 to
17 Samantha Mendoza, District 27.

18 (Applause.)

19 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Now,
20 Group IV, our 2500 educational scholarship grant in the
21 amount of \$500, goes to Min-Ji-Yi, District 24.

22 (Applause.)

23 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS:
24 Wonderful.

25 Okay. Now for our first place awards, and

1 president's best unit supplemental report goes to Alzora
2 Carter, Jackie Robinson Unit 252, District 23.

3 (Applause.)

4 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: First
5 place district supplemental goes to Danielle White, Indio
6 Unit 0118, District 27.

7 (Applause.)

8 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
9 Don't fall, Danielle.

10 (Applause.)

11 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
12 First place, Eliza Shepherd Best Youth Betterment Program,
13 goes to Richard O. Reed Unit 777, District 25.

14 (Applause.)

15 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Best
16 overall Americanism program is also presented to Richard O.
17 Reed 777, District 25, first place, Nancy Petrone, Chairman.

18 (Applause.)

19 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam
20 Department President, I thank you for this appointment. It
21 has been interesting and challenging and rewarding.

22 And that concludes my report.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Gloria.

24 Does our island connection have any interisland
25 communications or messages in a bottle to share with us?

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INTERISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

Ladies, this is a reminder for those who need to change immediately after closing -- after close of this session.

The education delegates are to meet with Alzora for about two minutes at the close of this sessions in the back of the room of this convention center.

This is a reminder of the constitution and bylaws to meet after close of session at this front ramp.

And the VA&R chairman would like to meet with her delegates from yesterday immediately at close of session; so please don't forget those meetings.

The past department presidents will meet in President Norma's suite this evening for cocktails at 6:00 p.m., and then you are in control by Linda and Bonnie. Scary thought. Sorry.

I have one -- Pam Hicks from District 18 has one banquet ticket for sale.

There is a John Bartos at the Holiday Inn who needs one banquet ticket. I have Harriet Clendenin, who needs eight banquet tickets, and District 10 is in need of three banquet tickets; so, ladies, if you have some for sale, please see each other. I am not going to -- I calling an end to that one.

Okay. The district presidents are to meet with the

1 credentials committee tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. in the
2 department office, and I will have the department office
3 open.

4 Lost in the ladies room area was a gold wedding
5 band this afternoon between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. Please
6 contact Ruth Skinner Poteet -- Poteet, I'm sorry, District
7 23; so, please, ladies if you find that, put her mind at
8 ease.

9 Margie Shanks and Willie Burks, bandleaders, will
10 meet with Willie at the front of the stage right after
11 today's meeting's adjournment.

12 And this card was found on the floor. You have got
13 five seconds, and I will keep it. It is an iTunes card; so
14 if somebody dropped it, please see me.

15 Madam President, that is all that I have.

16 I would like to remind the units that they may pick
17 up their membership packets, which have the new membership
18 cards in them. If you are a new unit and you are here,
19 please sign for your own packet. District presidents, if you
20 pick up anyone's packets for your units in your district, you
21 will sign for each and every unit so that I know that every
22 unit received them.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Doris.

1 Tomorrow morning the first report that we are going
2 to have will be membership. If you have received directions
3 or notes from Pilar on membership, please proceed accordingly
4 when you arrive in the morning and be prepared at 8:30 a.m.
5 sharp.

6 This session is now in recess until 8:30 tomorrow
7 morning. Enjoy your evening.

8 ADJOURNMENT AT 4:59 P.M.

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This convention
3 session is reconvened. Ladies, please take your seats.

4 Loretta Marsh, Department Chaplain, will offer the
5 invocation.

6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Good morning, ladies.

7 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

8 INVOCATION

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Thank you, Lord God,
10 for another day to serve. We again ask your blessing on all
11 that is said and done here; that our words and actions may be
12 for the betterment of our organization and those around us.
13 May we always be mindful of the needs of others and
14 dedication to God and country. Help us to be good stewards
15 of the blessings you have so abundantly given us.

16 In Thy name, Amen.

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Amen.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Department Secretary
19 Doris Kilkenny will call the roll of officers, chairmen, and
20 district presidents.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
22 morning, ladies. I feel so much better.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I had
25 eight hours of sleep last night, first time in two and a half

1 weeks.

2 ROLL CALL

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

4 Department President Norma Duvall.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Aloha.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

7 Department Vice President Pilar Reyes.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

10 Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny, who is here.

11 NEC Woman LuAnn Capazzi.

12 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Good

13 morning.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good

15 morning.

16 Chaplain Loretta Marsh.

17 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Historian

19 Stacey Estes.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

22 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Aloha.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

25 Musician Harriet Clendenin.

1 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Good morning.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
3 morning.
4 Sergeant-at-arms Kathie Martinez.
5 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: Good
6 morning, Doris.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
8 morning.
9 Marshal Wantu Robinson.
10 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL ROBINSON: Good morning, Doris.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
12 morning.
13 Finance Committee Chairman Linda Diebel.
14 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
15 Here. I'm here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
17 Committee Senior Member Terry Mikesell.
18 AUXILIARY MEMBER: She's here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
20 Committee Junior Member Suzie Tozier.
21 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: I'm here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Advisory
23 Chairman Odette Cucarro.
24 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: Pineapple
25 Number 1.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Advisory
2 Committee Margaret Quitones.

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUI~~T~~ONES: Pineapple
4 Number 2.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: And
6 Advisory Committee Ruby Kapsalis.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: An altogether
8 fruit salad.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: No
10 comment.

11 Past National President Josie Melgard.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused. Excused.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
14 you.

15 Americanism Gloria Williams. Gloria Williams,
16 Americanism.

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: She's back here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: She can't
19 talk? Are we in heaven?

20 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here I
21 am.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay. I
23 see you.

24 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Pat Carey.

25 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:

1 Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Children
3 & Youth Danielle White.

4 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE:
5 Present.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Community
7 Service Kat Conrad.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
10 Constitution and Bylaws Diane DeLashmit.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Aloha again.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
13 Convention Chairman Fresno Patty Sharp.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: She's around doing
15 her job.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
17 Convention Commission Chairman Beverly Sparks.

18 CONVENTION COMMISSION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SPARKS:
19 Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
21 Credentials Lucille Taylor.

22 DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Here.

23 AUXILIARY MEMBER: She's here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
25 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.

1 DEPARTMENT DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
2 Hats and heels, ready to go.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Editor,
4 Estella Avina.

5 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Aloha.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.
7 Education, Alzora Carter.

8 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: I'm here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
10 Elections, Jane Matthews.

11 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Did
13 I hear "here"?

14 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS: I'm here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
16 you.

17 Girls State Jean McGinnis.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Girls
20 State Director Sherry Schneider.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Junior
23 Activities June Cooley-Desmeules.

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
25 COOLEY-DESMEULES: Cowabunga.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Junior
2 Conference Director Rosemary Weber.

3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WEBER:
4 Aloha.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.
6 Leadership, Pat Alvarez.

7 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Good
8 morning, Doris.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
10 morning.
11 Legislative, Esther Garcia.

12 LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Good
13 morning.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
15 morning.
16 Membership, Pilar Reyes.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: National
19 Security LuAnn Capazzi.

20 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: I'm
21 here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Past
23 Presidents Parley Sandy Jacob.

24 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
25 Don't forget our women veterans?

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Where are
2 you? I see you.

3 Poppy Chairman Anita Biggs.

4 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,
5 Doris.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
7 morning.

8 Public Relations, Marge Rye.

9 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: I lost
10 my flight feathers.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
12 Resolutions, Phyllis Holmberg.

13 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Aloha.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.
15 Rules, Dorothy Franceschi.

16 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:
17 Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Veterans
19 Affairs and Rehabilitation, Linda Fercho.

20 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
21 FERCHO: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Ways and
23 Means Chairman Judy Tabacchi.

24 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
25 TABACCHI: I'm selling my wares.

1 (Laughter.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

3 We're not going to go there.

4 Okay. District Presidents.

5 Betty Shelton.

6 DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT SHELTON: Present.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
8 2, Molly Smith.

9 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SMITH: We have no bananas
10 today.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
12 3, Martha Curtis.

13 AUXILIARY MEMBER: She's in the office.

14 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT CURTIS: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Right on
16 the button.

17 District 4, Geri Fitzpatrick.

18 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: We're still
19 here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
21 5, Nancy Evers.

22 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Right. I
24 believe you.

25 District 6, Susan Casto.

1 DISTRICT 6 MEMBERS: Aloha.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

3 District 7, Jean McGinnis.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

5 DISTRICT 7 MEMBERS: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

7 8, Veronica Spence.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

10 9, Connie Clement.

11 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT CLEMENT: Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

13 10, Emily Magwili.

14 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAGWILI: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

16 11, Laura Barghorn.

17 DISTRICT 11 MEMBERS: Aloha.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

19 12, Norene Ramos.

20 Did I hear it?

21 DISTRICT 12 MEMBERS: Aloha.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

23 Okay. I see you now.

24 District 13, Theresa Jacob.

25 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT JACOB: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
2 14, Barbara Davis.

3 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT DAVIS: Aloha.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
5 15, Zana Chaney.

6 DISTRICT 15 MEMBERS: District 15 surviving.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
8 16, Annette McKendry.

9 DISTRICT 16 MEMBERS: Good morning, Madam
10 President, from District 16.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
13 18, Denyse Laugeson.

14 DISTRICT 18 MEMBERS: Islands in the stream, that
15 is what we are.

16 Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
18 morning.

19 District 19, Anita Newall.

20 DISTRICT 19 MEMBERS: Good morning.

21 We are on the island.

22 It has it to be 5:00 o'clock somewhere.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I'm with
25 you.

1 District 20, Bobbi Estes.

2 DISTRICT 20 MEMBERS: We're nurturing the present
3 and envision the future.

4 Good morning, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
7 21, Cheryl Hathaway.

8 DISTRICT 21 MEMBERS: Good morning, Madam
9 President.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
11 22, June Hartin-Coatney.

12 DISTRICT 22 MEMBERS: Aloha.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
14 23, Heather Martinez.

15 DISTRICT 23 MEMBERS: Passionate about children,
16 passionate about veterans. We are the passionate 23rd
17 District.

18 Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
20 24, Delores Artis.

21 DISTRICT 24 MEMBERS: Aloha Oy, good morning to
22 you.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
24 morning.

25 District 25, Ilona Thomas.

1 DISTRICT 25 MEMBERS: It's been a great year, we've
2 had so much fun, as we all dance the hula under the sun. We
3 wore our grass skirts, bikinis, and lace, and worked all our
4 programs in various ways.

5 Aloha.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
7 26, Elizabeth Marshment.

8 DEPARTMENT 26 MEMBERS: We're still on parole.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
10 27, Danielle White.

11 DISTRICT 27 MEMBERS: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
13 28, Michelle Soares.

14 DISTRICT 28 MEMBERS: We're treasuring our
15 veterans, children, and community.

16 Good morning, Madam President.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
19 29, Rita Johnson.

20 DISTRICT 29 MEMBERS: Happy talk from the island of
21 Tahiti.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
23 30, Balin Talford.

24 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT TALFORD: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Hospital

1 Representative, Veronica Spence.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Marylou
4 Warner.

5 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE WARNER: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mary
7 Sinoply.

8 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE SINOPLY: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pat
10 Klang.

11 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KLANG: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Ruth
13 Briggs.

14 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE BRIGGS: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Phyllis
16 Holmberg.

17 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mavis
19 Kanka.

20 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KANKA: Here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pat
22 Alvarez.

23 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Good
24 morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Delores

1 Artis.

2 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Aloha.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Hermine

4 Fosmark.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

7 Evangeline Acosta.

8 DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Lois

10 Cornish.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I believe she's in

12 the office with credentials.

13 DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE CORNISH: I'm here.

14 AUXILIARY MEMBER: She's here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

16 And for our past department presidents, part of them are

17 pineapples. They're all in the fruit salad.

18 Mildred Brockett, absent.

19 Nancy Brown-Park, absent.

20 Willie Burke?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: I'm here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Did I

23 here her say -- okay. Sorry.

24 LuAnn Capazzi.

25 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Linda
2 Caples.

3 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE CAPLES: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Bonnie
5 Christner.

6 MS. CHRISTNER: Good morning, Doris.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
8 morning.

9 Odette Cucarro.

10 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: Present
11 Diane.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Diane
13 DeLashmit.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Present.
15 (Laughter.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Virginia
17 Dandy is absent.

18 Shelby -- I'm sorry. Excused.

19 Shelby Hitch.

20 NATIONAL SECURITY WESTERN DIVISION CHAIRMAN HITCH:
21 Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Phyllis
23 Holmberg.

24 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Sue

1 Hooker.

2 MS. HOOKER: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Sandy

4 Jacob.

5 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

6 Here, y'all.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay,

8 y'all.

9 Ruby Kapsalis.

10 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

11 Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Marian

13 Cool, absent.

14 Madeline Lee.

15 MS. LEE: Aloha.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Judy

17 Lloyd is absent.

18 Josie Melgard, absent.

19 Margaret Quitones.

20 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUI~~T~~ONES: I

21 can't talk. I had too much pita colada.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Oh, I

23 should have gone with you.

24 Marjorie Shank.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Beverly
2 Sparks.

3 CONVENTION COMMISSION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SPARKS:
4 Aloha.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Veronica
6 Spence, excused.

7 Patricia Sweeney. She's not talking either? We
8 are in heaven.

9 (Laughter.)

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Sorry
11 pat. I love you, Pat. I'm doing a lot of backpedaling,
12 ladies.

13 Melanie Taylor.

14 POPPY DEPARTMENT VICE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Aloha.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Whoop.

16 Linda Workman.

17 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
18 Bringing up the rear.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
20 Madam President, that's your role call.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

22 We're going to start off this morning with
23 a presentation.

24 Peter.

25 PRESENTATION BY PETER DOUGLAS

1 MR. DOUGLAS: I'm so glad. I'm so blessed. I'm in
2 heaven now. Look at all these ladies.

3 Good morning, ladies.

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

5 MR. DOUGLAS: Madam President.

6 I can't compete with the songs and the aloha and
7 the fans. I did get lei'd in Fresno.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. DOUGLAS: Oh, all I get is this mayonnaise jar.
10 Okay? But what I have here is Operation Mend.

11 Madam President, will you hold that for me?

12 I have been inducted into the PDG --

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. DOUGLAS: -- as department gofer, past
15 distinguished gentleman. And on behalf of yesterday, we
16 collected some money from the Sons, Legionnaires, and any
17 Legionnaire and Son who are here, good morning to you as
18 well.

19 The juniors, love you kids.

20 Last night we collected \$230 for Operation Mend for
21 the past department gofer, so....

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. DOUGLAS: I will be back again. It's going to
24 seem like I'm in church trying to collect money going from
25 aisle to aisle. Okay?

1 So thank you so much for your help, all the work
2 that you ladies do.

3 The juniors, appreciate you all.

4 Madam President, love you. All right.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

7 I will also let you know that yesterday we received
8 a check for \$100 for Operation Mend from Amador Unit 108.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We also -- I was
12 given a check on Thursday, I believe it was, from Ceres Unit
13 491, District 12, Suzie Q and her veteran's fundraiser that
14 she does in November, part of the proceeds was for Operation
15 Mend, and there's a check for \$2,000.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: So that is bringing
18 us up to \$34,162.76 for Operation Mend.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The following
21 district presidents need to go and see the credentials
22 committee: District 9, 11, 12, 15, 25, 27, 28, and 30.

23 We're going to hear from our constitution and
24 bylaws chairman.

25 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT AMENDMENT

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam
2 President, when I gave my report yesterday I stated on
3 Resolution 1 and 5, by direction of the committee I moved the
4 adoption of this change to the constitution.

5 Resolution 1 was deleting the per diem for the
6 district presidents. Resolution 5 was in regards to
7 emergency meetings. Both of these are bylaws changes, not
8 constitution.

9 So I move to correct Resolution 1 and Resolution 5
10 to reflect bylaws.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a motion to
12 amend --

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Just bylaws
14 instead of constitution.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: -- to read bylaws
16 instead of constitution.

17 Any discussion?

18 (No Response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
20 "Aye."

21 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

25 Now we are going to continue with the reports of

1 the department chairmen.

2 Madeline, did you have something that you needed to
3 do before that? I'm sorry.

4 Thank you.

5 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

6 MS. LEE: Good morning, ladies.

7 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

8 MS. LEE: And, Madam President, I have a message
9 from Nancy Brown-Park.

10 I wish I could be there to give you my personal
11 greetings and wishes for a successful convention. Duty
12 calls, and I am in Indianapolis for the national finance
13 committee, just the beginning of training as I head on a new,
14 exciting journey.

15 It is also very exciting for me to have a chance in
16 advance to wish Pilar and Linda much success for the
17 administrative year. And to brag a bit, Linda is one of my
18 parks patriots.

19 Madeline -- that's me -- has a special request from
20 the national membership committee, and I would appreciate if
21 each of you takes a minute to fill out our form that was
22 passed -- to be passed out.

23 Again, President Norma, my very best to you. You
24 have done an amazing job this year, and each of us I know
25 appreciates your time and dedication to this great

1 organization.

2 Now, this is to the members. Please take just
3 a few minutes -- I think the sergeant-at-arms and marshal
4 have the forms back there, and this is to be distributed to
5 everybody. Please take just a few minutes and give us some
6 honest information about your unit. You only need to answer
7 one of the two questions below. It is important that the
8 information comes from you. We all know that our membership
9 is sliding.

10 Nancy is the national membership chairman; so she
11 is asking us to do this.

12 We all know that our membership is sliding at an
13 alarming rate, and we need to find a fix. This is not just
14 beginning -- this is not just happening in California but
15 across the country; so the information will help both
16 California and the national membership team work on ways to
17 stop the slide. We hope you will take just a bit of time to
18 give us your opinion. Please turn this in to Vice President
19 Pilar Reyes, to me, or Membership Committee Member Anita
20 Biggs.

21 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

22 Nancy Brown-Park, National Membership Chairman.

23 The question is my unit may go because, or my unit
24 didn't go because. Those questions; so answer one of one or
25 two of those questions.

1 Thank you very much.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you Madeline.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We are going to hear
5 from the Membership Chairman Pilar Reyes; so if you received
6 instructions from her, please proceed as she instructed. And
7 if you received a note, make sure you are also to the side of
8 the stage.

9 Membership, your one-sentence elevator speech. To
10 increase membership and volunteer base through program
11 partnership and innovative recruiting ideas while we retain
12 and reenergize our membership.

13 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Madam President
15 Norma, good morning to all of you.

16 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: The preconvention
18 committee on membership met on June 24th, 2010, in the Sanger
19 Room of the Fresno Convention Center. The statistical report
20 of this chairman appears on Page 18 of the Book Of reports.

21 Theresa Jacob of District 13 was appointed
22 secretary.

23 Midge Farrar, District 22, offered prayer.

24 Cherie Galvan District 10 and Wantu Robinson were
25 appointed sergeant-at-arms.

1 I needed to have an assistant sergeant-at-arms
2 because Cherie Galvan had to serve also in another committee
3 meeting; so that is why I have two.

4 A total of 25 delegates answered roll call.

5 There were 20 visitors present.

6 Madam President, the code was read and the
7 following changes proposed by this chairman was -- were made.

8 Proposed Change Number 1 on Membership Code Page 2,
9 9(b), department citation.

10 Department citation now reads:

11 Award to units obtaining goal into the department
12 office by April 1st and showing participation into the
13 following programs: Americanism, Children & Youth,
14 Education, Legislative, Poppy, Veterans Affairs and
15 Rehabilitation, and filing a unit activity report with the
16 district president by May 30 and a copy of the unit activity
17 report by -- awarded by the district president to the
18 department membership chairman by June 5.

19 Proposed change: Remove the whole part of the
20 sentence after April 1st. The new sentence will now read:

21 Award to units attaining goal into the department
22 office by April 1st.

23 Rationale: The achievement of this milestone is
24 quite a challenge and very difficult to do. This is an
25 outstanding accomplishment for any unit; and, therefore, the

1 unit is most deserving of a department citation, whether or
2 not a copy of its unit activity report is sent to the
3 department membership chairman. There should not be any
4 condition attached to this citation.

5 With the adoption of the proposed change, 9(b)
6 department citation now reads:

7 Department citation: Awarded to units attaining
8 goal into the department office by April 1st, period.

9 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
10 move for the adoption of this change.

11 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
13 change to Membership Code 9(b). It would read:

14 Department citation awarded to units attaining goal
15 into the department office by April 1st.

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No Response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
19 "Aye."

20 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Motion is carried.

24 Proposed Change Number 2:

25 The Colleen Award, Marjorie McDonald, now reads:

1 A citation plus \$100 to be used to promote the
2 program of education. This award will be under the
3 jurisdiction of the department membership chairman with the
4 following rules:

5 Unit -- first, unit must have received a department
6 membership citation.

7 Two, unit must have filed a unit activity report
8 with district president.

9 Three, activity report must show participation in
10 the following programs: Americanism, Children & Youth,
11 Education, Legislative, Poppy, Veterans Affairs and
12 Rehabilitation.

13 Proposed Change Number 2: We add Rule Number 4:
14 Unit shall attach a written supplemental report which shows
15 activities in each program, hours spent, and dollars spent.

16 Rationale: Number 4 was removed from the code in
17 Convention 2009; however, this chairman finds it necessary to
18 put this rule back in the code. Since only one unit is
19 chosen, the unit activity report is not sufficient to justify
20 selection of the best entry for the reason that points
21 awarded on the unit's activity report may be -- may be the
22 same for all or some of the reports. With the supplemental,
23 the department chairman will have additional information to
24 look at for distinguishing differences in picking the most
25 deserving unit.

1 With the adoption of the proposed change, the
2 Colleen award will now read:

3 A citation plus \$100 to be used to promote the
4 program of Education. This award will be under the
5 jurisdiction of the department membership chairman with the
6 following rules:

7 Number one, unit must have received a department
8 membership citation.

9 Number two, unit must have filed a unit activity
10 report with district president.

11 Number three, activity report must show
12 participation in the following programs: Americanism,
13 Children & Youth, Education, Legislative, Poppy, Veterans
14 Affairs and Rehabilitation.

15 Four, unit shall attach a written supplemental
16 report which shows activities in each program, hours spent,
17 and dollars spent.

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

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there a second?

21 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
23 change to Code 9 at the Colleen award, Marjorie McDonald.
24 With the change it would read:

25 A citation plus \$100 to be used to promote the

1 program of Education. This award will be under the
2 jurisdiction of the department membership chairman with the
3 following rules:

4 One, unit must have received a department
5 membership citation.

6 Two, unit must have filed a unit activity report
7 with district president.

8 Three, activity report must show participation in
9 the following programs: Americanism, Children & Youth,
10 Education, Legislative, Poppy, Veterans Affairs and
11 Rehabilitation.

12 Four, unit shall attach a written supplemental
13 report which shows activities in each program, hours spent,
14 and dollars spent.

15 Is there any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We've had our private
18 discussion. I was just confused about something.

19 All in favor say "Aye."

20 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
24 carried.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you.

1 There were no resolutions or recommendations.

2 100 percent reports certificates were presented to
3 Districts 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22,
4 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27.

5 Promotional drawings were done at the committee
6 meeting, including cash drawings for goal units and
7 districts. And second and third place awards, department
8 citations, recognition and citation certificates were
9 presented to units and districts. List of all awards on all
10 categories were given to districts in their packets. All
11 awards will be posted at department headquarters after this
12 session.

13 Question and answer and discussion followed.

14 With no further business, the meeting adjourned at
15 11:20 a.m.

16 This completes the membership preconvention
17 committee report.

18 Madam President, may I continue with my
19 supplemental and membership awards?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: This chief
22 engineer takes pride in reporting that the station masters
23 have been on the tracks with the helpful watch by the area
24 engineers, filling up their trains in their recruitment for
25 members that are needed to support our mission for our

1 veterans and their families and our children. There have
2 been challenging obstacles along the way, but their
3 dedication and determination had made them more audacious in
4 hurdling over their bumpy tracks.

5 All 29 districts in our department reported on the
6 outstanding accomplishments of 255 units that have undertaken
7 impressive activities in promoting membership growth in their
8 respective areas. Reading and rating 69 unit activity
9 reports is not easy but had given this chairman a rewarding
10 feeling, feeling that the station masters had complied with
11 what they are required to do.

12 Although it is sad to note that the Department of
13 California had not achieved any national target date, its
14 membership had continued relentlessly to keep the recruitment
15 and retaining of membership activated and going. To achieve
16 this goal, districts and units tried all means to reach out
17 to eligible friends, relatives, and new babies.

18 Units had implemented various tools and means in
19 their drive to recruit and retain members, including the
20 following activities:

21 Some units had assisted members who cannot pay
22 their dues by paying for them.

23 A member sponsored membership of qualifying juniors
24 and Girls Staters.

25 Units sent out letters for renewals with cards

1 reminding members about our programs and what units do for
2 our veterans, children, and youth and our community.

3 Members who have achieved continuous membership of
4 five, ten, fifteen, up to sixty years were awarded membership
5 pins and citations.

6 One unit initiated new members as soon as their
7 applications were approved and given information on monthly
8 activities of the units and handed out materials necessary
9 for new members, including a copy of a unit handbook as part
10 of their orientation.

11 Monthly newsletters with a list of new members,
12 calendar of events, and messages from the president and
13 chairmen were sent out to members.

14 Some units used social functions, like special
15 dinners, Bingo games, karaoke, children's parties, and other
16 social activities as means of signing up members. Membership
17 applications were given to potential Legion members and,
18 thereafter, asked for their female family members to file an
19 application with the Auxiliary.

20 Some unit members involved themselves by signing up
21 in city and community functions, such as honoring senior
22 volunteer patrol members, adopt low-income school classes.

23 Some unit members volunteer at local schools by
24 reading to children. This is one way of exposure of our
25 volunteerism objectives for our children and youth.

1 Early bird units celebrated by giving free
2 breakfast or dinners inviting all members.

3 A district chairman attended several events and had
4 always discussed the availability of membership benefits
5 offered and had recruited new members.

6 District 29 had recruited 370 new senior members,
7 26 new juniors, totalling 396 new members.

8 District 25, 212.

9 District 22, 207.

10 District 21, 190.

11 District 18, 137.

12 And District 28, 192.

13 More districts had recruited new members,
14 increasing their membership percentage goal. As of June 15,
15 2010, report we have three goal districts, 101 goal units,
16 and 16 -- more than 16. I made a mistake in counting. I
17 think 18 districts over 90 percent goal.

18 These are only a few of the activities undertaken
19 by units and districts to recruit new members and retain the
20 long-time members and retaining the long-time members, thus
21 promoting membership growth.

22 Madam President, before I proceed to my award
23 presentation, I am very delighted to present to you our birds
24 of paradise and station masters, also known as the district
25 presidents and the membership chairmen. And so I will call

1 them by -- for those who have low goal -- percent goal, don't
2 be disappointed because you did your job. I will be calling
3 for -- from highest rank to -- not lowest, but down to the
4 bottom. Okay?

5 (Laughter.)

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Trying to be
7 diplomatic. Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT RANKINGS

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Rank
10 Number 1, District 24, 105, 19 percent. Membership chairman
11 is Susie Johansen, Delores Artis. Please walk faster.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Number 2,
14 District 29, 100.75, Karen Karanickolas, membership chairman;
15 Rita Johnson, district president.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 9,
18 Number 3, 100 percent goal, Rosemary Kirby is the membership
19 chairman; Connie Clement, district president.

20 Number 4, District 21, 99.57 percent, Linda Olson,
21 membership chairman; Cheryl Hathaway, district president.

22 District 8, Rank Number 5, 99.06, Veronica Spence,
23 membership chairman; Jeannine Richardson.

24 Number 6, District 26, 97.58 percent, Nancy
25 Brown-Park, membership chairman; Elizabeth Marshment,

1 district president.

2 Number 7, District 18.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 18,
5 Number 7, 96.69, Carol Velasquez, membership chairman; Denyse
6 Laugeson, district president.

7 Number 8, District 28, 99 -- 96.01 percent, Geri
8 Ann Simmons, membership chairman; Michelle Soares, district
9 president.

10 Number 9, District 11, 95.58 percent, Laura
11 Barghoorn, membership chairman; Sheila Pate, district
12 president.

13 Number 10, District 25, 94.85 percent.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Shannon Mendez,
16 membership chairman; Ilona Thomas, district president.

17 Number 11, District 5, 94.69 percent, Doris
18 Kilkenney, membership chairman; Nancy Evers, district
19 president.

20 Number 12, District Number 4, 94.44 percent, Sherry
21 Moore, membership chairman; Geri Fitzpatrick, district
22 president.

23 Number 13, District 6, 93.43, Vickie Giles,
24 membership chairman; Susan Casto, district president.

25 Number 14, District 7, 93.42 percent, Sarah Bruno,

1 membership chairman, Jean McGinnis, district president.

2 Number 15, District 10, 93.22 percent, Cherie
3 Galvan, membership chairman; Emily Magwili, district
4 president.

5 Number 16, District 16, 92.40 percent Caryl
6 Rombough, membership chairman; Annette McKendry, district
7 president.

8 Number 17, District 22, 91.94 percent, Midge
9 Farrar, membership chairman; June Hartin-Coatney, district
10 president.

11 Number 18, District 27, 91.83 percent, Charlotte
12 Collins, membership chairman; Danielle White, district
13 president.

14 Number 19, District 30, 91.58 percent, Belen
15 Telford, membership chairman; Betty -- Barbara Shelley,
16 district president.

17 Number 20, District 1, 91.37, Maryalice Canclini,
18 membership chairman; Betty Shelton, district president.

19 Number 21, District 12, 90.57 percent, Lucille
20 Sheffield, membership chairman; Norene Ramos, district
21 president.

22 Number 22, District 19, 88.70 percent, Dorothy-Ann
23 Chavez, membership chairman; Anita Newall, district
24 president.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Number 23,
2 District 15, 88.29 percent, Karen Herrera, membership
3 chairman; Zana Chaney, district president.

4 Number 24, District 13, 87.25 percent, Pat
5 Leonardo, membership chairman; Theresa Jacob, district
6 president.

7 Is someone presenting District 13?

8 Okay district -- Number 25, District 14,
9 85.45 percent, Pat Sweeney, membership chairman; Barbara
10 Davis, district president.

11 Number 26, District 20, 84.30 percent, Maria
12 Castellon, membership chairman; Bobbi Estes, district
13 president.

14 Number 27, District 2, 83.19 percent, Molly Smith,
15 chairman and president.

16 Number 28, District 23, 78.48 percent, Wantu
17 Robinson, membership chairman; Heather Martinez, district
18 president.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Number 29,
21 District 3, 73.68 percent, Martha Curtis, membership
22 chairman; Victoria Rothman, district president.

23 Madam President, those are our birds of paradise
24 ladies.

25 And what do you need? The other one? The station

1 masters?

2 Okay. And may I request that they stay there so
3 that when I give my citations I will just call on the
4 district because I want it to be a surprise to them.

5 Okay?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you very much
9 for your hard work in membership, and please stay put.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Let's give them a
12 big hand. They did a good job. We had a 93 percent goal for
13 the departments.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We have a good --
16 well, I would be remiss if I don't recognize the ladies
17 involved in this too, and they are the area membership
18 chairmen, members of the support team, and I would like to
19 recognize them.

20 For Area 1, Past Department President Melanie
21 Gaylord, please stand up to be recognized.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Area Number 2 is
24 Past Department President Ruby Kapsalis.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Area Number 3,
2 Sue Hooker. Is Sue here? Sue Hooker is for Area 3.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Area 4 is Gigi
5 Manno. Gigi.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Area 5 is our own
8 Diane DeLashmit.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And for Area 6 is
11 Vickie Crow. Vickie Crow, where are you?

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And I would like
14 to ask which is the Number 1 area? Number 2 area.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: This is the rank.
17 Number 1 is Area 5.

18 Number 2 is Area 2.

19 And Number 3 -- which one of you is Number 3?

20 Okay. I left it to them to discuss their ranking.

21 And Area Number 5 -- Area Number 4, Gigi Manno is
22 -- Gigi Manno is Area 4, but Number 4 rank is I think Area 1;
23 right?

24 Oh, wait. Wait a minute. Number 1 is Area 5.

25 Number 2 is Area 2.

1 Number 3 is Area 3.

2 Number 4 is Area 1.

3 Number 5 is Area 6.

4 Number 6 is Area 4.

5 Okay. I give that to you. I was leaving it to
6 them because I don't know if they have any challenges among
7 them. I left it to them. You didn't prepare any challenge,
8 but anyway, I -- oh, okay. Yeah.

9 They the last three -- the bottom three areas gave
10 \$50 each to Operation Mend. So they served there.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: So at this time
13 we don't want them to spend any more. Okay?

14 All right. So I would like to call on Madam
15 President, with your permission -- Ms. Shannon Mendez,
16 District 25, has a presentation to make.

17 May I have your permission?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Shannon,
20 she is accompanied by Karen Karanickolas of District 29.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Shannon Mendez is
23 membership chairman of District 25, and she has something
24 good.

25 Okay?

1 DISTRICT 25 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MENDEZ: Good
2 morning.

3 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

4 DISTRICT 25 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MENDEZ: My name
5 is Shannon Mendez, and I'm currently first vice president of
6 District 25 and membership coordinator for the fifth area.
7 The fifth area is made up of five districts.

8 Starting with District 30, Penny Hammy.

9 District 25, the Inland Empire, San Bernardino.

10 District 22, San Diego County.

11 District 21, Riverside County.

12 District 29, Orange County.

13 (Applause.)

14 DISTRICT 25 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MENDEZ: In 1988
15 Past Department President Beverly Sparks had a good idea.
16 For the ladies of the fifth area, while sitting around
17 waiting for the Legionnaires to finish their meeting, that we
18 all get together and exchange ideas for increasing our
19 district membership and have fun while doing it. We have now
20 an -- opportunity drawings, and at the end of the year the
21 district that has the most members at the close of books will
22 have the honor of presenting to the American Legion Auxiliary
23 for their program of their choice.

24 This year it is District 29, who finished this year
25 approximately with 2,385 members and is second place in the

1 department and 100 percent in the fifth area, with the 22nd,
2 the 21st, 25th, and 30th districts up close behind.

3 Congratulations to the 29th District, and I'm going
4 to let Karen take it over from here.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 29 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS:
7 District 29 is at 100.75 percent, and we're currently at
8 2,414 members. And I'd like to thank all the unit membership
9 chairmen and their teams for all of their hard work in making
10 this goal.

11 And then also as winners of Area 5 I do have
12 a presentation, a check for \$455 for Norma DuVall's project
13 Operation Mend.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

15 DISTRICT 29 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: May
16 I present?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

18 Thank you.

19 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Hold on. Hold on. Hold on.

20 Where's the check? That will work.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: I would like to
23 ask all the members of the fifth area membership to stand up
24 you did a good job. Give them a big, big round of applause.

25 (Applause.)

1 DISTRICT 25 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MENDEZ: Before we
2 leave can I ask all of the fifth area --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, fifth
4 area.

5 DISTRICT 25 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MENDEZ: You are
6 welcome.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you very
8 much, ladies.

9 Now may I proceed to my award presentation?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Now, the first
12 one I will be presenting is unit best overall membership
13 supplemental.

14 First place for Group A -- we have three groups, 10
15 to 700 members. First place, Palisades Unit 283 -- 283,
16 District 24, and please come forward.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Best
19 overall unit supplemental for Group B is West Covina Unit
20 790, District 18.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Second place is
23 West Covina. I think -- please take your picture after the
24 award so we will expedite the timing. Okay?

25 That is West Covina, 790, second place.

1 Oh, this is the first place for Group B. We have
2 two groups, as I said.

3 Okay. I am not presenting the second place here.
4 These are all first places.

5 Okay. First place for Group C is Oceanside Unit
6 146, District 22.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Chairman is
9 Claudia Donovan. When I call on your district, run fast.
10 Okay?

11 Now, for best overall district supplemental, first
12 place goes to District 24, Susie Johansen, Chairman, group A.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: For first place,
15 Group B, District 18, Carol Velasquez, Chairman.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: First place,
18 District 21, for Group C. District 21.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Let's give these
21 ladies a big hand for their supplemental.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Now we go to
24 Ethel -- this is a special award. This is an award given to
25 the unit with the greatest numerical increase over goal as of

1 close of books, which is May 10, 2010.

2 And the award goes -- Ethel Flynn award goes to San
3 Jacinto Unit 848, District 21. Adele Neeman. Ethel Flynn
4 award is here.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: All right.
7 Estella Hannell Memorial award goes to the district with the
8 greatest numerical increase from close of books last year to
9 close of books this year.

10 And this goes to District 29, Karen Karanickolas,
11 Chairman, increase of 56 members.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: The next one --
14 may I call on Pat Sweeney to make the next -- to give the
15 next presentation? And she is here. And this is a special
16 award for the -- we call it Colleen award, which was started
17 by Marjorie McDonald. And this is being presented by Past
18 Department President Pat Sweeney, and she will present the
19 citation plus \$100 to --

20 May I read it?

21 MS. SWEENEY: Sure.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: I am proud to
23 read this; so may I?

24 Colleen award presented to Richard O. Reed
25 Unit 777, District 25. District 25.

1 And the honor will be done by our past department
2 president. Take over.

3 MS. SWEENEY: Take over? Not for long.

4 This award was established by Marjorie McDonald in
5 District 22 when she was department president, and it is my
6 privilege to present this award, and we are hoping to keep it
7 up for some time.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: The check will be
11 given to the unit. Okay?

12 The next one -- unfortunately, the next award the
13 presenter is not here today due to health reasons. And we
14 call it the Josie Melgard award. Past department president,
15 she should be the one presenting the Josie's Angels' pins,
16 but since she is not here -- we have 54 units that qualified
17 for the Josie Melgard award, and it will take a long time to
18 present this. And she has the Josie's Angels; so I have
19 nothing to present to you. And maybe at an appropriate time,
20 I can ask her to present it, whenever there is a chance.
21 Okay?

22 So the next -- well, maybe I will read it fast.
23 Those that qualified for the Josie Melgard award is two
24 members on top of the percent goal close of books, and so the
25 units are Linda, 807 unit, District 4.

1 Unit 2008 -- not 2000. Unit 208, District 5.
2 Unit 437 District 5.
3 Unit 550, District 5.
4 Unit 521, District 6.
5 Unit 130, Frank Gallino, District 7.
6 Unit Next Generation of Heroes, District 8.
7 Unit 598, Rizal, unit -- District 10.
8 Unit 837, District 10.
9 Unit 102, District 11.
10 Unit 108, District 11.
11 Unit 247 [sic], District 11.
12 Unit 803, District 11.
13 Unit -- District 12, Unit 88.
14 District 13, Unit 419.
15 District 14, Unit 355.
16 District 15, Unit 94.
17 District 15, Unit 221.
18 Madam President, it is kind of long and it will
19 take so much time. Will you give me the permission to just
20 say that there are 54 units that qualified for the Josie
21 Melgard? I don't want to take too much of your time.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Go ahead and post it
23 in the department office.
24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Yeah.
25 And everyone here on the stage has copies of all of

1 the awards that I have.

2 Now I will go to the next presence, and this is the
3 goal ribbon awards, and the goal ribbons are beautiful.

4 These are the -- for the units. The blue and the white is
5 for the districts. And we have three district goal units and
6 so -- all right.

7 For the goal units I have -- for District 4 we have
8 Linda Unit of 100.

9 For District 5 we have two goal units.

10 District 6 -- wait a minute. I am reading. I have
11 a lot of lists of citations here; so I'm reading the wrong
12 one.

13 But any way, I think I will read it for them.

14 Okay?

15 So to expedite. Okay?

16 District 6 has one unit.

17 District 7 has one unit, Frank Gallino unit. No --
18 District 7 okay.

19 District 9 has three units and district goal.
20 Everything is here; so we won't waste time. District 9.

21 District 10 has two goal units.

22 District 11 has one, two, three, four -- five goal
23 units. You can clap, so....

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: So maybe we will

1 break the boredom.

2 District 12, three units.

3 District 6 -- District 13, one unit.

4 They are consecutive. I have it all organized.

5 District 14, four units.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yeah. All of you

8 -- see, this is consecutive; so you can just line up.

9 District 14 has four goal units.

10 District 16 has -- oh, this is District 14.

11 District 15 has three goal units.

12 District 16 has three goal units.

13 District 18 has -- oh, District 18 has a lot. Ten.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 18 has

16 ten goal units.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 19 has

19 four -- four goal units.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 20 --

22 oh, where is 19? Yeah. I just called it.

23 District 20 has two goal units.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 21 has

1 two, four, six, eight -- nine goal units.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 22 has
4 six goal units.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 23 has
7 two goal units.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 24 --
10 District 24 is a goal district and has two goal units.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 25 has
13 two, four, six, eight -- ten goal units.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: District 26 has
16 four goal units.

17 District 27 has three goal units.

18 District 28 has two, four, six -- seven goal units.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And District 29
21 has two, four, six -- seven goal units.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And District 29
24 is a goal unit -- I mean district.

25 District 30 has four goal units.

1 And that's the end of the goal unit presentation.

2 (Appause.)

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Now I have to
4 look for my report.

5 Okay. So I presented all the goal -- now we have
6 the first goal district award, and before -- our first goal
7 district award goes to District 24.

8 (Appause.)

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: They are the very
10 first one that achieved goal.

11 And then we have the highest unit with the
12 highest percent goal of 118 percent, 100. This is in
13 District 25, Apple Valley Unit 256, the highest percent goal.
14 Highest percentage. Congratulations.

15 Now we go to top senior recruiter, and this is Unit
16 328, District 21. It goes to Carol Vinlove, Carol Vinlove.

17 (Appause.)

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And top junior
19 recruiter goes to Suzanne Bailey of District 22, Unit 255.

20 (Appause.)

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And, you know, we
22 didn't award silver brigade department, only national. You
23 will see whoever is qualified will receive a citation from
24 national. I hope we will.

25 But for the department silver brigade winner we

1 have -- from District 29 this is Kendall Madsen. Unit 291,
2 Kendall Madsen.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And now we have
5 the last award. This is for Recruit 3. Department winner,
6 District 27, Sharlotte Collins, chairman of Inyo Unit 118.
7 Congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: So they did
10 a great job; so they have to be recognized. But if you
11 qualified -- if you were chosen at national, you will receive
12 the notice, and you will be recognized.

13 So at this point I would like to take this time --
14 our president has a presentation to a new charter unit. We
15 have three units, but only one has the charter and national
16 has the other two. And I would like to -- Madam President
17 Norma will do the presentation of the charter to a new unit,
18 and she will announce what unit it is. And, you know, this
19 will cost me because I promised to give \$25 to any new unit;
20 so anyway, I don't mind. I appreciate their -- all their
21 work.

22 So Madam President.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Pilar.

24 It gives me great pleasure to finally be able to
25 present a charter to one of our new units. This charter is

1 for Chico Unit 17, District 4.

2 Please come and pick it up.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Congratulations,
5 District 4.

6 And I would like to thank Doris for all of their --
7 they are not listening.

8 Madam President, I would like the privilege to
9 thank Doris Kilkenny for all the assistance she has given me
10 on membership. I keep calling her to say who is this, how is
11 this, and she is a very helpful person. We have to
12 appreciate Doris for all of the work she has done.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: And now I would
15 like all these great people in the front, they can go back to
16 their seat -- to their seats. And congratulations.

17 And, Madam President, this concludes my report, and
18 I want to thank you for the appointment.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Pilar.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Ladies, if you'll
22 just be a little patient. We do have a guest or two that
23 have come in. Very appropriate timing, if I may say so
24 myself. And then we are going to have a recess -- a short
25 recess to get ready for elections.

1 So if you'll be a little patient, please.

2 Sergeant-at-arms and marshal, will the
3 distinguished guest chairman please escort to the stage the
4 department commander and the rest of the guests.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Commander, you could
8 not have timed your presence better. We just finished our
9 membership report.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We really would like
12 to --

13 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: How much did we beat
14 you by?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Not much. I do have
16 the totals. We did make 94.12 percent. I asked Bill about
17 the most current for the American Legion, and I was told he
18 didn't know; so all I can do is go on the report from June
19 17th. The Legion is at 91.10 percent.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Second to that, he
22 doesn't believe it. He keeps -- he keeps looking at this
23 report and taking the totals without the PUFL and the unit --
24 or the Post 1000. He's trying to get 94.52 percent, but we
25 need to get Post 1000 in. We added Post 1000 in.

1 Commander, you have been such a pal all year.

2 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: Well, it's not my fault
3 that your American Legion lady -- the Auxiliary, it's not my
4 fault that they join units instead of belonging to
5 a department.

6 (Laughter.)

7 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: You are doers. You
8 have been -- and not Dewars Scotch, by the way. But you are
9 doers in that you are involved; you participate; obviously
10 you join in. And such great theme. I mean, I'm trying to
11 think of what -- probably grass skirts are probably better
12 than some of the other themes that some of the part
13 department presidents have had. Who knows where we would be
14 with LuAnn's theme, you know, which would have fit in being
15 Navy SeaBee. That would have fit in on the Navy part.

16 But we are here. Let me introduce my membership
17 people that I brought with me.

18 And if you notice, my sergeant-at-arms must have
19 volunteered for this too because she's all the way up here,
20 besides being the escort.

21 My sergeant-at-arms Marilyn Bideaux.

22 (Applause.)

23 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: And three-quarters of
24 the way through our year we changed membership chairmen,
25 membership director. I have now Bill Clapp. He only gets

1 a three -- you know, about a one-quarter grass skirt. Is
2 that all right?

3 I have my Sixth Area Vice Commander Steve Turley.

4 (Applause.)

5 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: And the reason for that
6 is that they readily admitted yesterday that they are last --
7 which is my own area -- last in membership.

8 SIXTH AREA VICE COMMANDER TURLEY: Norma paid me
9 off.

10 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: And along with that we
11 have our Sixth Area Membership Chairman, which is Mr. Peter
12 Duncan.

13 (Applause.)

14 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: I did not bring my
15 whole membership team for this because I didn't figure you
16 had enough grass skirts to go around all of us that are here
17 already.

18 Okay. What do we got? I'm here -- I'm here for
19 it.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. This skirt --
21 let's see if Linda did her job and not taken him to too many
22 fast food places. See if it still fits.

23 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: I do feel like Boy
24 Friday.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: But I also do have
2 another presentation for you, Commander.

3 This came all the way from Unit 124, District 15.
4 It says, "Love Judy. You owe me an ultra."

5 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: Which is the front?

6 (Applause.)

7 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: Okay. We're good. We
8 will be down in front.

9 Madam President, if I may, do you have the words to
10 this so we don't look really ridiculous and just mouth the
11 words to it? And I know -- I know the song, obviously, "Tiny
12 Bubbles," but I just want you all to remember too. And this
13 goes back for some of us older people. If you remember that
14 Bubbles was a whale. Now, I don't know where tiny comes into
15 that, or maybe that -- I'm not going to go to the other.
16 There's another song about bubbles.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We're going to bring
18 them down front so you all can take the pictures.

19 (Applause.)

20 (Singing "Tiny Bubbles" by Don Ho.)

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We are so glad we
22 don't have to wear our bikinis.

23 Thank you, guys. Big hand. Big hand.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. I have --

1 well I won't say the word, but we have to do something.

2 Mr. Commander. Mr. Commander. Mr. Commander.

3 Ms. Harriet Clendenin will give \$100 towards
4 Operation Mend if you will walk back to the Legionnaires in
5 your skirt. \$100.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: You have to walk
8 back in that. You have to go like that. You have to go. We
9 want to hear about it for that money because -- oh, it's
10 doubled. Now you have to go to ASL.

11 DISTRICT COMMANDER FERCHO: We are going to the SAL
12 first.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Don't
14 remove that.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We have to
17 congratulate each other. We don't have to wear our --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you for your
19 hard work that I didn't have to wear a bikini because God
20 knows how it would have looked.

21 It is now -- I have--

22 DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE LaDOUCER: Madam
23 President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes.

25 DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE LaDOUCER: Barbara

1 LaDoucer, District 4.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes.

3 DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE LaDOUCER: I would
4 publicly like to thank Doris. She walked us through a lot of
5 bumpy roads to get us to that charter.

6 And I want to really thank you publicly, Doris, for
7 all your hard work on this and for getting this charter
8 because I was so afraid they said if they didn't have the
9 charter today they were going to drop. So I want to thank
10 you so much because they were working on it for two years.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Barbara.

13 Okay. Ladies, it is now -- I have 10:08. 10:20 on
14 the dot you must be back. You are going to have a short
15 recess to get ready for elections.

16 The district presidents, make sure to take your
17 roll call, be ready to report your voting strength when the
18 secretary calls the roll of the district.

19 The doors are going to be closed at 10:20. No one
20 will be able to leave or enter after they are closed.

21 At this time the delegates go sit in their
22 districts. If you need to make a quick trip there is
23 a restroom in the back of the building.

24 (Short recess taken.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The session will come

1 to order.

2 Will everyone please be seated in their respective
3 districts. If you have not been nominated and elected as
4 a delegate, you do not sit with your district.

5 Will the sergeant-at-arms and marshal please see
6 that everyone who is in the lobby and outside, let them know
7 that the doors are being closed for the election process, and
8 if they want to come in to do so immediately and then close
9 the doors.

10 Reminder, no one will be permitted to enter or
11 leave except in an emergency until the chair states that the
12 elections are concluded.

13 Jane Matthews, I'm going to need you on stage.
14 Jane.

15 Lucille. Lucille Taylor, where are you? Oh, there
16 you are. Thank you.

17 Are the doors closed? Kathie, have the doors been
18 closed?

19 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: They are
20 closing now. Ladies, watch out. Close them. Close them.
21 Yes, ma'am.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Doors closed.
23 Sergeant-at-arms and marshal, are the doors closed?

24 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTINEZ: Yes,
25 Madam President. They are closed.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

2 We will now have the report of the elections
3 chairman, Jane Matthews, followed by the reading of the
4 election rules.

5 ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

6 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS:

7 Madam President, the elections rules are Number 25 through 33
8 in convention rules; so I'll read 25, election of department
9 officers junior --

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Jane, do you have
11 your committee report?

12 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS: Yeah.

13 The election committee met on July 24th [sic].

14 I was the chairman. The secretary was Melanie
15 Taylor, and we had a chaplain, Leonarda Estigoy, and Anita
16 Biggs was the sergeant-at-arms.

17 We had 21 delegates and two guests present.

18 And we read through the Election Rules 25 through
19 33, and there were no corrections or additions to those
20 rules.

21 Do you want me to read those now?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes.

23 ELECTION RULES

24 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS: Okay.

25 Number 25, election of department officers. Junior member of

1 finance, national candidate, department delegates and
2 alternates to the national convention shall be held on
3 Saturday morning, June 25th, 2010.

4 The doors of the convention hall will be closed
5 during the entire election procedure, and no one shall leave
6 or enter the hall until the chair states that the election is
7 concluded. The exception to this shall be that in an
8 emergency a member may leave, and if her absence affects the
9 voting strength, the district president shall immediately
10 notify the presiding officer.

11 Twenty-seven: When there is no -- is but one
12 nominee for all department officers and but one nominee for
13 junior member of finance, the nominees shall be elected via
14 voting. Article V, Section 3, Department Constitution.

15 Upon the roll call the district president shall
16 report the number of units partially or wholly represented by
17 duly elected delegates or alternates present in the
18 delegation at the time of the roll call. This is to
19 determine that there is a quorum of units present at the time
20 of the election.

21 Number 28: When there is more than one nominee for
22 the department officer or junior member of finance or
23 national office, elections shall be by written ballot. The
24 district president shall be, when they are instructed by the
25 chair, to take a roll call of their respective delegations to

1 ascertain the total voting strength of their district for the
2 election, reporting the same to the chair. When there is but
3 one nominee for office or junior member of finance, the
4 ballot may be dispensed with and nominee elected by a voting.

5 Number 29: When there are three or more nominees
6 for an office or junior member of finance, unless one nominee
7 receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the nominee
8 receiving the lowest number of votes shall be automatically
9 dropped before the proceeding -- proceeding with the next
10 ballot.

11 Number 30: Each district president and district
12 member of elections committee shall distribute and collect
13 the votes cast by the district delegation and deliver them to
14 the department chairman of elections.

15 Thirty-one: Department officers, chairmen,
16 committee members, and past department presidents shall vote
17 with their respective districts.

18 Thirty-two: Each delegate shall be entitled to one
19 vote. The vote of an absent unit delegate not represented by
20 an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates
21 of the unit. When the two delegates represent three votes,
22 the chairman of that unit delegation shall cast the third
23 vote.

24 Thirty-three: The majority of all votes cast shall
25 elect except that in the election of national delegates and

1 alternates a plurality shall elect.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Jane.

3 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS: Uh-huh.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Will the birds of
5 paradise, the district presidents please proceed to the
6 microphone. We will move it over here in the center. And
7 line up numerically, please.

8 The secretary will call the roll of the districts.

9 DISTRICT ROLL CALL

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
11 1.

12 DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE: We have ten votes.

13 District 2.

14 DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE: Nine votes.

15 District 3.

16 DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE: Three votes.

17 District 4.

18 DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE: We have six. Geri
19 Fitzpatrick, the district president, is out of the room. I'm
20 Barbara LaDoucer, the parliamentarian of the district.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Can you
22 come meet with Lucille on the left so we can get the
23 paperwork correct.

24 District 5.

25 DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 17. Unit 199

1 is not in the room.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Will you
3 please see Lucille.

4 If you ask to see Lucille, it's either because you
5 are giving me a different number or she just needs to clarify
6 the paperwork that was presented to you earlier this morning.

7 District 6.

8 DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 17.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
10 7.

11 DISTRICT 7 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 12.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
13 8.

14 DISTRICT 8 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 2.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
16 9.

17 DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTATIVE: District 9 has five
18 votes.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Someone
20 left?

21 DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTATIVE: We're missing Unit 161.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

23 Please see Lucille up here, the credentials chairman.

24 District 10.

25 DISTRICT 10 REPRESENTATIVE: Fourteen.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
2 11.

3 DISTRICT 11 REPRESENTATIVE: District 11 has
4 16 votes.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
6 12.

7 DISTRICT 12 REPRESENTATIVE: District 12 has 13
8 votes.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
10 13.

11 DISTRICT 13 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 13 votes.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Someone
13 left?

14 DISTRICT 13 REPRESENTATIVE: No. I know they gave
15 me a count of 14, but I only have 13. One of my delegates in
16 their own right is not here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
18 Can you see Lucille? You know the drill.

19 District 14.

20 DISTRICT 14 REPRESENTATIVE: Thirty.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
22 15.

23 DISTRICT 15 REPRESENTATIVE: District 15 has 13.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
25 16.

1 DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE: Thirty-three.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Could you
3 please see Lucille.

4 DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE: Yeah. Linda Fercho.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
6 18.

7 DISTRICT 18 REPRESENTATIVE: Forty-four.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
9 19.

10 DISTRICT 19 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 32. Norwalk
11 left.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Could you
13 please see Lucille.

14 District 20.

15 DISTRICT 26 REPRESENTATIVE: Twenty-six.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
17 21.

18 DISTRICT 21 REPRESENTATIVE: Thirty-eight.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
20 22.

21 DISTRICT 22 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 48.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
23 23.

24 DISTRICT 23 REPRESENTATIVE: Thirty-one.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

1 24.

2 DISTRICT 24 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 8.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

4 25.

5 DISTRICT 25 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 60. Unit 879

6 is not present.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Please

8 see Lucille.

9 District 26.

10 DISTRICT 26 REPRESENTATIVE: Twelve.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

12 27.

13 DISTRICT 27 REPRESENTATIVE: Nine.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

15 28.

16 DISTRICT 28 REPRESENTATIVE: Twenty-seven.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

18 29.

19 DISTRICT 29 REPRESENTATIVE: Forty, 4-0.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: You need

21 to see Lucille.

22 District 30.

23 DISTRICT 30 REPRESENTATIVE: Three.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank

25 you.

1 As soon as these ladies have seen the credentials
2 chairman we will review.

3 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: Nancy Evers, District
4 5.

5 We now have 17.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
7 Thank you.

8 DISTRICT 13 REPRESENTATIVE: District 13 has
9 13 votes.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
11 you.

12 DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE: District 16 is
13 correct. We have 33.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: All
15 right. Thank you.

16 DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE: You're welcome.

17 DISTRICT 19 REPRESENTATIVE: District 19 has 33.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: 33?
19 Thank you.

20 DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTATIVE: District 9 has 5 votes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
22 4, did you see Lucille?

23 Okay. Could you go to the microphone and give me
24 your count, please.

25 DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE: We have 6.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Say it.

2 DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE: Oh, District 4 has six.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
4 you.

5 DISTRICT 25 REPRESENTATIVE: District 25, we have
6 60 votes.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
8 you.

9 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Rita Johnson,
10 District 29.

11 We have 30.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
13 you.

14 Madam President, in conference with the credentials
15 chairman we have 600.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The Credentials
17 Chairman Lucille Taylor will give us the final credentials
18 report.

19 DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Good afternoon -- good morning. Is it still
22 morning?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's 5:00 o'clock
24 somewhere.

25 DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: This

1 morning we met with the district presidents and Department
2 Secretary Doris. We went over the procedures and how to poll
3 the districts and what is expected, but you can all see what
4 happened. There were questions that were answered; so we
5 hoped to have a smooth election.

6 My sincere thanks to our secretary, Doris; Past
7 Department President Odette Cucarro; and Lois Cornish from
8 District 22; and all the ladies who worked on registration.
9 A special thanks to Linda Farriss and Diane Moreno from
10 District 19, who assisted me on Wednesday evening.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: The total
13 voting strength for this convention is 590. We divide that
14 in half. It gives us 296? 295 plus one; so it will be -- we
15 need 296 for the total vote.

16 Madam Caribbean Queen Norma, thank you for the
17 honor of serving you and the Department of California on this
18 chairmanship.

19 Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You're welcome.

21 We will now have our elections.

22 (Applause.)

23 ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT PILAR REYES

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Election of
25 department president. There is but one nominee for the

1 office of department president, Pilar Reyes.

2 All those in favor of electing Pilar Reyes for
3 department president signify by saying "Aye."

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Those opposed, "No."

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have elected
8 Pilar Reyes for department president for the year 2010/2011.

9 Congratulations, Pilar.

10 (Applause.)

11 ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT LINDA FERCHO

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The election of
13 department vice president. There is but one nominee for the
14 office of department vice president, Linda Fercho.

15 All those in favor of electing Linda Fercho for
16 department vice president signify by saying "Aye."

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have elected
21 Linda Fercho for department vice president for the year
22 2010/2011.

23 Congratulations, Linda.

24 (Applause.)

25 ELECTION OF JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE NORMA BILLINGS

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The election of
2 junior member of finance. There is but one nominee for the
3 office of junior member of finance, Norma Billings.

4 All those in favor of electing Norma Billings for
5 junior member of finance signify by saying "Aye."

6 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

8 (No Response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have elected
10 Norma Billings as junior member of finance for the year
11 2010/2011.

12 Congratulations Norma.

13 (Applause.)

14 ELECTION OF FINANCE CHAIRMAN LINDA DIEBEL

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is but one
16 nominee for the office of finance chairman, Linda Diebel.

17 All those in favor of electing Linda Diebel for
18 finance chairman signify by saying "Aye."

19 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have elected
23 Linda Diebel as finance chairman for the year 2010/2011.

24 Congratulations, Linda.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Madam Secretary, will
2 you please read the nominees for delegates to national
3 convention.

4 NOMINEES FOR DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I'm like
6 Pilar. I have got way too many papers here.

7 Okay. Delegates to national convention nominees.

8 Department President Norma DuVall.

9 Department President Elect Pilar Reyes.

10 Department Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny.

11 National Chairman Nancy Brown-Park.

12 Kat Conrad.

13 Melanie Taylor.

14 Josephine Handy.

15 Emily Magwili.

16 Sandy Jacob.

17 Martha Sweeney.

18 Harriet Clendenin.

19 Linda Fercho.

20 Pamela Hicks.

21 Dorothy-Ann Chavez.

22 Linda Hayes.

23 Marge Rye.

24 Anita Biggs.

25 Susie Johansen.

1 Diane DeLashmit.

2 Linda Workman.

3 Pat Sweeney.

4 Rosie Eskridge, for a total of 22.

5 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Somebody owes \$5.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I so move
7 for these nominations -- oh, yes.

8 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second it.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: -- of
10 delegation.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It is moved and
12 seconded to elect the delegates as read.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
16 "Aye."

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have elected the
21 delegates to national convention.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: The
24 secretary will now read the list for nominees for alternates
25 to the national convention.

1 NOMINEES FOR ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Nominated

3 alternates for national convention:

4 Maryalice Canclini.

5 Monica Foxworthy.

6 Bonnie Bradbury.

7 Leonarda Estigoy.

8 Theresa Jacob.

9 Barbara Davis.

10 Zana Chaney.

11 Madeline Lee.

12 Roberta Estes.

13 Joann Evans.

14 Sandy Spence-Landis.

15 Want Robinson.

16 Ruth Hackney.

17 Donna Scott.

18 Geraldine Wilcox.

19 Jan Spriggs.

20 Judy Lloyd.

21 June Hartin-Coatney.

22 Jerry Wilkins.

23 Carol Velasquez.

24 Gloria Williams.

25 Nancy Evers.

1 I move that these nominated alternates be elected.

2 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
4 seconded to elect the alternates as read.

5 Is there any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
8 "Aye."

9 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have elected the
13 alternates to national convention.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I'd like to remind
16 the delegates and alternates that you have packets in the
17 department office.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: No.
19 Madam President, the national delegate and alternate packets
20 will be mailed as soon as I get back to the office, as there
21 were still changes coming in from national yesterday,
22 including an updated hotel listing for the department.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. Thank you.

24 We will now proceed to ratify the election of
25 district officers.

1 Madam Secretary, will you read the names of the
2 district presidents elect.

3 RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
5 President, District 1, Patricia Lindley.

6 District 2, Molly Smith.

7 District 3, Martha Curtis.

8 District 4, Christy McPhee.

9 District 5, Peggy Grabski.

10 District 6, Susan Casto.

11 District 7, Lynn Yuhausi.

12 District 8, Tammy Minini.

13 District 9, Connie Clement.

14 District 10, Amelia Magwili.

15 District 11, no response.

16 District 12, no response.

17 District 13, Theresa Jacob.

18 District 14, Martha Sweeney.

19 District 15, Zana Chaney.

20 District 16, no response.

21 District 18, Denyse Laugeson.

22 District, 19 Dorothy-Ann Chavez.

23 District 20, Maria Castillon. Sorry.

24 District 21, Cheryl Hathaway.

25 District 22, Midge Farrar.

1 District 23, Wantu Robinson.

2 District 24 Susie Johansen.

3 District 25, Shannon Mendez.

4 District 26, Geraldine Wilcox.

5 District 27, no response.

6 District 28, Connie Raya.

7 District 29, Karen Karanickolas.

8 District 30, Belen Telford.

9 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: District 16,
10 Annette McKendry.

11 We have a president elect of Carol Rombough. That
12 stuff was faxed a long time ago, and it is in the Book of
13 Reports.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Not your
15 president elects.

16 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: Meaning my
17 incoming.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Can you
19 please tell her last name.

20 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: R-o-m-b-o-u-h --
21 g-h. I'm sorry. R-o-m-b-a-u-h. Sorry.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.
23 Thank you.

24 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: District 27, Danielle
25 White.

1 President elect will be Jean Winkler-Ring, Winkler,
2 W-i-n-k-l-e-r, and Ring, R-i-n-g.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
4 you.

5 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT ELECT BARGHOORN: Laura
6 Barghoorn of District 11.

7 I am district president elect.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
9 you.

10 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: District 12 has
11 elected Vishu Stuart. Stuart is spelled S-t-u-a-r-t.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
13 you.

14 Could you identify yourself, please.

15 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Norene Ramos from
16 District 12.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
18 you.

19 Madam President, I move the ratification of the
20 district presidents for 2010/2011.

21 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
23 seconded that we ratify the election of the district
24 presidents.

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
3 "Aye."

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have ratified the
8 election of district presidents.

9 (Applause.)

10 RATIFICATION OF DISTRICT FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Madam Secretary, will
12 you please read the list of district first vice presidents
13 elect.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: First
15 vice president -- you same ladies may as well come to the
16 mike.

17 Maryalice Canclini.

18 District 2, Judy Henderson.

19 District 3, Victoria Rolffman.

20 District 4, Cheri Moorhouse.

21 District 5, Norma Harrison.

22 District 6, Alice Pamden.

23 District 7, Sarah Bruno.

24 District 8, Jamie Lopez.

25 District 9, Elaine Rios.

1 District 10, Louise Perriea.
2 District 11, no response.
3 District 12, no response.
4 District 13, Patty Buchanan.
5 District 14, Deborah Ennen.
6 District 15, Karen Herrera.
7 District 16, no response.
8 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: Annette McKendry,
9 District 16.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
11 18, Kathy Pipkin.
12 District 19, Diana Moreno.
13 District 20, Linda Hayes.
14 District 21, Berta Hartquist.
15 District 22, Gigi Manno.
16 District 23, Denise Coleman.
17 District 24, Rebecca Stewart-Wilson.
18 District 25, Donna Maddox.
19 District 26, Lou Thompson.
20 District 27, no response.
21 District 28, Renee Yakwa.
22 Thank you.
23 District 29, Connie Davis-Foley.
24 District 3 [sic], Kim Vincent.
25 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Danielle White,

1 District 27.

2 The first vice will be Sharlotte Collins,
3 S-h-a-r-l-o-t-t-e, Collins, C-o-l-l-i-n-s.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
5 you.

6 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: Annette McKendry,
7 District 16.

8 Our second vice is Marian Rocha, R-o-c-h-a. First
9 vice. Did I say second?

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Could you
11 repeat that, please.

12 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: No. I'm wrong.
13 Our first vice is Rosemary Weber, W-e-b-e-r.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
15 16 has Rosemary Weber.

16 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: Thank you.

17 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT BARGHOORN: Laura Barghoorn
18 from District 11.

19 Our first vice is Joan Cannon, C-a-n-n-o-n.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Joan
21 Cannon for District 11?

22 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT BARGHOORN: Yes.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
24 you.

25 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Norene Ramos for

1 District 12.

2 Our first vice is Jane Matthews.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Can you
4 spell the last name? Is it M-a --

5 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: M-a-t-h-e-w-s.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Two t's.
7 M-a-t-t-h-e-w-s.

8 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Is that right? Two?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: She's in
10 my ear saying two; that's her.

11 So for District 12 we have Jane Matthews for the
12 first vice president.

13 Madam President, I move the ratification of the
14 first vice presidents for 2010/2011.

15 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
17 seconded to ratify the election of the first vice presidents.

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
21 "Aye."

22 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have ratified the

1 election of the district first vice presidents.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Madam secretary, will
4 you read the list of district second vice presidents elect.

5 RATIFICATION OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Come
7 back, ladies.

8 Second vice president ratification:

9 District 1, Kat Conrad.

10 District 2, Pat Carey.

11 District 3, Beverly Hiles, H-i-l-e-s.

12 District 4, Tracey Nuff.

13 District 5, Sandy Paxton.

14 District 6, Wendy O'Brien.

15 District 7, Julie Slater.

16 District 8, Teresa Canadazado. Hope I didn't
17 butcher that too badly.

18 District 9, Janet Wilson.

19 District 10, Leonarda Estigoy.

20 District 11, no response.

21 District 12, no response.

22 District 13, Joann McDougle.

23 District 14, Barbara Davis.

24 District 15, Janet Rideaux.

25 District 16, no response.

1 District 18, Rhodona Enright.
2 District 19, Patricia Lawdre.
3 District 20, Anne Philcox.
4 District 21, Jerry Johnston.
5 District 22, Barbara Love.
6 District 23, Elizabeth Jones.
7 District 24, Ruth Hackney.
8 District 25, Katherine Duran.
9 District 26, Geri Heskette.
10 District 27, no response.
11 District 28, Elizabeth Deutsche.
12 District 29, Lillian Perez.
13 District 30, Joann Liken.
14 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT BARGHOORN: Laura Barghoorn,
15 District 11.
16 Our second vice is Beverly Villines,
17 V-i-l-l-i-n-e-s.
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
19 you.
20 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT BARGHOORN: You're welcome.
21 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT McKENDRY: Annette McKendry,
22 District 16.
23 Our second vice is Marion Rocha, R-o-c-h-a. I'm
24 sure this time.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank

1 you.

2 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: District 27, Danielle
3 White.

4 Second vice is Pat Kowalsky, K-o-w-a-l-s-k-y.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
6 you.

7 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Norene Ramos for
8 District 12.

9 Suzie Q Mihaltan. It's spelled M-i-h-a-l-t-a-n.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
11 you.

12 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT RAMOS: You're welcome.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

14 Madam President, I move for the ratification of the second
15 vice presidents for 2010/2011.

16 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
18 seconded to ratify the election of district second vice
19 presidents.

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
23 "Aye."

24 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You have ratified the
3 election of district second vice president.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This concludes the
6 elections, and the pages may open the doors.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: If Linda Fercho is
9 out there, ask her to please hurry in.

10 Will the newly elected department officers please
11 come to the stage to be presented.

12 It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you your
13 newly elected department officers, minus two, for the year
14 2010/2011.

15 Department President Pilar Reyes.

16 Department Vice President Linda Fercho, I believe
17 is with the commander.

18 Junior Member of Finance Norma Billings is not
19 here.

20 And finance Chairman Linda Diebel.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Beverly, are you in
23 the room? Beverly Sparks.

24 CONVENTION COMMISSION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SPARKS:
25 You want me?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Are we ready? Are we
2 ready to go?

3 CONVENTION COMMISSION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN SPARKS:
4 We may go. You have my permission.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Will the
6 vice president please assume the chair while I go to the
7 Legion, please.

8 We're going to continue with the reports. On
9 stage, please, Education, Children & Youth, National
10 Security. If we go further it will be legislative.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: I would like to
12 ask the following chairmen to come to the stage. Alzora
13 Carter, Gloria Williams, and Danielle White to come.

14 Oh, yeah. Yeah. She did.

15 Okay. Danielle White, please come to the stage.

16 And, LuAnn, you are already there.

17 Okay. Is Alzora here?

18 Education Chairman Alzora Carter will give her
19 report at this time.

20 Your one-sentence elevator speech -- I hope you are
21 listening. More than just scholarships, this programs
22 involves helping others learn whenever possible.

23 EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT

24 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 The preconvention education committee met on
2 Thursday, June 24th, 2010, in the Kingsburg room of the
3 Fresno Convention Center, Valdez Hall, at 10:00 a.m.

4 With the consent of the committee I appointed Gigi
5 Manno, District 22, secretary; Ruth Skinner Poteat, District
6 23, chaplain; and Pat Lindley, District 1, sergeant-at-arms.

7 The chaplain offered prayer, and the
8 sergeant-at-arms led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 The secretary called roll of district delegates.
10 There were 22 delegates answering roll call and two guests
11 present.

12 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
13 Page 16 of the Book of Reports.

14 The Education Code was read with one code change
15 approved by the education committee. It was Code Number 2,
16 and it currently reads, Madam President:

17 The funds to be awarded to the education
18 scholarship recipients by the department education chairman
19 shall depend upon voluntary unit and district contributions
20 and poppy sales proceeds that are forwarded to the
21 department. The department education chairman shall contact
22 the department office prior to awarding any scholarship to
23 verify what funds are available that have been approved by
24 the finance committee for the current year. The units and
25 districts shall be urged to make donations to the department

1 education fund.

2 Proposed change: The funds to be awarded to the
3 education scholarship recipients by the department education
4 chairman shall depend upon voluntary unit and district
5 contributions and poppy sales proceeds that are received by
6 department by the close of books of the current year. The
7 department education chairman shall contact the department
8 office prior to awarding any scholarship. Amounts budgeted
9 shall include the minimum of \$3,000, one \$2,000 scholarship
10 of E21, and one \$1,000 E21C Mel Feronda Memorial Scholarship,
11 with a maximum of \$13,000, as shown in Code Number 11.
12 Awards shall be based upon the funds available at the time of
13 the issuance by the education chairman. The units and
14 districts shall be urged to make donations to the department
15 education fund.

16 Madam President, by the direction of the education
17 committee, I move for the acceptance of this code.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Any second?

19 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. It has
21 been moved that the proposed change: The funds to be awards
22 to the education scholarship recipients by the department
23 education chairman shall depend upon voluntary unit and
24 district contributions and poppy sales proceeds that are
25 received by department by the close of books of the current

1 year. The department education chairman shall contact the
2 department office prior to awarding any scholarship. Amounts
3 budgeted shall include the minimum of \$3,000, one \$2,000
4 scholarship, and one \$1,000 for Mel Feronda Memorial
5 Scholarship, with a maximum of 13,000 as shown in Code Number
6 11. Awards shall be based upon the funds available at the
7 time of issuance by the education chairman. The units and
8 districts shall be urged to make donations to the department
9 education fund.

10 Any discussions?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: No discussions.

13 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: I have a question,
14 actually.

15 Michelle Soares, S-o-a-r-e-s, from District 28.

16 If you are having a mandatory minimum of \$3,000,
17 but it is based on donations received, what would happen in
18 an instance where you did not receive the minimum? Where
19 would the funds come from?

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Well, don't look
21 at me.

22 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Well,
23 actually, that's one of the reasons why we urge the units and
24 district to do this. I really think it is going to be a
25 reserve. And maybe I'll let the expert help me.

1 DEPARTMENT FINANCE SENIOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

2 MIKESELL: She's in my unit; so I defer to her.

3 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

4 Michelle, that was an excellent question. But, you know, I
5 see, with the change, if there would be a problem it would be
6 only if donations fell below \$3,000, the way it is worded.

7 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Right.

8 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: And
9 normally our donations are not that bad. They haven't been,
10 but it does say in there as budgeted.

11 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Okay.

12 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: And
13 so the education chairman has to defer to the budget.

14 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Okay. Got it.

15 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

16 Okay?

17 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Thank you.

18 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thanks, Past
19 Department President Kapsalis.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Any more
21 discussions?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Hearing none, we
24 are going to vote.

25 Those in favor of the motion please say "Aye."

1 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Those who are not
3 -- those who are opposed say "Nay."

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: The motion
6 passed. It is now --

7 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 May I continue on with my --

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: You may.

11 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Madam
12 Department President, our Caribbean Queen, it has been an
13 honor serving as your department education chairman, or may I
14 say your beachcomer aka educational seashell. The districts
15 and units all over the state of California have volunteered
16 countless hours promoting this valuable program throughout
17 the shores and the beaches of California. We started by
18 reconnecting with our members, by energizing them for one of
19 our important programs, education. The seashells received
20 packets consisting of the plan of work, department
21 Education Code, department and national scholarship
22 requirements, and a list of resources with the department and
23 national awards, not to mention some of the education
24 bulletins.

25 Unit and district chairmen promoted their program

1 by donating items for back to school in September to over 48
2 schools. "Give 10 to Education" was a big hit in California.
3 Units donated over \$6,000 to various schools, to include
4 backpacks, cases of copy paper, cases of notebook paper,
5 books, pens, pencils, and boxes of crayons, not to mention
6 the countless hours in the classroom. Over 500 hours were
7 spent in the classroom to assist teachers with overcrowded
8 classrooms. Need a Lift books were placed in high schools,
9 junior high schools, colleges, libraries, and, of course, our
10 juniors. Education chairmen presented programs for American
11 Education Week by supplying plenty of educational material
12 for graduating seniors. One unit had an educational spirit
13 dance to raise funds for scholarships to be given out to five
14 deserving students, while other units made fruit baskets with
15 thank you notes to give teachers and school personnel. Many
16 hours were used, serving over 63 schools, honoring teachers
17 for their continuing work on helping our children receive
18 a quality education.

19 Many schools were honored to have veterans to visit
20 their schools to tell us their life experience during the
21 time they served in the military. One unit was requested by
22 a school to help recruit veterans to attend their Veterans's
23 Day activities, which included having a veteran speak to
24 eighth grade students. A copy of the America's veterans
25 video was left for the classroom to watch. This was such

1 a great opportunity for this unit to introduce the
2 Americanism essay contest to the students. And yes, they did
3 just that.

4 Throughout the state juniors participated in our
5 education programs, reading a book to a senior, reading
6 a book a day, by supporting Read Across America.

7 The department education committee will be giving
8 ten scholarships, totalling \$8500, to ten deserving students.
9 With the support of you, the units, the district, we can
10 continue giving assistance and continuing students
11 scholarships, but please remember to research other avenues
12 in the event that we are not able to support the needs of our
13 students.

14 We are proud of California's efforts in donating to
15 education. A very special thanks to you, the units, and the
16 districts. The Department of California will cherish the
17 past, nurture the present, and continue to envision the
18 future, while connecting and energizing our members to work
19 the education programs and the needs of our students.

20 Madam President, may I continue on with our first
21 place winners --

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

23 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: -- and the
24 top scholarship winner.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

1 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you.

2 We have first place unit award for the most
3 outstanding scholarship program goes to Jackie Robinson Unit
4 252, District 23, Jacquelyn Matthews, Chairman.

5 (Applause.)

6 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: The first
7 place award for the most outstanding overall education
8 program goes to Camarillo Unit 741, District 16, Madeline
9 Lee, Chairman.

10 (Applause.)

11 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. The
12 best district overall education program goes to District 22,
13 Gigi Manno, Chairman.

14 (Applause.)

15 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: For our
16 scholarships awards, for the \$1,000 scholarship the Mel
17 Feronda Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Nicole A.
18 Davis, South Bay Unit 184, District 19.

19 (Applause.)

20 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: The next
21 scholarship will be the continuing -- are the reentry
22 scholarship for \$1,000 being awarded to Ashley Lasage, Unit
23 172, District 11.

24 (Applause.)

25 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. The

1 education assistance scholarship award for \$1,000 has been
2 awarded to Matthew -- I think it's Adam, Eagle Rock Unit 276,
3 District 20.

4 (Applause.)

5 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Education
6 assistance scholarship award for \$1,000 has been awarded to
7 Stacy Nicole Chen, Sacramento Unit 604, District 6.

8 (Applause.)

9 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay.
10 Education assistance scholarship award in the amount of
11 \$2,000 has been awarded to Allison Keene, Merced Unit Number
12 83, District 12.

13 (Applause.)

14 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: The last
15 award -- this was the national president's scholarship award,
16 western division, for \$2,000 goes to Morgan Kendry, El Dorado
17 Unit 118, District 7.

18 (Applause.)

19 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER:
20 Madam President, it has been an honor serving as your
21 education chairman this year. It has been quite an
22 experience. We have had so many extremely good members from
23 both district and unit participating in the education
24 program, which we all know is really, really important for
25 our young people to get the best education ever.

1 So without our continued support to our education
2 funds, the districts, the units on an individual basis,
3 please do so so we can continue to award our students.

4 Thank you so much, Madam President. Again, thank
5 you for the appointment.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: You are very
7 welcome.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: We are
11 education seashells.

12 Would you please blow your seashells.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you.

14 The next report is Children & Youth by Danielle
15 White.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

18 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE:

19 Madam President Norma, fellow Auxiliary members, and friends.

20 The preconvention committee meeting on Children &
21 Youth met on June 24th, 2010, in the Reedley Room of the
22 Fresno Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

23 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
24 Page 14 of the Book of Reports.

25 Linda Caples, District 29, was appointed secretary.

1 Melinda Houston, District 15, offered prayer.

2 Patty Sanborn, District 22, was appointed
3 sergeant-at-arms.

4 There were 22 district delegates present and six
5 guests.

6 The department code was read. There were no
7 recommendations nor resolutions made.

8 Aren't you happy?

9 The importance of the Children & Youth program was
10 stressed by imparting the message that as Auxiliary members
11 we can make a difference in the improvement of the conditions
12 of the lives of the children of our veterans and all children
13 in the nation.

14 Questions and answer including discussions
15 followed. It was not too many.

16 Awards. 100 percent reporting received
17 a certificate.

18 19 children and youth awards were presented with
19 certificates and a stuffed animal.

20 Over 80 units donated to Child Welfare Foundation.
21 Certificates and a banner was issued.

22 Ten national youth hero and good deed awards were
23 presented with certificates and gifts.

24 Unit supplementals, second place and third place
25 supplementals, were recognized. District supplementals,

1 second place and third place supplementals, were recognized.

2 There being no further business, the meeting was
3 adjourned at noon.

4 Madam President Norma, this concludes the Children
5 & Youth committee report.

6 May I continue with my supplemental and
7 presentation of the first place award?

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

9 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Before
10 I start, I would like to make a special thank you to the
11 sergeant-at-arms, chaplain, and secretary. They were doing
12 multiple duties.

13 Madam President Norma, officers, chairmen, and the
14 core of this organization, you, the Auxiliary members.

15 The Children & Youth chairmen, the beachcombers,
16 nurtured our precious mermaids and sea horses through
17 activities and selected projects that will provide assistance
18 and make their world the happiest place on earth for them.
19 Our goal was to maintain a whole child program with diligence
20 for all needs of children physically, spiritually,
21 emotionally, and educationally. Commendable activities and
22 outstanding accomplishments were reflected in the reports
23 received from units and districts with statistical figures on
24 176 units.

25 Ladies, you are awesome.

1 139 units distributed Halloween safety and other
2 child safety brochures.

3 Police departments and Officer McGruff were invited
4 in seven units to give bicycle safety program.

5 Josh Dogs and Spinoza Bears were purchased.

6 Sixty-nine units chose Operation Military Kids.
7 962 backpacks were filled with various items in the order of
8 \$10,133.

9 Recycled over 700 pounds -- and this is wrong. We
10 have 1500 pounds -- I received a lot more after I wrote this
11 -- of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house.

12 Mr. and Mrs. Claus came in on fire engines with
13 elves distributing toys and goodies to the children.

14 Units provided food pantries for the active
15 military families in need.

16 In support of battered women and abused children,
17 units provided items for shelters, towels, beddings, dishes,
18 and other supplies.

19 National Children and Youth Month was promoted by
20 64 units by introducing innovative new programs, including
21 nutrition programs -- I was very impressed -- gardening,
22 quilting, knitting, community service programs where seniors
23 and students work as partners, celebrating earth day. And
24 the list goes on and on.

25 I received ten good deed awards and six youth hero

1 awards.

2 Chloe Hyman, District 15, instead of gifts for
3 herself she asked for gifts for Save Tehachapi Orphaned Pets.

4 Amanda O'Donnell, District 19, has provided for the
5 past six years 1,523 U.S. men and women traveling through the
6 Bob Hope LAX USO with Girl Scout cookies.

7 Taylor Brown, District 27, saved his two-year baby
8 sister from drowning.

9 As our year comes to a close, we are proud to
10 report that our activities nurtured the present by healing
11 the communities, caring, loving, and respecting our mermaids
12 and sea horses, and we can envision the future of our society
13 -- oh, this other word is hard to pronounce -- as a kinder,
14 gentler, more loving one when these little ones become adults
15 because of the dedicated contributions and devoted work of
16 the Department of California.

17 Madam Department President Norma, may I please
18 present my first place awards?

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

20 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: First
21 place unit supplemental goes to Cynthia Wydell, Unit 291,
22 District 29.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Her
25 report was mailed to national for judging.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: And I
3 give her a plaque. It was wonderful.

4 Oh, wait a minute. I forgot this.

5 First place district supplemental goes to Ann Marie
6 Brown, District 22.

7 Is she here?

8 (Applause.)

9 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Is she
10 here?

11 (Applause.)

12 AUXILIARY MEMBER: No. Ann Marie called me
13 a couple of days ago, and she wanted to come he is 93 now,
14 and she would not go away and leave him alone. She was
15 trying so hard.

16 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Would
17 you tell her she did a wonderful job?

18 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Okay.

19 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Madam
20 Department President, before I go on to the Children & Youth
21 I must say that these statistical figures appears in my 987
22 national report.

23 They are 52,324 hours.

24 Donations, \$2,176.

25 Children served, 48,089 children.

1 I believe that the Department of California has
2 achieved -- or shall I say -- succeed or exceed their goals.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE:

6 Madam President is not here. I would like to do
7 a presentation for her, but I think I should wait for her.

8 Oh, she is here.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: You can wait for
10 her to present it until she is here. All right?

11 Madam President, she's up here. I thought she was
12 down there.

13 Thank you very much Danielle, and I give the floor
14 to our department president. Thank you.

15 And this is yours.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

17 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: May I
18 approach your station?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

20 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: This
21 little guy followed me when I visited some really ill
22 children, and he was an inspiration. We baptized him Peter
23 last night.

24 (Laughter.)

25 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: And we

1 hope that it will bring Madam President many years of
2 happiness.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you. Thank
4 you.

5 (Singing "Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong.)

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: They even put a pink
8 tie for Peter; so now if you hear him going around singing
9 that song you know why.

10 National security, LuAnn Capazzi, your one-sentence
11 elevator speech. This program is vital for maintaining and
12 promoting a sound national defense by strengthening military
13 families and preparing citizens to respond to both natural
14 and manmade disasters.

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

16 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Thank
17 you, Madam President.

18 The convention committee on the National Security
19 Program met on June 24, 2010, in the Cotton Room -- which we
20 discovered was just a sign, no door -- of the Fresno
21 Convention Center, Valdez Hall. However, we did find our way
22 in.

23 The statistical report of this program is listed in
24 the Book of Reports on Page 19.

25 Diane Barrington, District 16, was appointed

1 secretary.

2 Theresa Jacob, District 13, was appointed chaplain.

3 And Jen Paxton, District 25, was appointed
4 sergeant-at-arms.

5 The chaplain, Theresa, offered prayer, and the
6 Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

7 A total of 17 district delegates answered roll
8 call, and there were five visitors present.

9 The committee agreed on the following report.

10 The department code was read, and there were no
11 changes.

12 (Applause.)

13 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: There
14 were no resolutions.

15 (Applause.)

16 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI:
17 A question-and-answer session followed with many sharing
18 their success stories with the various aspects of their
19 program.

20 The 100 percent certificates, and the second and
21 third place unit and district supplemental report winners
22 were placed in their respective envelopes.

23 There being no further business to come before it,
24 the committee -- the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

25 Madam President, this concludes my committee

1 report.

2 May I continue with my supplemental and first place
3 awards?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

5 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Thank
6 you.

7 Our west coast island patrollers continued their
8 work in this program after our mid-year meeting by visiting
9 their police stations and signing up for the CERT program,
10 which is the Community Emergency Response Team program
11 because they all know that safety and security start in their
12 neighborhoods. Unit members were training family members to
13 always be aware of their surroundings, teaching kids to be
14 safe while walking to school, and by helping out at schools
15 with playground monitoring. Plans have been made in several
16 units for more members to take their CERT training and to
17 share what they learn at each meeting.

18 Sponsoring many blood drives at the post homes was
19 evident with the number of hours reported this year for our
20 volunteers in this part of our program. In the event of
21 a disaster, the blood supply at the local hospital must be at
22 full capacity; so it is important to have our unit members
23 sponsor a drive at least once a year in their area and
24 perhaps partnership with the local hospital or base clinic,
25 if you have one in your area.

1 We all know the disasters that occur in our state,
2 from blizzards up north and in the mountain areas to flash
3 floods in our valleys; earthquakes and tornadoes at any time,
4 anywhere; and deadly brush fires each fall. Of course we
5 have already started those brush fires. We must be prepared
6 to deal with a disaster, whether it is natural or manmade.
7 Our island patrollers were on the job to make this happen.

8 While we were preparing ourselves back home for any
9 emergency or security issue, our military personnel were
10 serving around the world to protect this security that we all
11 enjoy. Our fighting men and women were not forgotten. All
12 our members were there to greet them when they came home on
13 leave, especially welcome home events at airports and USO
14 facilities. They are also treated to many feasts at local
15 post homes, as well as barbecues on local beaches,
16 breakfasts, and award ceremonies to recognize their service
17 to our country with presentations of medals and certificates.
18 Many units took part in special events for National Military
19 Appreciation Month also.

20 For those personnel who couldn't come home, they
21 were remembered with care packs at various times during the
22 year, boxes filled with toilet articles, games, phone cards,
23 food items, letters, and cards. Over 7500 boxes were sent
24 this past year. I know that this number is going to grow
25 this year because of the inspiration of the numbers you saw

1 on that statistical report. I know you are going to find
2 more resources to help with those boxes and the cost of
3 mailing them so that more of our personnel are reached
4 through this part of our program.

5 The families of our servicemen and women were also
6 taken care of while their spouses were away from hem. Unit
7 members offered childcare for the working parents, as well as
8 weekend help so they could have a break. Many meals were
9 prepared and taken to homes while making social calls and
10 making sure the needs of those families were being met. Some
11 of our SAL, junior ROTC members, and our junior Auxiliary
12 members even offered to do yard work. You can't get them to
13 do it at home, but boy, they'll volunteer for everybody else.

14 (Laughter.)

15 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: In the
16 spring we celebrated the military month of the child with
17 many events at the post just for children. Games were played
18 and prizes given. A picnic was held in a local park and
19 sometimes movie night was held in the dining hall of the
20 post, complete with popcorn and sodas, but each was a special
21 time for the children of our military personnel. A little
22 TLC, especially for those who had a parent missing from the
23 home at this time.

24 Our families overseas were also looked after by all
25 of our coupon clippers in our department. Thousands of

1 pounds of coupons were sent overseas to help out with the
2 family groceries in our commissaries. In these times of
3 limited revenue, the coupons are a great asset. Keep up the
4 great work you did this year, and we can double it for next
5 year.

6 One of the most inspirational events that our
7 members take part in is the annual POW/MIA candlelight
8 service. This is a time to remember those who are still
9 missing and unaccounted for from past wars. It is not
10 a costly event to put on for our units, but one that is
11 remembered by all the families who come to witness it again
12 or to see if for the first time. For those who take part in
13 the ceremony it is a most rewarding time.

14 As you can see, we have many facets of this program
15 to get involved with and to let our communities know that we
16 are there to help our veterans and our community members.
17 Please continue to share your knowledge of safety and
18 security measures with your neighbors and keep our home
19 fronts safe.

20 Madam President, this concludes my floor report.

21 May I continue with my first place awards?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

23 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: There
24 is a national award presented to a unit in each division that
25 reports the most outstanding overall program supporting

1 military families, with a special emphasis on enhancing the
2 quality of life and helping them through times of family
3 deployment and/or injury, severely wounded. This chairman
4 receiving this award told of her unit's continued efforts
5 throughout the year to be there for every family in need of
6 some service that the Auxiliary can render to our service
7 personnel. Her members are also involved in community
8 support groups, and they partner with other military
9 organizations to be there for the men and women in uniform,
10 as well as their family members.

11 This supplemental report was forwarded to the
12 western division national security chairman for further
13 consideration. And the winner is Kelly Germeraad, chairman
14 of Unit 165 in District 5.

15 (Applause.)

16 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: I have
17 a certificate for Kelly, and I know she is a very busy lady
18 and probably couldn't make convention.

19 The first place unit award for best supplemental in
20 reporting participation in all facets of our program goes to
21 Lynette McCutchen, chairman of Unit 790, District 18.

22 (Applause.)

23 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: And,
24 Pam, if you will take this certificate and the little goodie
25 bag I have for Lynette, and please convey my congratulations.

1 The first place district award for best
2 supplemental in reporting participation in all facets of our
3 program by her units goes to Connie Raya, District 28, and
4 this was forwarded on to our western district chairman for
5 further consideration.

6 (Applause.)

7 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Connie,
8 I have a certificate for you and a little goody bag. And
9 thank you so much for the work that you do.

10 (Applause.)

11 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: If it
12 wasn't for District 28 and all the units and all of the
13 volunteers, I won't be up here; so I thank them. They are
14 the one that did the work.

15 (Applause.)

16 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: As
17 aside note in our committee meeting, I heard that the coupon
18 clipping program was going to be discontinued. Someone had
19 mentioned it. To my knowledge it has not been discontinued.
20 It did go away at the national level, and it was not on my
21 report form. But I filled out one whole page on all the work
22 that you did for that particular program.

23 Also, the comfort quilts that used to be listed are
24 no longer listed, but I know that many of you out there are
25 working on the quilts for our -- quilts of valor in many

1 areas; so, ladies, I'm going to bring this up at national
2 and, if we don't see it on the national forum next year, go
3 ahead and put it down. You are making quilts for our
4 veterans and for our personnel overseas and we want to be
5 recognized for the work that you do. So keep up your good
6 work.

7 Madam President, thank you for this appointment,
8 and it has been an honor to serve you this year.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, LuAnn.

10 Madam secretary, do you have any messages in
11 a bottle to share with us before we recess for lynch?

12 INTERISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

14 Ladies, this is going to be short and sweet because everybody
15 wants to get out of here and go to their lunch dates.

16 Sue's Lighthouses and Melanie's Hot Air Balloon
17 Pilots will be meeting for lunch today for the grab and go
18 lunch bags in front of the registration desks.

19 Goldie's -- oh, yeah.

20 Goldie's Golden Links, Jeri's Cards, Margaret's
21 Dream Catchers, and Ruby's All Stars are meeting for lunch
22 today in the Radisson Hotel in Room 316.

23 Shelby's Actresses will be today at noon in Room
24 443.

25 Linda's Workmen, Park's Patriots, and Joyce's

1 Nuggets will meet for lunch today in Linda's room at the
2 Radisson Hotel, Room 743.

3 Bev's Stars will meet for lunch today at the atrium
4 of the hotel during the noon break.

5 Didn't I already read that about Goldie's? Okay.
6 That's my second.

7 Madeline's Love Princesses, lunch will meet --
8 where are you meeting today? In the atrium today. That's
9 Madeline's Love Princesses.

10 The PT Performers and Classy Penguins will meet in
11 Room 529.

12 Ladies, if you could please stay for a second. I'm
13 going to go over the ALA/MIS thing very quickly.

14 Room 529 for the PT Performers and Classy Penguins
15 today.

16 Okay. Very quickly. The ALA/MIS new database
17 membership system is put into place. I just received word in
18 yesterday's late afternoon e-mail from national that we will
19 go live Monday, June 28th.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I have
22 a little more confidence in that each since they gave me a
23 password and a logon.

24 (Laughter.)

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Each and

1 every unit's packet was brought to convention. I ask that
2 everything unit that is inhouse, in this convention center,
3 please sign for your own packet. If you have not done so,
4 please do so. If someone else checked out your packet, such
5 as your district president, please see her. I want every
6 unit member to take their own packets back to their units.
7 This is very important because we have these brand-new --
8 this brand-new system and these brand-new cards.

9 Every unit packet has a bright orange card in it.
10 I know they do. I went through each and every one of them.
11 I know there's one in there; so don't tell me you didn't get
12 one.

13 It gives a short instruction on what to do with the
14 card. This year, ladies, our cards will be this. There are
15 no A and B stubs to be sent to the department office. Your
16 ladies will pay their dues. You will log it on a roster that
17 is in your packet, and you will mark it as paid, and you will
18 send your money to the department office, which are per
19 capita. Everybody listen up.

20 Per capita department is \$12 per senior. Okay? I
21 don't want \$14 and I don't want 15 and I don't want 10.
22 Okay?

23 Anyway, this is going to be your new transmittal
24 form. Throw away the old transmittal form. I don't want you
25 to use this ever again.

1 Okay?

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: These
4 will come in when someone pays their dues. They give this to
5 their unit membership chairman. You hand her her card and
6 you sign it and you hand it to her immediately. You take her
7 money, and you process it with this into the department. All
8 of this processing with your check from your unit and this
9 piece of paper from your roster that you will keep copies of.
10 Each time you want to send it in to the department office is
11 going to cost you no more than 44 cents instead of that great
12 big amount of money.

13 Okay?

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I will
16 answer any questions about the new system later. I told
17 Madam President I would make this short and sweet, and I
18 intend to.

19 The very important VIM member is now, next year,
20 going to be called a PUFL, the same as the Legion, but it
21 will be exactly the same thing. If you have a very important
22 member and you want to get a VIM card, do it before July 1st,
23 which is Thursday. The rates are going to go up. They have
24 not changed the rates since 1996; so be aware there will be
25 a rate change from national.

1 I have several of the membership cards that still
2 have not been picked up in the department office, and you can
3 see me or one of the helpers.

4 Also, this member data form, you will continue to
5 use it until national says otherwise. So you have them in
6 your packets. There are not an exceptional amount of blank
7 cards in the back of the packets. That will have to come
8 from national later. We just wanted to get forward and get
9 you the ones that are already preprinted, and I will address
10 all of that with national and any unit that contacts me this
11 next week.

12 Very quickly, the only thing I have about the
13 banquet tickets is each district should have received --
14 district president was supposed to receive banquet tickets
15 for their group.

16 Per Gloria Sinoply, I still -- to my knowledge,
17 only one is available for Pam Hicks -- from Pam Hicks from
18 District 18, unless she has gotten rid of it.

19 District 14 sill needs seven.

20 Harriet Clendenin still needs eight.

21 Post 812 needs one.

22 District 18, Unit 280, needs two.

23 And, ladies, I'm very sorry to report that it has
24 been asked by the convention committee that we add more meals
25 for this evening. It cannot be done; so if you need

1 a ticket, you are going to have to do a little bit of trading
2 here before tonight's banquet.

3 And District 5 has two tickets for dinner tonight;
4 so whoever needs to can just see Melanie.

5 Okay?

6 That's it, Madam President.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Doris.

8 Don't forget, after lunch we are going to have the
9 parade; so please come dressed in your finest island attire
10 and fill the convention center with a kaleidoscope of color
11 and get ready to sway to the rhythms of your islands.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Madam
13 President, excuse me.

14 The Girls State table is accepting the drawing
15 tickets because the drawing will be after lunch; so if you
16 have tickets for the Girls State drawing, please drop them
17 off before you go to lunch because they are drawing after
18 lunch.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: After lunch I may
20 have to return to the Legion. And no. It has nothing to do
21 with grass skirts and bikinis. If I have to leave before the
22 parade, we will have the report of the following chairmen:
23 Legislative, AEF, Editor, and Leadership. So be prepared for
24 that and be dressed for our parade.

25 We are now in recess until 1:30.

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LUNCHEON RECESS

(Luncheon recess taken from 12:04 p.m.
to 1:39 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: This convention
session is reconvened.

Sergeant-at-arms and marshal, with the
distinguished guest chairman, please escort our guest, Fred
Walton, National Executive Committeeman; and Morris Bentley,
Western Division National Vice Commander.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We also have
National Historian Mr. Gene Higuera.

Okay. We will hear some messages from our guest.
This is our National Vice Commander, Mr. Morris Bentley.

PRESENTATION HONORING LEO BURKE FROM

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY: From Idaho, from
the west. The west is the best.

But greetings from the National Commander Clarence
Hill. I'm here for a special presentation, and I want to say
the women in California are the best looking women I've seen.

(Applause.)

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY: And when I get
back it to Idaho I'll say the same thing.

So I need to have Ms. Burke come up here.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Our Past
2 Department President Willie Burke is coming up here.

3 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY: Behind every good
4 man is a better woman.

5 Hello, there.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: Probably along
7 the way somewhere. I was in Idaho.

8 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY: And you probably
9 had a husband, and you helped him along the way.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: I helped him
11 along the way, but he was a great person.

12 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY: I never met Leo,
13 but I understand he was a great Legionnaire, and I have this
14 resolution from national that I would like to present to her.

15 And it reads -- and I am going to read them to her.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: I'm a farm girl;
17 so that's okay.

18 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER BENTLEY: Whereas, it has
19 pleased the Almighty God, the Great Command, to summon to his
20 board of Legions our beloved comrade Leo P. Burke, department
21 commander 1978/'79; national executive committee member, 1980
22 to 1982; national vice commander, 1998 to 1999.

23 And, whereas, we humbly bow to the will of Divine
24 Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts, the memory
25 of his distinguished service to our country and his

1 outstanding contributions to the American Legion comradeship.

2 So, therefore, be it resolved that the national
3 executive committee of the American Legion, in regular
4 meeting, assembled on the 5th day of May in the year of Our
5 Lord 2010, we mourn the passing of our distinguished
6 Legionnaire, Leo P. Burke; that we would commend to all men
7 his works and to God his spirit.

8 And be it further resolved that in token by our
9 comment grief, a copy of this resolution be presented to his
10 family.

11 Thank you for your service, and thank you for his.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you,
14 Mr. Bentley.

15 Thank you, Mr. Walton. It's a gem. Thank you for
16 being here. Thank you for the plaque. I will be taking it
17 back to eight children, grown children, and maybe 25
18 grandchildren.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: They -- you know,
21 when dads are really involved in the American Legion and
22 young children are around, they often think, how come dad is
23 gone all the time? Well, they finally found out why dad was
24 gone all the time.

25 Now I didn't have all those children, I want you to

1 know. I was Leo's second wife, not his first. And as I
2 always told him, you must have had some fun because you had
3 eight.

4 (Laughter.)

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: I was very
6 fortunate in meeting Leo through Carmella Williams. She
7 always kept saying, "You've got to meet my commander." Well,
8 I met her commander. And she told me he had blue eyes, and I
9 said, "He does?" Well, he did. He was a great, great man
10 and a great, great Legionnaire, and his heart was always
11 about veterans. That's what his life was about.

12 Thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. We can now
15 continue the report from the department chairmen.

16 I would like to call on -- I would like to call on
17 Esther Garcia, Pat Carey, and Estelle Avina to the stage.

18 Okay. The first one to give her report is Esther
19 Garcia on legislature. Your one-sentence elevator speech.
20 ALA members work to keep retroactive issues in front of
21 legislators, which not only strengthens our mission to serve
22 veterans but also their families.

23 Esther.

24 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

25 DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN GARCIA: The

1 convention committee on legislative met on June 24th, 2010,
2 in the Coalinga Room of the Radisson Convention Center in
3 Fresno, California.

4 Pat Earley from District 25 was appointed
5 secretary.

6 Mary Chaba from District 18 offered prayer.

7 And Nancy Melton from District 16 was appointed
8 sergeant-at-arms.

9 A total of 20 district delegates answered roll
10 call, and there was one visitor present.

11 The committee agreed on the following report.

12 The codes were read, and there were no changes.

13 There were no recommendation or resolutions.

14 Awards were handed out, and the list of awards will
15 be presented in the department office at the conclusion of
16 this report.

17 It's hot.

18 Madam President, this concludes the report of the
19 legislative's convention committee meeting.

20 Madam Department President, may I continue with the
21 supplemental report and the presentation of the first place
22 awards?

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

24 DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Lani, the
25 legislative pelican, kept her bill full of legislative issues

1 spreading our words across the state, information our
2 congressional officials of the legislative needs of the
3 American Legion. I am sorry to report that we did not
4 receive 100 percent reporting. These reports are so
5 important, and your information is desperately needed so that
6 we can send our reports to national.

7 Units held legislative meetings, participated in
8 rallies, attended town meetings, and attended meet the nights
9 candidates -- I'm sorry. Meet the candidates nights.
10 District chairmen published articles in their post unit
11 bulletins. Sample letters were distributed to members for
12 them to sign and forward to their local officials. A total
13 of 1,137 letters were written to U.S. Senators, House
14 Representatives, state and local officials, and to the White
15 House. Units reported receives 577 replies. Please continue
16 this effort, as this is a great way to let the congressional
17 officials know the needs of the veterans.

18 Please continue to read and distribute among the
19 members all legislative alerts that come from the national
20 legislative center. These, along with The Dispatch, are
21 among the best resources the American Legion has. A total of
22 540 members receive The Dispatch. We need to increase that
23 number so that we can keep up to date with the current
24 issues. I also encourage every Auxiliary member to subscribe
25 to The Dispatch.

1 The awareness assembly was one of the most
2 rewarding experiences of this chairmanship. I wish everybody
3 could attend this assembly. It would be great to attend the
4 assembly and then be the legislative chairman.

5 Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity to
6 attend.

7 Madam President Norma, may I present my awards?

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

9 DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Thank you.

10 First place unit supplement goes to Karen
11 Karanickolas, Newport Harbor Unit 291, District 29, Chairman.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN GARCIA: This
14 report was forwarded to national.

15 First place district supplemental goes to Danielle
16 White, District 27 Chairman.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN GARCIA:
19 Madam President Norma, thank you for this appointment. It
20 has been a great learning experience being the legislative
21 chairman for the Department of California.

22 Madam President, this concludes my report.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: The next report

1 will be on Auxiliary emergency plan to be given by Chairman
2 Pat Carey.

3 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT

4 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 The convention committee for the American Legion
7 Auxiliary met on June 24th of 2010 in the Salon C room at the
8 Radisson Hotel, Fresno, California.

9 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
10 Page 13 of the Book of Reports.

11 Nancy L. Johnson, District 2, was appointed
12 secretary.

13 Barbara Rosen, District 14, was appointed
14 sergeant-at-arms.

15 And -- oh, okay. A total of 16 district delegates
16 answered roll call.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Can you please
18 come closer to the microphone.

19 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
20 I lost my chaplain. I've forgotten her first name. Her last
21 name is Bradbury. Bonnie. But I lost her.

22 A total of 16 district delegates were present, and
23 there was four visitors.

24 The code was read, and the packets were handed out.

25 There was no changes on code or on anything else.

1 That concludes this report.

2 May I continue with my supplementary and first
3 place awards?

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may, but
5 please speak up louder.

6 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
7 All right. The lifesavers and rafts have been creative this
8 year, adding to the emergency fund. Some units fined the
9 members for not wearing their pins at the meetings. Other
10 units passed around a piggy bank at each meeting. Some units
11 had a goody jar. They passed around a donation can, and the
12 ones that donated got to take a treat. One unit had a couple
13 of fundraisers this past year. The first was a barbecue
14 grill with all supplies, and that went over so well they
15 decided to fill up a wheelbarrow with booze and spirits, and
16 that was an equally well-liked fundraiser. And other units
17 passed around donations jars.

18 The chairman in districts and units talked about
19 the importance of this fund and the many benefits it offered
20 at these meetings, and some had it posted in their bulletins.

21 We had seven apply for emergency assistance, one
22 applied for disaster assistance, and one applied for
23 educational. Most of these were handled within unit or
24 district. One was sent to national.

25 Remember this Auxiliary emergency fund is our

1 members helping other members, and at any time it could be
2 one of us or some family member. That is why it is so --
3 that is that's why it was put into place as a safety net in
4 a time of need.

5 Please go back to your units and see if there is
6 any way you could increase your budget item, temperature even
7 if it is only by a dollar. It would help.

8 And may I present my first place awards at this
9 time?

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes, you may.

11 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:

12 All right. First place winner went to District 19, Judy
13 Gomez. And I don't believe she is here; so Pat Alvarez is
14 going to accept.

15 (Applause.)

16 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:

17 29. District 29.

18 Madam Department President Norma, thank you for
19 this appointment. I have learned so much.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: How about the
21 unit supplemental?

22 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:

23 They were handed out.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: The first place.

25 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:

1 I can do all of them in time.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Just the first
3 place.

4 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
5 Okay. Unit first place went to District 24, Unit 43, Lisa
6 Gould.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Okay. Thank you.
8 (Applause.)

9 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
10 Okay. That concludes my report.

11 Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you. Thank
13 you, pat.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Our department
16 president is back.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Pilar.
18 Where are we at?

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: You're welcome.
20 The next report.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We will now hear from
22 our editor, Estella Avina.

23 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT

24 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Let me take off
25 my glasses so I can see a little better. I'm the opposite.

1 I have to take off my glasses to read.

2 The convention committee of public relations, dash,
3 editor, met on June 24th, 2010, in Salon C of the Radisson
4 Hotel.

5 Harriet Clendenin, District 15, was appointed
6 secretary.

7 Rebecca Stewart-Wilson, District 2, offered prayer.

8 And Melanie Archer, District 16, was appointed
9 sergeant-at-arms.

10 A total of 19 delegates answered roll call, and
11 there were six visitors present.

12 The committee agreed on the following report.

13 Packets with the department code and the how to on
14 how to submit an article to the Auxiliary News section of the
15 California Legionnaire were passed out prior to the meeting.
16 The floor was open to questions. At the conclusion of the
17 question-and-answer session the chaplain closed with
18 a prayer.

19 Madam President, this concludes the committee
20 report.

21 May I continue with a supplemental report?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

23 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Okay. Madam
24 President, this year has been a learning experience for me.
25 I have not only learned how to process the Auxiliary News

1 section of the California Legionnaire, but I now understand
2 the news lingo.

3 I would like to thank David Eby, editor of the
4 California Legionnaire, who has been very helpful in guiding
5 me through my year as a novice.

6 Information pertaining to the guidelines of
7 submitting articles for the Auxiliary News was handed out at
8 all three department workshops. We have completed four
9 two-page issues of the Auxiliary News with 32 articles and
10 six photos submitted. Another six articles were submitted to
11 the American Legion editor for the family page of the
12 California Legionnaire.

13 Remember, ladies, you don't have to be an officer
14 or a chairman, but it helps, to submit an article. This
15 paper goes to every California Auxiliary member. I have
16 heard from members who live out of state telling me how much
17 they enjoy staying in touch with what is going on here in
18 California. So even if it is just a photo, don't forget,
19 a photo is worth a thousand words. So let's use these tools
20 and not let -- not just let them sit in the tool shed.

21 Madam President, again, Mahalo for this
22 appointment. I really have enjoyed it.

23 This concludes my report.

24 May I approach your station?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

1 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Short and sweet.
2 Don't you love it?

3 Madam President Norma, I would like to give you
4 a book that has all of your Auxiliary News papers, both in
5 opt-out form and in snail mail form, in case you want to read
6 them one of these days when you're just sitting and doing
7 nothing.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. Thank you very
9 much.

10 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: You're welcome.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. Ladies, it's
13 time for our parade. We are going to lose Pilar. She is not
14 going to be able to parade with us. She has to go over and
15 be introduced to the Legion.

16 So our island rhythms, do we have some music for
17 our parade? Who is going to start over here? The districts
18 that are -- that are parading, please stand up, and let's get
19 ready to go.

20 Go Bimini.

21 Island of the Monarchs.

22 There's the remainder of the 18th District, Island
23 of Bimini. Whoo.

24 And I see Gilligan's Island coming up.

25 Can Do Island. Can Do Island.

1 Molokai.

2 That's Can Do.

3 There's Gilligan's Island, the whole crew, Skipper

4 too.

5 Whoo hoo, look at that one over there.

6 They are coming to take me away, Wacky Dacky

7 Island.

8 Go down the other aisle. Go down the other aisle.

9 Island of Capri.

10 Golden Tree. Yay, Golden Tree.

11 Followed by Atlantica.

12 Here comes Bali.

13 And we've got Castle Craig, District 2.

14 The Clam Diggers.

15 Check out the Craig -- Castle Craig.

16 Fantasy Island.

17 And the Island Explorers.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Whoo.

20 Is Linda Fercho in the room?

21 Linda, are you ready for your report?

22 Pat Alvarez, are you ready for leadership?

23 Golden Island.

24 Will the passion flowers quietly go to the back of

25 the room and get ready for the veterans affair report.

1 Right now we are going to hear from leadership.
2 Pat Alvarez, your one-sentence speech. We developed -- start
3 over again.

4 We developed and prepared knowledgeable and capable
5 leaders to carry on the growth and success of the Auxiliary
6 by promoting activities and resources that educate, motivate,
7 and mentor members of all ages and all levels.

8 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

9 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Thank you.

10 The leadership convention committee met on
11 June 24th, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Coalinga Room of the
12 Fresno Convention Center, Fresno, California.

13 The leadership statistical report appears on
14 Page 17 of the Book of Reports.

15 Gigi Gebhart of District 20 offered prayer.

16 And Jerry Adams of District 16 eventually became
17 our sergeant-at-arms.

18 A total of 20 district delegates answered roll
19 call, with nine districts absent, and there were two visitors
20 present.

21 The committee agreed upon the following report.

22 The department code was read and there are no code
23 changes to be made.

24 There were no resolutions submitted.

25 The second and third place awards were announced,

1 and certificates were placed in the district packets. All of
2 the districts were supplied with copies of the most current
3 list of certified leadership instructors, with two
4 corrections. Constance Sellers should be deleted from
5 District 18 and Bernice Longnecker should be deleted from
6 District 16.

7 A short discussion and question-and-answer period
8 was held, and the chaplain offered a closing prayer.

9 The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

10 Madam President, this concludes the report of
11 leadership convention committee.

12 May I continue with the supplemental and awards?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

14 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: At our
15 annual department convention in June this chairman handed out
16 flyers to all members in case their unit or district would
17 want a leadership workshop held in their vicinity. Many
18 members have difficulty attending the department workshops
19 due to distance; so we wanted to make ourselves available to
20 anyone interested.

21 We submitted an article to the California
22 Legionnaire for the August/September issue, also informing
23 the membership of availability for workshops and to inform
24 them of the three objectives of the leadership program for
25 the year. The article also invited them to the department

1 workshops to be held in September and October in different
2 parts of our state.

3 Bulletins were handed out at the three workshops
4 held in Bakersfield, Rio Linda, and Orange. Excuse me,
5 ladies. That was a mistake. We had over 277 members
6 attending the three workshops, with 61 first-time attendees.
7 The bulletins instructed the members of six things to develop
8 their own leadership and a sheet of five beliefs that limit
9 productivity and how to overcome them, along with a small
10 section on "Communication, a leader's key to success." Blank
11 sign-in sheets for unit or district workshop -- workshops
12 were also made available to the attendees, as were blank
13 applications for certified leadership instructors and
14 applications to recertify. When presenting these items to
15 the members we had a little game going on, and prizes were
16 given out for different items they had to find on their
17 handouts, and Margaret Quiñones won most of them. This made
18 the presentation not boring and got quite fun reactions.

19 At the first workshop of the year in September we
20 had two special past department presidents that presented
21 a special section of the program to all the district
22 presidents. October 2009 had another bulletin in the
23 department's mailing out to all of the units and was placed
24 on our department Website. Districts had planned schools of
25 instruction and fun shops starting in October as well. Some

1 units started their mini workshops, but, sadly, none sent
2 pictures or topics covered in their year-end reporting.

3 Plans were well underway for our junior leadership
4 workshop, which was held on November 1st. Working closely
5 with our department junior activities chairman and using many
6 of the pages from the National Patch Program, the workshop
7 was well attended with 22 juniors and 21 seniors attending.

8 Another bulletin was supplied for the department's
9 unit mailing in November.

10 We attended three unit workshops and two district
11 workshops in December. Unit and district meeting protocol
12 using the department and national Website, duties of
13 officers, and focus programs were explained, and the
14 question-and-answer periods were informative.

15 We then had our department mid-year meeting, and
16 the certifications and recertifications started coming in.
17 At that time we had seven districts with no certified
18 instructors. A survey questionnaire was handed out at the
19 district and unit workshops that we attended, and the
20 conversations and questions that came from filling out the
21 surveys were interesting, and the members enjoyed the answers
22 they received.

23 February we sent in another bulletin for the
24 department's unit mailing, asking the question in the first
25 paragraph, "Can you step up to leadership?" Had five e-mails

1 indicating that they really enjoyed that particular bulletin
2 and four of those units received copies at their unit
3 meetings.

4 For March, one district reported having a workshop
5 fun shop specifically for report writing. They gave every
6 attendee a colored marker when they came in the door -- then
7 had all the red markers sit together, all the blue markers,
8 et cetera. This proved fun and worthwhile since attendees
9 were from 16 different units. They reported that every unit
10 that went to the workshop fun shop had 100 percent reporting
11 for all of the programs this year.

12 Our annual junior conversation was yet another
13 learning experience for some of our members, both juniors and
14 seniors. In two and a half days we teach our juniors about
15 the programs, some of the protocols, about elections, and how
16 to get along with each other. This was also a learning
17 experience for some first-time senior counselors.

18 Lastly, another bulletin was sent to department for
19 the April mailing, which was about meeting behavior. Had
20 many thank you e-mails from approximately 20 members
21 throughout the department for that bulletin. Because we did
22 have an increase of certified leadership instructors and have
23 opened up a lot of communication between members regarding
24 programs, duties, and membership, this chairman feels that
25 this was a success for the leadership program in our

1 department.

2 Madam President, this concludes my supplemental.

3 May I continue with the first place awards?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

5 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: I believe

6 there are supposed to be two people here from District 22.

7 No. That's not one of them.

8 Ms. Holmberg and Ms. Cornish, please to the front.

9 They forgot they were supposed to be up here.

10 First place district supplemental report goes to

11 Phyllis Holmberg, District 22.

12 (Applause.)

13 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Thank

14 you, ladies. You can be 80 and still run.

15 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: The first

16 place written supplemental goes to Unit 434, District 22,

17 Lois Cornish, Chairman.

18 (Applause.)

19 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: This year

20 I tried a little something different. I was going to add

21 this to the report. I did have three judges, an 11th and

22 12th grade English teacher from Irving Anderson, from

23 Fullerton; the Honorable Rick Aguirre from the Orange County

24 Superior Court; and Mayor Pro Tem Connie Underhill from

25 Placentia, California, and they were quite impressed with

1 what they got to read. There will be a list hung in the
2 department office.

3 And, Madam President, that concludes my report.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you very much.

6 Right before VA&R we are going to hear from our
7 convention commission chairman. She has to leave to head
8 back to Arizona.

9 After VA&R if I could have the public relations
10 possibly. Did I forget anybody else? My Polynesian
11 pineapples.

12 Beverly?

13 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: Right here.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: Thank you
16 for deviating from your program, Madam President.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: You're
19 welcome.

20 CONVENTION COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

21 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: Your
22 convention commission committee was invited to meet with the
23 American Legion convention city commission committee on
24 Thursday afternoon. The purpose of this meeting was to get
25 information on future convention city sites for the next four

1 years.

2 The following cities have been selected:

3 2011 - Ontario.

4 2012 - Redding.

5 2013 - Palm Springs.

6 2014 - Santa Clara.

7 And nothing has been decided for 2015.

8 Both Ontario and Palm Springs submitted bids for
9 the 2013 convention. The convention city commission then
10 voted on the cities, and Palm Springs was selected.

11 An informal meeting was held with the Ontario
12 Convention Corporation for an update on the 2011 convention.
13 Attending were Department President Norma, who was the
14 Ontario Convention Chairman; Diane DeLashmit, Co-chairman;
15 Doris Kilkenny, Department Secretary; George Curtis,
16 President of the Ontario Convention Corporation; and Joe
17 Garcia, Co-chairman; as well as myself.

18 Various items were discussed and reviews of
19 Auxiliary requirements were addressed. Final plans will soon
20 be completed, and our incoming department president will
21 review and sign the contract in September.

22 I was invited to attend a meeting by John Lea, who
23 is the 21st District Convention Corporation [sic]. It was an
24 ad hoc committee meeting on Friday afternoon. And I was
25 really pleased that the Legion thought of the Auxiliary here.

1 This committee was authorized at the 2007 Palm Springs
2 convention to do a feasible study on forming a central
3 convention corporation with representatives from the
4 Auxiliary Past Commander's Club, SAL, 40&8 all being included
5 in the planning. This will allow each of the Legion family
6 representatives to submit their convention requirements,
7 which will be a part of the convention corporation's contract
8 with the American Legion. The results of this study will be
9 submitted to the Legion DEC for further action.

10 I would like to introduce now my committee.

11 Linda Caples, who is the one-year member. Stand
12 up.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: And Genecia
15 Risner, which is a two-year member.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: We are
18 looking forward to a great convention in Ontario and hope to
19 have the final details in September.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 This has been a real fun time for me.

22 And if someone will please water Barbara's flowers
23 while I am gone.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We will do that.

25 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SHARP: Thank you

1 very much.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Beverly.
3 Veteran affairs and rehabilitation. She made
4 a detour.

5 While we are doing that, Vickie Crow, after VA&R,
6 you may announce the drawing for Girls State. I didn't say
7 that word.

8 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT
9 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
10 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you, Madam President.

11 First of all, I want to thank you all for electing
12 me as your vice president for the incoming year. It's quite
13 an honor. Thank you.

14 I'm sorry I wasn't here for picture taking, but I
15 will be around. You can take pictures then.

16 Madam President, the preconvention meeting for
17 veterans affairs and rehabilitation was held on Thursday,
18 June 24th, in the Fowler Room. It was called to order at
19 9:10 a.m.

20 The statistical report for this program can be
21 found in the Book of Reports on Pages 20 and 21.

22 With the consent of the delegates present,
23 Ruth Hackney, District 24, was appointed as secretary.

24 Martha Sweeney, District 14, as chaplain.

25 Gigi Manno, District 22, as sergeant-at-arms.

1 There were 26 delegates present, three absent, and
2 11 guests.

3 The chaplain opened with prayer, and the Pledge of
4 Allegiance was said.

5 The code was read, and there are three proposed
6 changes and one housekeeping.

7 Department Code - Veterans Affairs and
8 Rehabilitation Number 4 now reads:

9 The budget shall include amounts to fulfill the
10 obligations of financial aid for rehabilitation cases,
11 chairman, and program allowances, medical center
12 representatives allowances, national assessment,
13 administrative expenses, authorized travel to the regional
14 leadership conference, and such other conferences as may be
15 authorized by the department president. Reimbursement for
16 authorized travel out of state shall be coach airfare and per
17 diem as allowed at the rate established by the department and
18 approved by the finance committee.

19 The code change will be to strike the words
20 authorized travel to the regional leadership conference, the
21 reason being they no longer hold those.

22 The new code would read:

23 The budget shall include amounts to fulfill the
24 obligations of financial aid for rehabilitation cases,
25 chairman, and program allowances, medical center

1 representative allowances, national assessment,
2 administrative expenses, and such other conferences as may be
3 authorized by the department president. Reimbursement for
4 authorized travel out of state shall be coach airfare and per
5 diem as allowed at the rate established by the department and
6 approved by the finance committee.

7 Madam President, I move for the adoption of this
8 code change as read.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
10 code change to Number 4.

11 It would read: The budget shall include amounts to
12 fulfill the obligations of financial aid for rehabilitation
13 cases, chairman, and program allowances, medical center
14 representative allowances, national assessment,
15 administrative expenses, and such other conferences as may be
16 authorized by the department president. Reimbursement for
17 authorized travel out of state shall be coach airfare and per
18 diem as allowed at the rate accomplished by department and
19 approved by the finance committee.

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
23 "Aye."

24 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is passed.

3 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

4 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Medical center gift shops/patient

5 remembrance.

6 Number 1 now reads: Christmas gifts shops and
7 patient remembrance under the department direction shall
8 provide for only mental, pulmonary, nursing home, orthopedic,
9 and other long-term patients in VA medical centers.

10 Assignment of where gifts are to be sent will be made by the
11 department chairman, who will evaluate the reports for the
12 representatives and the needs of the centers.

13 The code is going to be changed to strike the word
14 "long-term," put "in bed" in its place, and add the sentence,
15 "At the discretion of the representative funds can be issued
16 to a CBOC or OPC as needed."

17 Those are outpatient clinics.

18 This is a code change to remind the representative
19 that when funds are available and a request is made by a
20 clinic for assistance, she has permission to act. Changing
21 "long-term" to "in bed" opens up the opportunity to serve
22 more veterans.

23 The code will now read:

24 Christmas gift shop and patient remembrance under
25 the develop -- department direction shall provide for only

1 mentally, pulmonary, nursing home, orthopedic and other in
2 bed in VA medical centers. Assignments of where gifts are to
3 be sent will be made by the department chairman, who will
4 evaluate the reports of the representatives and the needs of
5 the centers. At the discretion of the representative funds
6 can be issued to a CBOC or OPC as needed.

7 Madam President, I move for the adoption of this
8 code change.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We would propose
10 change under medical center gift shop/patient remembrance,
11 Code Number 1, which would read:

12 Christmas gift shops and patient remembrance under
13 the department direction shall provide for only mental,
14 pulmonary, nursing home, orthopedic, and other in-bed
15 patients in VA medical centers. Assignment of where gifts
16 are to be sent will be made by the department chairman, who
17 will evaluate the reports of the representatives and the
18 needs of the center. At the discretion of the
19 representative, funds can be issued to a CBOC/OPC as needed.

20 Is there any discussion?

21 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
22 Ruby Kapsalis, Department 28, Past Department President.

23 I -- what our representative funds?

24 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
25 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Representative funds under this code are

1 the patient remembrance and gift shop funds that are donated
2 by the membership for that reason, for gift shop and patient
3 remembrance. They -- representatives are given an allowance.
4 Those funds -- we talked about it at different workshops.
5 And that is why it is under this code. It is referring to
6 that patient gift shop and remembrance.

7 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
8 Okay. Am I correct to understand that you are wanting
9 patient remembrance and gift shop funds to go to CBOC and OPC
10 and not just medical facilities?

11 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
12 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: It is opening up the opportunity for the
13 representative to consider -- it opens up the opportunity for
14 the representative for the -- if there is a need, it just
15 opens up the opportunity for the representative to act, not
16 necessarily do they have to; it just gives them the
17 opportunity. It's just a way to bring out -- the concern in
18 the reps and depts meeting is that there are so many clinics
19 now. We are doing more outpatient, more clinics, and they
20 receive no funds. All the funds are at the VA facility, due
21 to the code on the in bed and the pulmonary. They wanted to
22 have it just as an option in case there was a little extra
23 funds, maybe they needed a little extra money for something
24 -- that they were even maybe taking inpatients to a clinic
25 to. So it's just a way to give them a little opportunity to

1 perhaps have the discretion to act.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Further discussion?

3 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: Go
4 ahead.

5 NATIONAL SECURITY WESTERN DIVISION CHAIRMAN HITCH:

6 Madam President and members, I have a question.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Please recognize
8 yourself.

9 NATIONAL SECURITY WESTERN DIVISION CHAIRMAN HITCH:

10 Excuse me, please.

11 Shelby Hitch, Past Department President.

12 I'm reading the change to this code, and it goes
13 through and it talks about the patients in the hospital and
14 those in bed. And then we continue down, and now we're going
15 to the clinics? I don't think there is clinics anywhere that
16 has patients in bed. I mean, I could be wrong, but I don't
17 think so.

18 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

19 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Actually, I do understand, and that is
20 probably in our terminology. I think the intent was just to
21 give them the opportunity to help the clinics. And it
22 probably does need to maybe be an additional code that can be
23 considered at a later time.

24 I withdraw the request for the last sentence or
25 amend my motion. Oh, sorry. We have to do that under

1 committee.

2 What would be the procedure then?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Call the committee
4 and come back later. Finish your report, call the committee,
5 and then we'll come back.

6 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
7 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: My committee that met with me at the
8 preconvention meeting?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excuse me one second.
10 Okay. Her motion is postponed until after the
11 committee. You move to postpone.

12 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
13 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I move to postpone the motion until I have
14 a chance to meet with the committee following the close of
15 session today, and we will bring it back to the floor.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is that a second?

17 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a motion on
19 the floor to postpone her proposed change to Code Number 1 of
20 the medical center gift shop/patient remembrance until after
21 the committee meeting.

22 Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
25 "Aye."

1 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
5 carried.

6 Thank you.

7 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

8 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Medical center representatives, Number 3
9 now reads:

10 Representatives and CBOC deputies, once appointed
11 and certified to the VA voluntary services shall serve until
12 reassigned or replaced. They shall be bonded, as established
13 by the finance committee. They shall receive compensation
14 semiannually and submit itemized statements at the call of
15 the finance committee and the department chairman.

16 The code change will be to strike the word "they"
17 and insert "the representatives." And I'll read the code
18 change, and then I'll give you the reasoning.

19 Representative and CBOC deputies, once appointed
20 and verified to the VA voluntary services, shall serve until
21 reassigned or replaced. They shall be bonded, as established
22 by the finance committee. The representatives shall receive
23 compensation semiannually and submit itemized statements at
24 the call of the finance committee and the department
25 chairman.

1 The reason for this code change is that not all of
2 the CBO [sic] deputies receive compensation at this time.
3 Should that compensation be made available and happen, they
4 anticipate they would need to add a new code; so that is why
5 they are doing this. The wording alludes to the fact that
6 the deputies should or shall, all of them, receive
7 compensation, and that is not happening at this time. But
8 they do need to be bonded; so they still need to be in this
9 code but not under the compensation portion.

10 I move for the acceptance of this code change,
11 Madam President.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There was a proposed
13 code change under medical center representatives, Number 3.
14 The code would read:

15 Representative and CBOC deputies, once appointed
16 and certified to the VA voluntary services, shall serve until
17 reassigned or replaced. They --

18 I don't have the same copy.

19 They shall be bonded as established by the finance
20 committee. The representative shall -- representatives shall
21 receive compensation semiannually, annually, and submit
22 itemized statements at the call of the finance committee and
23 the department chairman.

24 That is correct.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there any

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
4 "Aye."

5 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
9 carried.

10 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

11 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you, Madam President.

12 Under home service code there is just
13 a housekeeping. We need to change Number 2 to Number 1 and
14 Number 2 -- Number 3 to Number 2 because there is only two
15 codes. There is only two items. And right now they are
16 numbered to 3. We are going to change it to 1 and 2, Madam
17 President. It is just a housekeeping code change.

18 Madam President, there -- all of the second and
19 third place certificates of appreciation were also
20 distributed. All third place except for the unit and the
21 district best overall supplemental were distributed in
22 committee.

23 It was all -- there were no resolutions, but one
24 recommendation was made, and the recommendation by the
25 committee was that for future consideration by department

1 president that this committee meeting be assigned to at least
2 one and a half hours as it takes almost 45 minutes to read
3 the code, just as a consideration for the future.

4 No further business to come before this body.

5 The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

6 Respectfully submitted.

7 Madam President, may I continue with my
8 supplemental and first place awards and introduction of their
9 passion flowers?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

11 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

12 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And I'm going to deviate a little bit,
13 Madam President, with your permission. I would like to make
14 a special presentation before I read my report because if I
15 read my report first it's going to give away my surprise.
16 Okay?

17 At this time I would like to have the president of
18 the 16th District, Annette McKendry, please come forward.

19 And may we approach your station? We have
20 a special presentation.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

22 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

23 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam President, could the 16th District
24 please stand.

25 We worked very hard this year for your special

1 project, and we are so thrilled to give you a check for
2 \$7,325. And you get the first place certificate.

3 I didn't want to give it away in my report; so we
4 wanted to give that to you, so....

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I will have to share
6 that Annette did have Operation Mend as her special project.
7 Well, we didn't know that we were each doing this; so that is
8 one of the reasons that they did such an awesome job also.

9 Thank you very much.

10 And I believe that puts us over \$41,000.

11 (Applause.)

12 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

13 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam President, I would like at this time
14 to read my report.

15 Madam President, it has truly been an honor to be
16 your VA&R chairman, but this year it has also been my honor
17 to serve as the first lady to the Department of California.
18 Wow. What a year.

19 And if I may take a personal point of privilege, I
20 want to thank you and Peter for such an enjoyable year,
21 binding a friendship that I know will last forever.

22 I also want to extend a big thank you to each and
23 every one of you for the friendship and courtesies and
24 hospitality that you have extended to me; my husband,
25 Department Commander Fercho; and my family during such an

1 incredible year.

2 And I would also like to thank my daughter, Tracy,
3 who kept us on track, which was not always an easy task.

4 Now, as the owner of the Hotel Tropicana, I am
5 going to give the entire hotel's staff concierge a raise and
6 a month's fantastic vacation on the resort. You did such
7 a great job this year; it's the least I can do for you. That
8 goes right along with your Christmas bonus.

9 They enlisted the help of our passion flowers and
10 all of our members to achieve unbelievable successes. The
11 figures and the book of reports speak volumes, but I am sad
12 to report that I did not receive 100 percent from the units
13 reporting. Can you imagine what the figures would look like
14 if we had. I can't stress enough the importance of
15 reporting, even if it is just the report form, no
16 supplementals at the end of the year. But I did receive
17 several wonderful supplemental reports. I thank everyone
18 that submitted them. They were outstanding.

19 At the department training workshop in September I
20 handed out packets of information. In it I brought to the
21 attention that -- of all who were in attendance on the
22 decline of the donations to gift shop and patient
23 remembrance. I encouraged everyone to please see what they
24 could do to increase these figures for next year. But due to
25 the decrease, I included wish lists from the VA facilities

1 that were brought to us through our passion flowers so that
2 the units could hopefully help in other ways. And as you
3 will see from my report, it worked. You all rose to the
4 occasion and, indeed, were very, very generous.

5 This year at junior conference the junior VA&R,
6 Chantel Muro, who has also received the junior volunteer of
7 the year award for 2009/2010 for her service at the
8 Long Beach VA, asked -- assisted me in having our juniors
9 write over 150 thank you notes to our active military and our
10 veterans. The inspirational messages these young women wrote
11 were amazing. I also had the honor of installing my
12 granddaughter as the Department of California Honorary Junior
13 Auxiliary Vice President. I was so proud of her I started
14 crying, then she started crying, then her mother started
15 crying, then the entire room started crying. I mean, this
16 was a two-box Kleenex thing going on, but we had a great
17 time.

18 This year it has been my privilege to travel with
19 not only President Norma on tours of the VAMC/Veterans
20 Homes/Fisher Houses, but also our department commander joined
21 us. He was amazed at our volunteers' accomplishments and the
22 unselfish dedication of our passion flowers that they have
23 for our veterans. I want to thank the passion flowers for
24 making our tours the fantastic experience they were. He has
25 also become an advocate for the need for more Legionnaires to

1 become active volunteers and has promised to continue seeking
2 volunteers for us in the coming years.

3 It was also an eye opener on the tour to see how
4 the face of our veterans has changed. They are a very
5 diversified group now. Minorities and women make up a huge
6 portion, and they are so young. They are just so very young.
7 And he is also working with the state service officer to get
8 more women service officers; so please look into that. We
9 have more women in the clinics, and they would really rather
10 talk to women on their issues than the men; so we need to
11 help in that manner.

12 The needs of today's veterans are also changing,
13 and I can truly say that after reading your reports that you
14 have risen to that challenge as well. The 29th District
15 President, Pat Alvarez, Chairman, wrote reporting -- report
16 writing having a baby shower for women veterans. They was
17 over 12 needy women veterans there. Others had provided
18 women's clothing and babysitting services. We're really
19 branching out, ladies.

20 This year our Caribbean Queen's special project
21 came under the VA&R program, Operation Mend. This project
22 touched the hearts of each of you. And my figures are wrong
23 in my report because now we have over 41,000, and this is why
24 I didn't want to say my report first.

25 And I wanted to have you all give yourselves a

1 great big hand. You have done an excellent job for her, and
2 you deserve every pat on the back you get.

3 (Applause.)

4 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

5 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And one district, the Sweet 16th District,
6 also chose that project. And as you saw today, we had
7 a check for over \$7,000.

8 Guess who was the special project chairman? Me.
9 But you can't do anything alone, and that awesome 16th
10 District, as well as all you ladies, are awesome. They
11 really banded together, and like they always say, there is no
12 "I" in team. And they have really worked hard. And you all
13 have worked hard, and thank you so much for being so
14 generous.

15 VA&R is a huge program encompassing hospital
16 service, field service, and home service. If I reported on
17 everything that was accomplished we would be here for a whole
18 week. And I really think the last thing you want me to do is
19 stand up here and talk all day long. Of course I could. I
20 could. But I'm not.

21 I am going to highlight just a couple of things
22 that were done this year, some projects that really were
23 outstanding. And it is just touching on the tip of
24 an iceberg. I know on a tropical island we don't have
25 icebergs, but it is the tip of that iceberg.

1 The homeless veterans stand downs, Unit 299, Esther
2 Garcia, Chairman, adopted a veterans home for homeless.

3 District 18, Unit 790, Norma Cooper, Chairman,
4 adopted the downtown VA clinic, providing clothing. Others
5 provided tents, water, boxes of shirts, et cetera. I'm
6 hoping that some of you will think of some of these things
7 that you can also do when you get back to your units.

8 Ride to Recovery comes through our state. We are
9 one of five. It starts in San Francisco, ended in West LA.
10 We were honored this year to have National President Rita
11 Navarette fly in for two days of the ride, and that was
12 really amazing. She is an awesome lady. We had an
13 opportunity to really, really sit down and do some hands-on
14 just talking to her, and it was a real, real treat.

15 The American Legion Riders, which we talk about --
16 and, actually, Commander Hill had said is the best membership
17 tool that we have ever come across -- was instrumental in the
18 safety of the Wounded Warriors riding. Remember, the riders
19 are Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion, and Auxiliary, and they
20 don't report. They are a program. So, ladies, be sure and
21 pick up their hours for your reports. We need to do that.

22 Creative arts continues to be a primary program,.

23 And please put them in your donation list.

24 Field service, this year we opened three new
25 veteran homes -- Lancaster, Ventura/Saticoy, and on the

1 grounds of west LA. We broke ground for two more in Redding
2 and Fresno. Guess what? You guessed it? We have added
3 a great opportunity now to do what we do best: Volunteer.
4 Plan to have a field service orientation course in your
5 district.

6 Home service: Betty Crocker has nothing on you
7 ladies. You baked thousands of cookies and cakes, not to
8 mention the hundreds of meals that you prepared and served.
9 I would be remiss if I didn't thank those that quilted,
10 crocheted, and knitted their little fingers to the bones,
11 making thousands -- I mean thousands of items for our
12 veterans and their families.

13 Last but not least, I couldn't end my report
14 without thanking you for the underwear. You know, it was
15 amazing. When I requested that you bring packages of
16 underwear to mid year, you know, I envisioned everyone
17 bringing one, maybe two packages. Silly me. I should have
18 known. When requested to aid our veterans there is no
19 stopping you, and this was no different. With your help we
20 collected over, like, 1500 packages and were able to provide
21 for all of the facilities that requested help. But trust me
22 on this one, ladies. Don't even talk to my daughter about
23 underwear. She had nightmares for days of being buried under
24 it.

25 In closing, I truly cannot thank you,

1 Madam President, for giving me this awesome opportunity. It
2 was an amazing experience. We have had a great time.

3 And now I would like to have -- I only have one,
4 really, first place award to give.

5 Would you like the passion flowers to come forward
6 or would you like me to do that?

7 I do have a first place, and this is for District
8 22, Gigi Manno, with the best district supplemental.

9 (Applause.)

10 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

11 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I also have a first place -- excuse me.

12 I have a first place award, and I don't see anyone
13 up here. I asked for someone from District 21. Oh, you're
14 here. You're right here. Okay. Great.

15 Angela M. Fite -- did I pronounce that right? Or
16 is that Fite? It's F-i-t-e. With the best overall unit
17 supplemental, and it has gone on to national.

18 (Applause.)

19 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

20 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you.

21 I'd like to recognize three of our passion flowers,
22 and they're not able to be here today. Veronica Spence has
23 won the VISTA award. It's a beautiful plaque, and it's an
24 ongoing award. And this is given to the outstanding
25 volunteer medical center worker. 35,000 hours she has

1 dedicated for her volunteerism, and we will make sure she
2 gets this.

3 I also have two ladies that I'd like to honor.
4 Evelyn Hulgán, she was the deputy at the VA Sacramento OPC at
5 McClellan. She has retired, and she just gave many, many
6 years of beautiful service to that position. And -- but, as
7 things happen, she did need to retire; so I have
8 a certificate of appreciation for her service.

9 The other certificate of appreciation is for Irene
10 Lopez. She was deputy at VA Long Beach Medical Center, and
11 this is for her unselfish devotion to our veterans while
12 serving as a hospital deputy, and I will make sure they have
13 those.

14 And now we have our passion flowers. They are
15 going to -- are you ready, ladies? Are we going to have
16 Madam Caribbean Queen -- I would like to present to you your
17 passion flowers.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Will the
19 sergeant-at-arms and marshal, with the distinguished guest
20 chairman, please bring forward our passion flowers, our
21 medical center representatives, and deputies.

22 (Applause.)

23 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
24 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Aren't they gorgeous? They are just
25 amazing and they have done so much. And I would like to

1 introduce them all, and I have a little something special for
2 each of them. And at mid year we took a picture, a group
3 picture, and I have one for every one of you. I have more if
4 you need them.

5 And I'd like to -- I'll start with Melanie Taylor.
6 Melanie is also our poppy production manager -- well, we're
7 not going to say that yet.

8 Anyway, we have Ruth Briggs from Livermore,
9 representative.

10 Cherie Galvan is deputy at Livermore -- or Palo
11 Alto? Livermore.

12 Leonie -- oh, I always say it wrong. Estigoy, and
13 she is with the -- Leonie is with Ruth Briggs at Palo Alto --
14 Livermore. I got the name right. Do I get credit for that?

15 Okay. Good.

16 Now we have Mavis Kanka.

17 We need more. Okay. I've got more.

18 Now we have Mavis Kanka, and Mavis is right here.

19 Mavis is from Fresno. I'm not getting this right at all.

20 I know Lois. She's from Chula Vista.

21 Mavis and Elena Gallagher.

22 Pat Alvarez, yeah. She's from Long Beach.

23 Mavis and Elena are from Loma Linda; right.

24 And then we have -- Marylou Osburn Wagner has
25 changed up. She was in Nevada, in Reno, and now she's in

1 Sacramento representative.

2 We have Bonnie.

3 Bonnie, you're with her?

4 Okay. Bonnie is with her. Bonnie Chaboya.

5 And then we have Wendy O'Brien. Wendy is new with
6 us. Now she's a deputy with them from Sacramento.

7 Then we have Pat Klang. Pat, you're Palo Alto.

8 Oh, I got that one.

9 And next to her is Connie Raya.

10 Connie, are you at Martinez up there? No. You're
11 with her? Okay. She's with her.

12 Is there anybody else with you? Then raise your
13 hand.

14 Earline Pate is West LA.

15 Fran Ramirez, where are you at? Bakersfield.

16 Bakersfield Clinic.

17 All right. Madeline help me out here.

18 We have Mary Sinoply, Fresno. Fresno. Mary has --
19 was telling me she has over 11,000 or some enormous amount of
20 hours, a lot of hours, probably a lot more hours than I am
21 old too. Really. No. She's not old. I'm old.

22 Delores Artis. I know Delores. She's at West LA,
23 a representative. Everybody with Delores raise your hand.

24 See. They're all with Delores.

25 We have CJ Harris. Kathy Harris. They raised

1 their hand for West LA.

2 We have Phyllis Holmberg. Irma, raise -- Irma is
3 with Phyllis. They're together. San Diego.

4 We have Barstow Veteran's Home. We have Angie.

5 (Applause.)

6 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

7 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: San Francisco clinic. All right.

8 Fort Miley, welcome. Oh, District 8. Yes. The
9 one person here from District 8, and she's here representing
10 District 8 and Fort Miley. Thank you.

11 And I have the awards for Veronica. If you'd take
12 them with you, I'd appreciate that.

13 Okay. Everyone, now that I messed this whole thing
14 up, let's clap our hands, though, because they did a great
15 job.

16 (Applause.)

17 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

18 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I got the names. I get credit.

19 (Applause.)

20 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

21 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you, ladies. Thank you. Thank you.

22 Delores, would you like to come forward? Delores
23 Artis.

24 And if anybody else -- oh, I do have for
25 Madam President and Madam Vice President a picture for each

1 of you that was taken at the mid year for your -- for your
2 records too. We have more. Anybody else want a picture?
3 We've got lots.

4 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Madam President, may
5 I present our VA&R chairman a present.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

7 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Linda, on behalf of
8 all your reps and depts from the state of California, we'd
9 just like to present you with a little love token to say
10 thank you for allowing up to represent you as a hospital
11 representative.

12 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
13 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: This is very, very nice. Don't tell
14 Jacquelyn that I got a gift card. Okay?

15 Please do not tell my granddaughter. Took her
16 shopping. I got a beautiful necklace for 12 bucks; she got
17 three tops, you know? Grand kids.

18 Thank you ladies very much. It has been my
19 pleasure.

20 Oh, and I have a card.

21 It has been my pleasure to work with you ladies.
22 It's amazing, except that my husband has decided that I can't
23 do this job anymore, Madam President, because everywhere we
24 went, when we left they needed me. I mean, I have to go to
25 Yountville for two months. I'm going to help with their

1 creative arts. And then I have to go to Fort Miley because
2 they really need me to help set up a babysitting service.
3 And then I need to go over to Livermore so that I can help
4 with that new hospital room you've got going on over there.

5 So, I mean, he goes, "Linda, you can't go
6 anywhere."

7 Thanks a bunch. We appreciate all that you have
8 done for our veterans and our families. I just love you
9 hospital reps and depts. Well, I love you, and I know
10 everybody in the audience does.

11 Please give them a standing round of applause.

12 Thank you ladies so so much.

13 Madam President, this completes my remarks. Thank
14 you all. And it has been truly mine and the commander's
15 pleasure to have been with you.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Some music for our
19 passion flowers as they retire to the back of the room.

20 (Musical interlude.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Before we proceed any
22 further, I did not give Linda her one-sentence elevator
23 speech.

24 Veterans affairs and rehabilitation, listen up,
25 ladies.

1 Even though the Auxiliary's mission is to serve
2 veterans, this committee has a specific role in helping our
3 veterans transition back to civilian life, whether that
4 involves adaptation because they are wounded, need counseling
5 for emotional or family issues, readjusting to society, or
6 finding work.

7 Melanie.

8 RESIGNATION OF POPPY PRODUCE VICE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR

9 POPPY PRODUCTION VICE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:

10 Madam President, thank you for giving me this personal point
11 of privilege.

12 Five years ago I stepped up as the poppy production
13 manager at Yountville when our beloved Betty Smith died, and
14 I have enjoyed my five years as the poppy production manager
15 at Yountville, but I have stepped down and resigned this
16 year, and I will no longer be doing the poppy production at
17 Yountville. I think the resolution that came in on the floor
18 was maybe the straw that broke the camel's back, plus the
19 fact that my mother was recently diagnosed with breast
20 cancer, and I need to be with her and get her through this
21 horrible, horrible tragedy. So enough said on that.

22 I want to thank you all very much for your words of
23 kindness that have been expressed to me in the last four
24 years as poppy production manager, and I thank you, I think,
25 for the criticisms. It's kind of hard to tell a veteran that

1 they don't make poppies to a certain standard. And I have 11
2 poppy makers at Yountville now --

3 (Applause.)

4 POPPY PRODUCTION VICE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: -- that
5 need someone. Please step up and take the poppy production
6 manager's job. If you could take this message to your units
7 and ask, out of the goodness of your hearts, to have someone
8 please step up. I am more than willing to work with them. I
9 am more than willing to help them any way I can. I am more
10 than willing to drive two hours each way to help box, but my
11 number one concern right now is my mother.

12 On a happier note, Madam President, I am so very
13 pleased of my Unit 111 in District 5.

14 Ladies, could you stand up? There's not many of us
15 here, but let me tell you we worked very, very hard, and we
16 raised \$3,800 for your Operation Mend, and there may be more
17 coming in. Our MOMS, the Mothers of Military Service
18 members, they walked in the Santa Rosa human race, and the
19 money that they collected from their donations is coming to
20 our unit for your Operation Mend; so the funds are still
21 coming in. You may get up to \$4200, Madam President.

22 Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Melanie.
24 Thank you to District 5, Unit 111.

25 That actually is bringing this up to 45,957.76.

1 Maybe we will hit 50,000.

2 I will have to do a little bit of my own bragging.
3 My district, District 18, has supported Operation Mend for
4 three years. This is our third year. We started out with
5 them in 2007 with their first patient, Corporal Aaron Mankin.
6 The district this year did raise \$5,000; so thank you very
7 much to my own district.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I see we have some
10 guests in the back of the room.

11 If I could have the sergeant-at-arms and marshal,
12 with the distinguished guest chairman, please escort our
13 guest to this station.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Sorry. I got too
16 excited. Paul Mesmer, Detachment Commander for the
17 Department of California.

18 DETACHMENT COMMANDER PAUL MESMER

19 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: Thank you.

20 Actually, I am proud that I am wearing my past
21 commander pin right now.

22 (Applause.)

23 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: When I gave greetings
24 yesterday I might have realized that in thanking you all for
25 your support I may have overlooked my -- part of my legion

1 family, and that is the 29th.

2 So, ladies, thank you.

3 Is Geri Fitzpatrick here?

4 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Yes.

5 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: Okay. Very good.

6 And, Madam President, if you could have the
7 sergeant-at-arms bring forth Geri for purposes of
8 presentation.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVAL: She's coming.

10 (Applause.)

11 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: Geri was kind enough
12 to join us during our convention this morning; so I would
13 like to read this yet again to you.

14 In recognition of your outstanding leadership,
15 service, and dedications to the principles of the Sons of the
16 American Legion and for your efforts on behalf of the
17 programs of the American Legion family, we, the Sons of the
18 American Legion faction of California provide -- give to you
19 the Dottie Sherard 2010 Auxiliary Member of the Year award.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: I told them
22 earlier today I did not see this coming, and I don't know
23 that I'm that deserving of it, but I will accept it in the
24 manner it was given.

25 And thank you again.

1 (Applause.)

2 DETACHMENT COMMANDER MESMER: When we presented it
3 to Geri in our meeting she goes, "Well, thank you very much.
4 I have got to get back to my meeting."

5 Such a dedicated worker.

6 Thank you, President DuVall.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. CROW: We will now find out who the lucky
10 winners are for the Girls State drawing. I'll start out with
11 it's not me.

12 I want to thank -- Judy Tabacchi, Gerine Adams, and
13 Rhodona Enright are the three that are going to assist in
14 drawing the names so I'm not in any trouble. Give yourselves
15 a hand. You made \$539.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. CROW: First place, \$500, San Diego Unit 6.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. CROW: Second place, \$150, Linda Smith from
20 Fortuna -- Fontana. Excuse me. Fontana.

21 Third place, \$100, is unit 529. Nobody here from
22 529? They didn't have a district office. Okay. I guess
23 it's mine.

24 I want to thank you all for donating. The checks
25 will be mailed out from the department office.

1 Thank you again on behalf of girls state.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Poplin Unit 529,
3 District 1.

4 MS. CROW: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Public relations,
6 Marge Rye, your one-sentence elevator speech. To promote,
7 publicize, and reeducate the general public and our members
8 about our core program values of serving veterans and their
9 families.

10 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT

11 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: As soon
12 as I get educated.

13 Good afternoon, ladies.

14 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

15 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: The
16 convention committee on public relations met on June 24th,
17 2010, in the Salon C of the Radisson Hotel in Fresno,
18 California, at 11:10 a.m.

19 The statistical report of this chairman appears on
20 Page 20 of the Book of Reports.

21 Harriet Clendenin, District 15, was appointed
22 secretary.

23 Rebecca Stewart-Wilson, District 24, offered
24 prayer.

25 And Melanie Archer, District 16, was appointed

1 sergeant-at-arms.

2 A total of 19 district delegates answered roll
3 call. There were six visitors.

4 The committee agreed upon the following report.

5 We opened with prayer and flag salute.

6 There were no code changes.

7 Second and third place certificate awards were
8 given out for unit and district supplementals.

9 Question-and-answer session was held for PR
10 reporting, and we closed with prayer.

11 The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

12 May I continue with my supplemental?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

14 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE:

15 Madam President, Members, and Guests.

16 The Parrot Island squawkers have really worked on
17 gathering information, distributing notices, and making
18 announcements about the American Legion Auxiliary. They have
19 reconnected with the methods of the past and energized by
20 using the electronics of the future.

21 Envisioning the future was done with a great push
22 to use the electronic media. Out of 280 units, there are
23 a reported 36 with Websites and 37 have eBulletins. Many of
24 the others spread news and sent notices via their personal
25 e-mail. The department Website up to mid May received 72,850

1 hits, and a number of those were from overseas.

2 To nurture the present, there were 61 aired
3 programs, 17 television announcements, and 55 public service
4 announcements of their activities.

5 Cherishing the past was completed by using the
6 print media and physical presence. 421 articles were
7 published, 80 letters were sent to editors, 112 interviews
8 with reporters were given, and 450 letters of appreciation
9 sent. Our members were up close and personal with their
10 presence in their communities. They were in parades, helped
11 in disasters, visited senior centers, helped in their
12 communities, helped in elections, visited schools with our
13 education and Americanism programs, held and attended
14 military ceremonies and functions, worked and visited VA
15 hospitals, welcomed home the troops, worked at the USO,
16 partnered with other organizations, made articles for the
17 veterans, sent packages to our troops, and supported their
18 families at home. The members throughout our department
19 advertised these activities and let everyone know what the
20 American Legion Auxiliary was all about with their flyers,
21 news articles, and public service announcements.

22 There were four units who submitted to the national
23 for the unit program emphasis award and six units that
24 submitted to the national for the community display award.
25 Two junior units submitted for the junior public relations

1 community display award.

2 Of the 29 districts, I received 22 reports and six
3 supplementals -- six supplementals, ladies -- with ten
4 districts received 100 percent reporting from their units.
5 There were seven unit supplementals submitted.

6 I want to thank those who took the time to write
7 supplementals and those who sent me articles, newsletters,
8 and flyers. There were four districts and six units that I
9 received newsletters from consistently, either by e-mail or
10 postal delivery. Many of the articles I received only
11 mentioned the American Legion or the posts and did not make
12 any reference to the American Legion Auxiliary, which is
13 necessary in public relations for the Auxiliary because that
14 is what you are advertising. However, I was happy every time
15 that I received anything as it showed you were working your
16 programs.

17 Madam President Norma, I sincerely thank you for
18 this appointment, and I can truly say it was my biggest
19 learning experience since I learned how to multiply. And if
20 I have not ruffled the feathers of my flock, there should be
21 friendly skies for me to fly home.

22 This concludes my report.

23 May I proceed with my first place awards?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

25 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: First

1 place unit supplemental goes to Newport Harbor, Unit 291,
2 Janice Briggs, Chairman.

3 (Applause.)

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: First
5 place district supplemental goes to Lou Thompson, Chairman,
6 District 26.

7 (Applause.)

8 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: And this
9 one is a very special one for our juniors. For junior
10 community display, Hollywood Unit 43, Rebecca Stewart-Wilson,
11 Chairman.

12 (Applause.)

13 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE:
14 Madam President, that concludes my awards.

15 May I approach your station for a presentation?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

17 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE:

18 Madam President, I would like to present you with a press
19 book for some of the articles that were sent to me by all of
20 the units and districts around. And if you ever get down,
21 laying around and not having anything to do, you might take
22 a look at it and reminisce, maybe ten years from now or
23 whatever. And I'd like to show you this little angel sticks
24 to -- the little hula girl, she sticks to the bottom after
25 you take the plastic off.

1 And thank you very much, and I appreciate this
2 commission, and I look forward to seeing you again and having
3 more years with you.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Beautiful book.

7 Thank you, Marge.

8 Next we will hear from the advisory committee, the
9 distinguished guest chairman who just went to the back of the
10 room, and my pearly shells, my pages advisory.

11 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: May I
12 introduce the members of this committee?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

14 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: We have Past
15 Department President Margaret Quiñones and Past Department
16 President Ruby Kapsalis.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: You know,
19 you've heard us called the Polynesian pineapples at roll
20 call. Well, we're all a little fruity, but we did our job by
21 being at your beck and call should you have needed us.

22 Let me tell you, Madam President, your leadership
23 provided you with all the knowledge that you needed. There
24 may be a question here whether you were doing it right was
25 given to us. But we did enjoy serving for you and for the

1 Department of California.

2 And we thank you for this appointment.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Pineapple one to my
6 fruit salad. The pita coladas went out.

7 Our wind surfers. Short people. I'll take my
8 shoes off. How is that? Okay. Better.

9 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CONVENTION REPORT

10 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:

11 Madam President, it has been a pleasure to serve the
12 Department of California as your distinguished guest chairman
13 this year. Your laidback tropical theme is just the theme
14 for a distinguished guest chairman because flip-flops is
15 cool, or so I thought until that first day. But I must say I
16 was going through a bit of a hat withdrawal and so I had to
17 just start up today with a new hat.

18 I would like to thank you again for your
19 appointment of the sergeant-at-arms Kathie Martinez and Wantu
20 Robinson. These girls are not only wonderful to work with,
21 but they can ride the waves with the best of them.

22 This year was exciting for me to chaperone my good
23 buddy, Peggy Brown, the western division national
24 vice president at the department executive committee meeting.
25 I'm not sure who was chaperoning who, but we really had

1 a wonderful visit.

2 I was also honored to be able to escort our
3 national president, Rita Navarette, at the northern
4 California visit. I apologize that I could not attend the
5 southern visit, but I was babysitting my three adorable
6 grandchildren for the entire previous week while their mommy
7 and daddy were on a cruise. And, hell, I'm happy I can even
8 walk by the time I got finished with that week.

9 (Laughter.)

10 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I
11 think that is why the young have the children.

12 I hope that I will see many of you at the banquet.
13 I know that the guys will be really happy because it is a no
14 tie night. The only ties that are allowed are Mai Tais.

15 Now, you know I always try to leave you all with
16 a bit of wisdom and something to think about. Well, ladies,
17 today is no different; so here we are with a few things you
18 can ponder.

19 Is it good if a vacuum cleaner really sucks?

20 Why is the third hand on the watch called a second
21 hand?

22 If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how are
23 you ever going to find it?

24 If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he
25 find all the words? I don't know.

1 Why do we say something is out of whack? What the
2 hell is whack?

3 Why does fat chance and slim chance mean the same
4 thing?

5 Why do tug boats push barges?

6 Why do we sing, "Take me out to the ball game,"
7 when we're already there?

8 And why do they call them stands if we are sitting
9 in them? I don't know.

10 Why do we call it after dark when it is really
11 after light?

12 Why are wise guys and wise men opposite?

13 Why is phonics not spelled like it sounds?

14 If work is so terrific, how come they have to pay
15 you to do it?

16 If all the world is a stage, where the hell does
17 the audience sit?

18 If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

19 If you're cross-eyed and you have dyslexia, can you
20 read all right? I don't know.

21 Why is bra singular and panties plural?

22 Why do we put suits in a garment bag and garments
23 in a suit bag?

24 How come abbreviated is such a long word?

25 Why do you drive on a parkway and park on

1 a driveway.

2 I don't know. These are just things I don't
3 understand, but perhaps they are things you can ponder in
4 your spare time on your way home.

5 Madam President Norma, this wave runner would like
6 thank you again for the fantastic opportunity to serve the
7 Department of California.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: My
12 apologies, Madam President. I am so sorry.

13 In my report I failed to disclose the winners of
14 the press book awards.

15 May I do that, Madam President?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

17 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: Okay.

18 First place for district press book went to District 26, Lou
19 Thompson, Chairman.

20 (Applause.)

21 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: And for
22 unit press book went to District 29, Unit 716, Sharon Star.
23 You can come on up here, Sharon.

24 (Applause.)

25 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: The

1 awards will be sent to them as they were -- since the books
2 were just judged here at the convention; so they will be sent
3 to them.

4 Thank you, you guys. Did an awesome job.

5 And, again, I apologize, Madam President. I'll
6 have to push on my mentors a little bit to help me remember
7 things.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Marge.

9 I would like to hear from my pearly shells.

10 Judy, do have some -- a report for ways and means
11 you would like to give today.

12 WAYS AND MEANS DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

13 TABACCHI: No, ma'am.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay.

15 PAGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

16 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: Hello, ladies, as
17 you can see we have been having a lot of fun this year, and
18 we have been just shaking and making all sorts of rumble
19 here, you know? And I hope you guys have fun too. You've
20 got to have a little fun when you work, you know? Otherwise,
21 it's just -- you know. Anyway, we don't want to do that.
22 Always have fun and do some work with it.

23 But I would like to say to Madam President it has
24 been an honor to serve you my first year as a page, but I
25 would like to send best wishes on your travels in life, that

1 you always have seashells in your pocket and sand between
2 your toes.

3 Okay?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

5 Will you please both state your names, pearly
6 shells? I did not.

7 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: Zana Chaney.

8 PAGE FUQUA: Carol Fuqua.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: My pearly shells, my
10 three hands and two travel carts.

11 Would you believe we forgot one major thing today?
12 Does anybody know what that might be?

13 Budget. We are doing the budget first thing in the
14 morning. Please come back. Bring -- you don't even have to
15 bring copies of the budget because that is part of the
16 problem. They needed to reprint the entire budget; so it
17 will be supplied to you tomorrow morning.

18 We are going to be retiring the colors; so if the
19 district and unit color bearers could retire to the back of
20 the room so that the sergeant-at-arms and marshal could
21 prepare them for the recession -- recessional of colors.

22 While we are doing that, Madam Secretary may have
23 some last-minute messages that have washed ashore, and the
24 winners, I believe, of all the gift baskets.

25 INTERISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

2 Ladies, first and foremost, there are three available banquet
3 tickets. If you are still in need of some, please see
4 Melanie Taylor immediately following the session.

5 I have a lot of lost and finds. They're going to
6 the department office and will be locked in there this
7 evening; so if they belong to you, please pick them up before
8 we lock up the office.

9 We have the names of the winners of the baskets.
10 District 14; correct?

11 Okay. We have one, Wanda Nordstrom, Unit 291.

12 Debbie Cockso, Unit 763; is that right?

13 Court Bradbury, Post 84.

14 Estella Avina, District 21.

15 Pat Earley, there's a phone number. If anybody
16 knows her or Pat, you need to -- District 14, you'll see
17 Barbara Davis.

18 Dawn Brown, Post 314.

19 Anita Biggs, Unit 509. No, that's not correct.
20 Who are you, Anita? Unit 252. Well, that's not what they
21 have written here.

22 Louise Fox.

23 Molly -- must be Smith, District 2.

24 Rob -- looks like Kelly, and it has a 56 beside it.
25 Hope you guys know who that is.

1 Sue Becker, Unit 497.

2 Alice Christensen, District 14.

3 Adela Hernandez, District 18.

4 Cheryl Hathaway, District 21.

5 Kathy Smith, Unit 83.

6 R. Jones, Number 457. Looks like a San Diego phone
7 number, so....

8 Ann Bachelor from Sacramento.

9 Veronica McGough, District 20.

10 Jackie B from District 19.

11 Pat Sweeney, District 27.

12 Helen Barber, Unit 751.

13 Okay. Well, I didn't write this list.

14 Okay. Is it M. Taran, T-a-r-a-n, Unit 853,
15 District 22.

16 Olivia Beck, Unit 83.

17 Congratulations, ladies.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Should I
20 finish up with these.

21 Okay. I have a ribbon with pins that was found. I
22 have a California pin with poppy on it. I have two sets of
23 sunglasses that were found in the ladies restroom. I have
24 someone's cigarette case, and I hope you are not having
25 nicotine withdrawal, but those were found outside the

1 building. I still have, to my knowledge, the lost wedding
2 band, the gold wedding band that was lost yesterday. And I
3 still have the iTunes \$10 gift card, going once. Now it's
4 mine. I also have this gift bag that was found in the ladies
5 restroom. I have no idea whose it is, but if you don't take
6 it, it is mine.

7 Please don't forget to take your poppy displays out
8 of the room that are on the left side of the room here today.

9 And, Madam President, that's all that I have for
10 communications.

11 Pardon?

12 Oh, don't forget the VA&R committee delegates need
13 to meet with the VA&R Chairman. Linda, where do you want
14 them to meet? In the back of the room immediately following
15 the session.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Pilar, do you have
17 any instructions for tomorrow and for installation that you
18 would like to share?

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: I have sent
20 letters to every district president, every officer -- every
21 officer that will be installed tomorrow, but as a reminder I
22 would like you to come in tomorrow already for installation
23 because we don't know how long we will be waiting. So just
24 get ready and dressed up.

25 The chairmen will not be participating in the

1 processional; so you will have your seats all ready for you
2 to be seated somewhere, your assignment. You will have seat
3 assignments.

4 But district presidents, first and second
5 vice presidents, and all the officers will be in the
6 processional and be sure that you are ready.

7 And I gave you instruction as to colors, and as
8 a reminder again, red, white, and black, or a combination of
9 any of those. But if you don't have them ready, then any
10 color will be acceptable. But please adhere to what I have
11 instructed you to do.

12 And is there any additional instructions, Madam
13 Chairman, installing officer?

14 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
15 We'll have a brief practice at the close of the session
16 today; so anyone in the installation, if you would just
17 remain in the hall, come through it. It won't take more than
18 15 minutes, 20 minutes.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you, Ruby.

20 She will be the installing officer, and so I hope
21 you will be here on time. And I don't know what time the
22 convention will be finished.

23 And after installation I am asking you to stay, all
24 the officers, chairmen, and the district presidents please
25 stay because I have packets for everyone. And be sure you

1 pick up your packet because if you don't get it yourself
2 sometime, it just gets lost somewhere and you won't have your
3 packets. So stay because it won't be very long. It won't
4 take long, and then you can -- and I have some goodies for
5 you. It will be here, somewhere here. So stay for the good
6 things. Okay?

7 See you tomorrow because we still have convention.
8 The convention is not finished.

9 Thanks, Madam President.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Pilar.

11 Will the sergeant-at-arms and marshal and the color
12 bearers please retire the unit and district colors.

13 (Singing "God Bless America.")

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I'm looking forward
16 to seeing all of you at the banquet tonight in your finest
17 tropical evening attire. No host cocktails at 6:00, dinner
18 at 7:00, followed by music and dancing.

19 This session is in recess until 8:30 tomorrow
20 morning. Enjoy your evening.

21 ADJOURNMENT AT 3:44 P.M.

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: This convention
3 session is reconvened.

4 The chaplain, Loretta Marsh, will offer the
5 invocation.

6 INVOCATION

7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Oh, God, we come before
8 you today with humble hearts and deep gratitude for the many
9 blessings you have bestowed upon us. We can't say thank you
10 often enough.

11 If there are those among us with heavy hearts and
12 special burdens, renew their spirit and lift their hearts.

13 As we begin the business portion of our meeting
14 today, give us the spirit of cooperation and the wisdom to
15 make the decisions that further the goals and the objectives
16 of our organization and those we serve.

17 May we remain in service, Amen.

18 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Amen.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Madam Secretary, will
20 you please call the roll of department officers, chairmen,
21 and district presidents.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
23 morning, ladies.

24 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

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ROLL CALL

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

Department President Norma DuVall.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I'm here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

Department Vice President Pilar Reyes.

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Yes.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

Secretary/Treasurer Doris Kilkenny.

Yes. I'm glad it's Sunday.

NEC Woman LuAnn Capazzi.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Chaplain

Loretta Marsh.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MARSH: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Historian

Stacey Estes.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Aloha.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

Musician Harriet Clendenin.

DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CLENDENIN: Tra-la-la.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

1 Sergeant-at-arms Kathie Martinez.

2 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT AT ARMS MARTINEZ: Good
3 morning, Doris.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good
5 morning.

6 Marshal Wantu Robinson.

7 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL ROBINSON: She's still here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
9 Committee Chairman Linda Diebel.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: I'm
11 here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
13 Committee Senior Member Terry Mikesell.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER MIKESELL: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Finance
16 Committee Junior Member Suzie Tozier.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: I'm not
18 here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I know
20 better.

21 Advisory Chairman Odette Cucarro.

22 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: Pineapple
23 Number 1 is wilted.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Advisory
25 Committee Member Margaret Quiñones.

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES: I used all my
2 pineapples in the piña coladas.

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: Almost the end
4 of the pineapples. Margaret had too many piña coladas.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Advisory
6 Committee Member Ruby Kapsalis.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: That's me.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I didn't
9 call you, Ruby.

10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: I'm sorry.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Now you
12 know why she has been a fruit salad.

13 (Laughter.)

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Past
15 National President Josie Melgard.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
18 Americanism Gloria Williams.

19 AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Aloha.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Auxiliary
21 Emergency Fund Pat Carey.

22 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CAREY:
23 Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
25 Children & Youth Danielle White.

1 CHILDREN & YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WHITE: Aloha.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Community
3 Service Kat Conrad.
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
6 Constitution and Bylaws Diane DeLashmit.
7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'm here.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
9 Convention Chairman Fresno Patty Sharp.
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
12 Convention Commission Chairman Beverly Sparks.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
15 Credentials Lucille Taylor.
16 CREDENTIALS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Here.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
18 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.
19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
20 Blade runner has one out of gas.
21 (Laughter.)
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Editor
23 Estella Avina.
24 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Here.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Education

1 Alzora Carter.

2 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN CARTER: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Elections

4 Jane Matthews.

5 ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS: Present.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Girls

7 State Jean McGinnis.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Girls

10 State Director Sherry Schneider.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Junior

13 Activities Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

15 COOLEY-DESMEULES: The juniors are ready to go home.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Junior

17 Conference Director Rosemary Weber.

18 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WEBER: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

20 Leadership, Pat Alvarez.

21 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Good

22 morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good

24 morning.

25 Legislative, Esther Garcia.

1 LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

3 Membership, Pilar Reyes.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: National

6 Security, LuAnn Capazzi.

7 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Safe

8 travels home.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Past

10 Presidents Parley Sandy Jacob.

11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

12 Here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Fading.

14 Poppy, Anita Biggs.

15 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,

16 Doris.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good

18 morning.

19 Public Relations, Marge Rye.

20 PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN RYE: This

21 walker is going home to her nest.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

23 Resolutions, Phyllis Holmberg.

24 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Rules,

1 Dorothy Franceschi.

2 CONVENTION/DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN FRANCESCHI:

3 Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Veterans
5 Affairs and Rehabilitation Linda Fercho.

6 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN

7 FERCHO: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Ways and
9 Means Chairman Judy Tabacchi.

10 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

11 TABACCHI: We have this printer that wants to go home with
12 somebody, but unless you buy a ticket it's not going home.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Please
14 take it home or I have to.

15 District Presidents.

16 District 1, Betty Shelton.

17 DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT SHELTON: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
19 2, Molly Smith.

20 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SMITH: We found our bananas.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
22 3, Martha Curtis.

23 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT CURTIS: Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
25 4, Geri Fitzpatrick.

1 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Still here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

3 5, Nancy Evers.

4 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT EVERS: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

6 6, Susan Casto.

7 DISTRICT 6 MEMBERS: Aloha.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

9 7, Jean McGinnis.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

11 DISTRICT 7 MEMBERS: Show me the way to go home.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

13 8, Veronica Spence.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

16 9, Connie Clement.

17 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT CLEMENT: Back to the delta.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

19 10, Emily Magwili.

20 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAGWILI: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Good

22 morning.

23 District 11, Laura Barghoorn.

24 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT BARGHOORN: Aloha and Aloha.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

1 District 12, Norene Ramos.

2 DISTRICT 12 MEMBERS: Sing me a song of Hawaii, oh,
3 sing me a song of the -- oh, sing me a song of Hawaii.
4 Aloha, Aloha, with a smile.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
7 you.

8 District 13, Theresa Jacob.

9 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT JACOB: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
11 14, Barbara Davis.

12 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT DAVIS: Aloha.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
14 15, Zana Chaney.

15 DISTRICT 15 MEMBERS: Good-bye.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Bye.

17 District 16, Annette McKendry.

18 DISTRICT 16 MEMBERS: Aloha, Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
20 18, Denyse Laugeson.

21 DISTRICT 18 MEMBERS: Islands in the stream, that
22 is who we are.

23 Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
25 19, Anita Newall.

1 DISTRICT 19 MEMBERS: It is time to flutter our way
2 home. Thanks. We found out it is 5:00 o'clock in
3 Margaritaville.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I'm going
6 home with them.

7 District 20, Bobbi Estes.

8 DISTRICT 20 MEMBERS: We have been marooned for the
9 last 12 months until President Norma and the U.S.S. Fresno
10 rescued us.

11 Good morning, Madam President. See you in Ontario.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
14 21, Cheryl Hathaway.

15 DISTRICT 21 MEMBERS: Good morning.

16 You are taking us away.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
18 22, June Hartin-Coatney.

19 DISTRICT 22 MEMBERS: The island of Molokai sailing
20 away.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
22 23, Heather Martinez.

23 DISTRICT 23 MEMBERS: We are passionate about
24 children, we are passionate about -- we are the passionate
25 23rd District.

1 Bye.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Bye.

3 District 24, Delores Artis.

4 DISTRICT 24 MEMBERS: Good morning.

5 Aloha Oy, until we meet again.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
8 25, Ilona Thomas.

9 DISTRICT 25 MEMBERS: We put away our hula skirts,
10 our leis and sandals too. We are heading home but want to
11 wish the very best to you. Aloha.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

13 District 26, Elizabeth Marshment.

14 DISTRICT 26 MEMBERS: We're going back to the rock.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I'll wave
16 when I go over the bridge.

17 District 27, Danielle White. Oh, I'm sorry.

18 I couldn't hear her. I'm sorry.

19 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District
21 28, Michelle Soares.

22 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Treasure Island
23 would like to give a big Mahalo for a great year.

24 Aloha.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Aloha.

1 District 29, Rita Johnson.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: She is excused.

3 DISTRICT 29 MEMBERS: Happy times from the Island

4 of Tahiti.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: District

6 30, Belen Telford.

7 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT TELFORD: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Hospital

9 Representative Veronica Spence.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Marylou

12 Warner.

13 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE WARNER: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mary

15 Sinoply.

16 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE SINOPLY: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pat

18 Klang.

19 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE SINOPLY: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Ruth

21 Briggs. Did she say hi? Is she back there?

22 Okay. I see you now. Sorry.

23 Phyllis Holmberg.

24 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mavis

1 Kanka.
2 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KANKA: Here.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Pat
4 Alvarez.
5 LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN ALVAREZ: Here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Delores
7 Artis.
8 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Mahalo.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Hermin
10 Fosmark.
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excused.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
13 Evangeline Acosta.
14 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA: Here.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Lois
16 Cornish.
17 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE CORNISH: Here.
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Mahalo,
19 ladies.
20 Madam President, that's your roll call.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.
22 We're going to continue with the reports. VA&R
23 Linda Fercho.
24 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION ADDENDUM TO REPORT
25 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

1 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Good morning, everyone.

2 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Good morning.

3 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

4 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: The VA&R preconvention meeting met
5 yesterday for a few minutes following the session.

6 At this time, Madam President, I wish to rescind
7 the motion to make code changes to patient gift shop
8 remembrance, Code Number 1.

9 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's been moved and
11 seconded to rescind the code change, medical center gift shop
12 patient remembrance, Code Number 1.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
16 "Aye."

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
21 carried.

22 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

23 CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We will now hear the
25 report from the finance committee and the presentation of the

1 budget for 2010/2011. Get out your budgets. Raise your hand
2 if you do not have a budget.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Oh,
4 my. The juniors are handing them out.

5 Ladies, we're going to have to share if they ran
6 out, those of you who have to share.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: What did you print,
8 500?

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: No.
10 We ran out of paper and time; so there were only 200 copies.
11 We didn't think there were more than 200 sitting here.

12 Okay. Hang on. If you can give up a budget, if
13 you would hold up your hands.

14 We apologize, ladies. Unfortunately, there were
15 a lot of changes made in the finance committee meeting, and
16 we had to redo them. And with everything else going on,
17 Doris tried to help us immensely, but we kind of ran out of
18 paper and time.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Everybody all right
20 with budgets now? Every district has at least one budget?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
22 Madam President, while they're handing out there's -- I have
23 a question of how you want me to do the code changes.

24 Do you want me to read the old and how we changed
25 it or just the change?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Both.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

3 Both?

4 Okay. Ladies, please, the budget that you received
5 in the packet when you registered is invalid. It is void.
6 Throw it away. The budget that you were handed out today is
7 the correct budget. As I said earlier, we made several
8 changes in the committee meeting. We rewrote them. We
9 reprinted them, and that is why you have them this way. The
10 old budget is teeny, tiny print. The new budget is bigger.
11 Okay?

12 FINANCE CONVENTION REPORT AND BUDGET

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The
14 convention committee on finance met on June 24th, 2010, in
15 the Clovis Room at 9:15 a.m. and recessed and then reconvened
16 on June 25th, 2010, at a.m. at the Fowler Room at the Fresno
17 Convention Center in Fresno, California.

18 Suzie Tozier, District 22, Unit 6, was appointed
19 secretary.

20 Terry Mikesell, District 2, Unit 195, offered
21 prayer.

22 And Lucille Taylor, District 23, Unit 252, was
23 appointed sergeant-at-arms.

24 A total of 20 delegates attended the meeting on the
25 24th and 16 attended the meeting on the 25th. There were

1 four guests on the 24th and no guests on the 25th.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report.

3 The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge
4 of Allegiance.

5 Sandy Jacob, District 13, Past President Parley
6 Chairman, asked for advice regarding a code change to the
7 past presidents parley code. After much discussion, the
8 finance committee advised her to delete the code in question.
9 She presented the code change to her committee, and she will
10 let us know the result of that change proposal when she
11 presents her committee report.

12 The code was read, and the finance committee
13 approved the following changes.

14 In the department code section of the finance code,
15 Number 1, the old code reads:

16 The allowance of the finance committee shall be as
17 adopted in annual budget. The committee shall be called to
18 attend the annual budget meeting prior to the convention and
19 executive board meeting and is authorized travel and per
20 diem. Travel expenses incurred for special meetings must be
21 authorized by the department president prior to the meeting
22 and approved before reimbursement for expenses.

23 The code change would read:

24 The allowance for the finance committee shall be as
25 adopted in the annual budget. The committee shall be called

1 to attend the annual budget meeting no later than the third
2 week of May. They are authorized travel and per diem.
3 Travel and expense incurred for special meetings must be
4 authorized by the department president prior to the meeting
5 and approved before reimbursement for expenses.

6 I move the acceptance of this code change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there a second?

8 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Pardon?

10 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Yes.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have proposed code
12 change to Finance Code Number 1. With this adoption the code
13 would read:

14 The allowance for the finance committee shall be as
15 adopted in the annual budget. The committee shall be called
16 to attend the annual budget meeting no later than the third
17 week in May. They are authorized travel and per diem.
18 Travel and expense incurred for special meetings must be
19 authorized by the department president prior to the meeting
20 and approved before the reimbursement for expenses.

21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say

24 "Aye."

25 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
4 carried.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Code
6 Number 4, the annual audit shall appear in the Book of
7 Proceedings and one copy of the audit shall be mailed to each
8 district by the department secretary/treasurer as soon as it
9 is received from the auditing firm.

10 The code would -- the change to the code would
11 read:

12 The annual audit shall be completed no later than
13 November 15th and shall appear in the Book of Proceedings.
14 One copy of the audit shall be mailed to each district by the
15 department secretary/treasurer as soon as it is received from
16 the auditing firm.

17 I so move this code change.

18 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
20 change to Code Number 4. With this adoption the code would
21 read:

22 The annual audit shall be completed no later than
23 November 15th and shall appear in the Book of Proceedings.
24 One copy of the audit shall be mailed to each district by the
25 department secretary/treasurer as soon as it is received from

1 the auditing firm.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
5 "Aye."

6 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
10 carried.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The
12 next change is just a housekeeping change.

13 We would like to move Code Number 5 and make it
14 Number 2. The code reads:

15 All expenditures shall be supported by vouchers,
16 original bills, and a signed and itemized statement of
17 officers, chairmen, and district presidents.

18 It's just to make it clearer once we go down the
19 rules.

20 And then we move 5 to 2 and then renumber the rest.

21 I so move this change.

22 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's a housekeeping
24 change. I don't believe we need to vote on it.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

1 Okay. All right. Thank you, Madam President.

2 We want it add a new code to this section, Code
3 Number 10. The code would read:

4 A fee of \$25 would be charged to any unit,
5 district, department officer, chairman, past department
6 president, and individual members who wish to receive monthly
7 mailings in paper form. All recipients of monthly mailings
8 via e-mail shall not be charged.

9 I so move the addition of this code.

10 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Second.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The proposed addition
12 to the code, which would be Number 10:

13 A fee of \$25 will be charged to any unit, district,
14 department officer, and chairman, past department presidents,
15 and individual members who wish to receive monthly mailings
16 in paper form. All recipients of monthly mailings via e-mail
17 will not be charged.

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
21 "Aye."

22 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is

1 carried.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The
3 next code change is to the finance -- the department budget
4 section of the finance code.

5 Number 4 currently reads:

6 When the department president and the finance
7 committee and approved -- excuse me. Approved an expense
8 above the regular budget allowance by a department officer,
9 chairman, and/or department president, payment shall be made
10 upon presentation of the bill.

11 The new code would read:

12 When the department president and the finance
13 committee has approved in writing an expense above the
14 regular budgeted allowance by a department officer, chairman,
15 and/or department president, payment shall be made upon the
16 presentation of the bill.

17 I so move this change.

18 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a proposed
20 change to the finance department Budget Code Number 4, which
21 would read:

22 When the department president and the finance
23 committee has approved in writing an expense above the
24 regular budgeted allowance by a department officer, chairman,
25 and/or department president, payment shall be made upon the

1 presentation of the bill.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
5 "Aye."

6 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
10 carried.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Code
12 Number 5 currently reads:

13 Unit donations to the welfare funds of 10 percent
14 of the poppy proceeds shall be used for children & youth,
15 education, past presidents parley nurses scholarship, and
16 veterans affairs and rehabilitation budget. The balance from
17 the previous year may be used, and the proposed budget should
18 clearly reflect the use of the previous year's balance.

19 We would like it -- to change it to read:

20 Unit donations to the welfare funds of 10 percent
21 of the copy proceeds shall be used for children & youth,
22 education, past presidents parley nursing scholarships, and
23 veterans affairs and rehabilitation budget. The balance from
24 the previous year's budget --

25 What? Excuse me. Sorry.

1 The balance from the previous year will be used to
2 cover deficient -- deficits -- excuse me -- in a welfare
3 account.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Could you repeat
5 that, please.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
7 Excuse me. I'm sorry. We missed a sentence here.

8 Unit donations to the welfare funds of 10 percent
9 of the copy proceeds shall be used for children & youth,
10 education, past presidents parley nursing scholarship, and
11 veterans affairs and rehabilitation budget. The balance from
12 the previous year's budget will be used to cover deficiencies
13 -- excuse me. Deficits in a welfare account.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. Just the last
15 line.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The
17 balance from the previous year's budget will be used to cover
18 deficiencies --

19 I keep doing that.

20 Deficits. Deficits. I'm sorry. Cover deficits in
21 the welfare accounts.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: One more time, that
23 last sentence. I've got two different things being said
24 here.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The

1 balance from the previous year's budget will be used to cover
2 deficits --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: --
5 in the welfare accounts.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. I will see if
7 I can get that correct. There is a proposed code change,
8 Number 5, which would read:

9 Unit donations to the welfare funds of 10 percent
10 of the poppy proceeds shall be used for children & youth,
11 education, past presidents parley nursing scholarship, and
12 veterans affairs and rehabilitation budget. The balance from
13 the previous year's budget will be used to cover deficits in
14 the welfare accounts.

15 Any discussion?

16 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

17 MS. BEDFORD: Helen Bedford with 595, District 21.

18 Why is it being spent in past presidents parley? I
19 thought poppy money was all to go to children or veterans.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: It
21 goes to the nurse's scholarship in the past presidents
22 parley, which is --

23 MS. BEDFORD: Okay. Thank you.

24 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Michelle Soares,
25 District 28.

1 Where was that money going before because that's
2 all welfare funds anyway; so I don't understand why it has to
3 be designated to go into the deficit of a welfare account if
4 they are all welfare accounts already.

5 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

6 MIKESELL: Okay. The code presently reads:

7 10 percent of the poppy proceeds shall be split
8 between four programs. It doesn't necessarily mean that all
9 four programs need a quarter of that money. Say, VA&R needs
10 the money; so Instead of going into children & youth, it will
11 now go into VA&R or any of those four programs that need
12 money -- it will go into that additional account instead of
13 an account that doesn't need it.

14 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

15 MIKESELL: Sorry. For the court reporter it's Terry
16 Mikesell, M-i-k-e-s-e-l-l.

17 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: Is this mike
18 -- yes.

19 Pat Sweeney, District 27, PDP.

20 I believe that we should be saying that the balance
21 -- any balance from the previous year's funds may be used.
22 We won't be using money from the budget because the budget is
23 not money. It's just a form.

24 So I think it should read:

25 Any balance from the previous year's funds will be

1 -- can be -- may be used to cover deficits in the welfare
2 accounts.

3 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Are you going to
4 amend it?

5 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: I would move
6 to mend that.

7 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Your proposed
9 amendment would read --

10 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: Any balance
11 from the previous year's funds may be used to cover deficits
12 in the welfare accounts.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:
14 Madam President, Diane DeLashmit, 25th District, Past
15 Department President.

16 I just want to clarify, Pat, what you're saying.
17 So you're talking about all funds, not necessarily welfare
18 funds; so if you have money left over in, say, Americanism --

19 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: No. I'm only
20 referring to any balances left in the welfare account.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I think you
22 need to say the welfare because you said any funds.

23 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: All right.
24 Would you like to amend that? Any -- well --

25 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

1 MIKESELL: Okay. Pat, what we're going to say is any balance
2 from the poppy proceeds from the previous year's funds will
3 be used to cover a deficit in the welfare accounts.

4 Will that work?

5 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: That will
6 work, Terry.

7 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

8 MIKESELL: Okay.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Would you repeat
10 that, Terry, slowly? I need to repeat for you.

11 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

12 MIKESELL: Any balance from the 10 percent poppy proceeds
13 from the previous year's funds will be used to cover the
14 deficit in a welfare account.

15 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I'm going to read
17 that last line. The proposed amendment would read:

18 Any balance from the 10 percent poppy proceeds --

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: From
20 previous.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: -- from the previous
22 year's funds will be used to cover deficits in the welfare
23 accounts.

24 We're going to vote on that amendment.

25 Is there any discussion on the amendment?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
3 "Aye."

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The amendment change
8 is approved.

9 The second amendment to that code -- I don't
10 remember. I don't remember what it was.

11 (Laughter.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Any balance from the
13 previous year's funds will be used to cover deficits in the
14 welfare accounts.

15 MS. McCOY: That's what I wanted to talk about.

16 Kathy McCoy from District 21.

17 Why is there money left over from the previous
18 year? We should have put it into the funds to be used.

19 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER: Suzie
20 Tozier, Junior Member of Finance.

21 These are funds after the end of the year that have
22 not been used, and for the current -- for the current year,
23 and at the end of the year there will be funds -- if there
24 are funds left, those funds can be rolled over to the next
25 budget year to cover any deficit in the welfare accounts,

1 just in case. It may or may not happen.

2 MS. McCOY: Oh, I see you don't actually have any
3 funds left over from last year. Okay.

4 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER: Okay.

5 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: Pat Sweeney,
6 District 27, CDC.

7 It shouldn't be from the poppy funds because -- we
8 should not state poppy because when we -- when the 10 percent
9 is allocated, the entire amount is allocated and then it
10 belongs to the welfare fund that it is allocated to; so it is
11 just from the -- from the various welfare funds.

12 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
13 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I think I am a PDP.

14 I think just some clarification.

15 You know, it has always been that we have taken
16 10 percent of the poppy funds and distributed that to the
17 education -- to the welfare accounts is what they call it,
18 past presidents parley, education, VA&R, and children &
19 youth. So basically all -- all they're -- what we're saying
20 in this -- trying to get across in this is there are two
21 funds in our department that are constantly in the red from
22 lack of donations, and they are education and the VA&R
23 program. So what they're saying is instead of distributing
24 the 10 percent equally amongst the four welfare accounts, now
25 they are going to apply it according to the deficits of any

1 of the welfare accounts.

2 Does that make it a little clearer?

3 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Yes.

4 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: Pat Sweeney
5 again.

6 That's not what it says. The 10 percent is still
7 distributed in the beginning of that particular code, Ruby.

8 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: No.
9 It says to cover the --

10 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: It's the use
11 of the funds at the end of the year if there is some of that
12 money left.

13 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
14 It's to cover the deficits, the 10 percent. We used to
15 distribute it evenly, and the purpose of this -- this -- what
16 are we doing? This code change is to allow the department
17 secretary/treasurer to reallocate those 10 percent that we
18 get from the poppy proceeds to the deficit accounts, whatever
19 those deficit accounts may be.

20 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: But then we'll
21 have to change the earlier portion of that.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: No.
23 Pat, no, we don't. It says unit donations to the welfare
24 funds of 10 percent of the poppy proceeds, and it lists each
25 one of them.

1 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: I understand.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: And
3 then we added a sentence that says -- we will just -- we will
4 do what Ruby suggested we do. It says, if we -- when we do
5 the budget, if there is a deficit in any of the welfare
6 accounts or an overage in any of them, we can balance it out
7 so all of the welfare accounts will have sufficient money to
8 run their programs. That is what that last sentence will do.
9 It will allow the budget -- the finance committee the option
10 to move the money to where it is really needed, one of those
11 four. Only one of those four.

12 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SWEENEY: Okay. Then it
13 isn't from previous years?

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
15 Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
17 Madam President, Doris Kilkenney, Secretary/Treasurer.

18 I believe, Pat, you're maybe a little confused on
19 what this code is referring to. What the ladies of the
20 finance committee are trying to do -- and I've seen this over
21 the last two years. We have had an equal division of -- the
22 10 percent poppy proceeds that you send into the department
23 is divided four equal ways. What has happened in the last
24 few years is there are not nearly enough donations in the
25 VA&R, as Ruby stated; there is not nearly enough education

1 funds. When these ladies -- these chairmen get ready to do
2 their scholarships for the following year, they can't give
3 out what we would like to give out, not what we stated we
4 were willing to give out. And it's not fair to those
5 students that are applying for these scholarships and each --
6 or to the VA&R facilities that we need this money for our
7 veterans.

8 So, basically, what we are trying to do is instead
9 of equally dividing it, let it go to the deficit area where
10 it is needed. Okay?

11 So this has happened over the last couple of years,
12 and it is due to the dropoff of donations. So this is just
13 basically covering that.

14 Does that help you, Pat? She left?

15 Okay. All right.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
17 Madam President, I rescind my previous motion so that we
18 could accept the amended motion.

19 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You are withdrawing?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Yes,
22 ma'am.

23 And just using -- I'm withdrawing the original so
24 that we may use the amended.

25 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Is
2 that the way I should say it? I'm rescinding the first --
3 withdrawing the first motion.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The first motion is
5 being withdrawn; so the amended -- the second amendment is
6 going to be used.

7 Is there -- is there any discussion before -- on
8 withdrawing the first amendment?

9 All in favor say "Aye."

10 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: That is withdrawn.

14 Could you now state the code.

15 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

16 MIKESELL: Okay. Terry Mikesell.

17 Okay. The new code would read -- I hope.

18 Unit donations to the welfare funds of 10 percent
19 of the poppy proceeds shall be used for children & youth,
20 education, past presidents parley nursing scholarships, and
21 veterans affairs and rehabilitation budgets.

22 Now, here is where I get lost.

23 Any balance from the 10 percent of the poppy
24 proceeds from the previous year's funds will be used to cover
25 the deficit in the welfare accounts.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

3 MIKESELL: I so move.

4 (Laughter.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. See if I can
6 do this. Yes, I did.

7 It -- the new code would read:

8 Unit donations to the welfare funds of 10 percent
9 of the poppy proceeds shall be used for children & youth,
10 education, past presidents parley nursing scholarship, and
11 veterans affairs and rehabilitation budgets. Any balance
12 from the 10 percent poppy proceeds from the previous year's
13 funds will be used to cover deficits in the welfare accounts.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there any
16 discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
19 "Aye."

20 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
24 carried.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

1 Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

4 Change to Code Number 6:

5 After consultation with the finance committee and
6 the approval -- and the department president, the transfer of
7 funds from surplus cash accounts may be made when necessary.

8 The code change would read:

9 After consultation with the finance committee and
10 the department president, the department secretary/treasurer
11 may transfer interest income from nonrestrictive investment
12 accounts when necessary.

13 I so move the acceptance of this code change.

14 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
16 change to Code Number 6, which would read:

17 After consultation with the finance committee and
18 the department president, the department secretary/treasurer
19 may transfer interest income from nonrestrictive investment
20 accounts when necessary.

21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
24 "Aye."

25 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
4 carried.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

6 Change to Code Number 7:

7 Before any changes are made to the investment
8 accounts the secretary/treasurer will consult with the
9 finance committee and the department president.

10 We are going to add a sentence, and the new code
11 would read:

12 Before my changes are made to the welfare
13 restrictive investment accounts, the secretary/treasurer will
14 consult with the finance committee and the department
15 president. The department secretary/treasurer can transfer
16 any earned interest from the investments to accounts where
17 needed.

18 I so move the acceptance of this code change.

19 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The proposed change
21 to Number 7, which would read:

22 Before any changes are made to the welfare
23 restrictive investment accounts the secretary/treasurer will
24 consult with the finance committee and the department
25 president. The department secretary/treasurer can transfer

1 any earned interest from the investments to accounts where
2 needed.

3 Is there any discussion?

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: This
5 is the investments accounts only. Investment interest only.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:

7 Madam President, Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President,
8 District 25.

9 It's saying that the department secretary/treasurer
10 can transfer any earned interest from the investment to
11 accounts where needed.

12 Are we still talking about welfare accounts or any
13 accounts?

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
15 Welfare.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I think we
17 need to insert the word "welfare."

18 I move -- I move to insert the word "welfare."

19 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The amendment
21 sentence would read:

22 The department secretary/treasurer can transfer any
23 earned interest from the investments to welfare accounts
24 where needed.

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
3 "Aye."

4 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
8 approved.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

10 Amended pro change would read:

11 Before any changes are made to the welfare
12 restricted investment accounts, the secretary/treasurer will
13 consult with the finance committee and the department
14 president. The department secretary/treasurer can transfer
15 any earned interest from the investments to welfare accounts
16 where needed.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. Is there any
18 discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
21 "Aye."

22 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The amended code is

1 approved.

2 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

3 MIKESELL: Madam President, Terry Mikesell.

4 It should say "restricted," not "restrictive."

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is this housekeeping?

6 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

7 Yes.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

9 Okay. Now, we go to finance, allowance, and expenses section
10 of the code.

11 Code Number 2 currently reads:

12 The department officers and chairmen shall file
13 expense sheets semiannually. The department office shall
14 forward the first allowance soon after convention, and upon
15 receipt of the first expense sheet shall forward the second
16 allowance. Any chairman or officer whose allowance is under
17 \$100 shall be paid once at the beginning of the year. Final
18 estimated accounting shall be forwarded to the department
19 office 60 days prior to convention.

20 The code would now read with the change:

21 Department officers and chairmen shall file expense
22 sheets semiannually. The department office shall forward the
23 first allowance soon after convention. Any officer or
24 chairman whose allowance is under \$100 shall be paid once at
25 the beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting by all

1 shall be forwarded to the department office 60 days prior to
2 convention or reimbursement of convention allowance will be
3 forfeited.

4 I so move acceptance of this code.

5 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Was there a second?
7 There was a second.

8 We have a proposed change under finance allowances
9 and expenses, Code Number 2. The code would read:

10 Department officers and chairmen shall file expense
11 sheets semiannually. The department office shall forward the
12 first allowance soon after convention. Any officer or
13 chairman whose allowance is under \$100 shall be paid once at
14 the beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting by all
15 shall be forwarded to the department office 60 days prior to
16 convention or reimbursement of convention allowance will be
17 forfeited.

18 Is there any discussion?

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:

20 Madam President, Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President,
21 District 25.

22 In here we're saying 60 days. In the department
23 policy, under officers and chairman it says May 1st. That's
24 not 60 days. Are we changing both of these? Because what
25 the officers and chairmen under department policy says, the

1 final accounting of the year's expense accounts of all
2 officers and chairmen shall be sent to the department office
3 no later than May 1st. We didn't put the May.

4 Well, you've got 60 days down there. I mean, if we
5 are changing to 60 days, we need to change this one to 60
6 days also. Okay?

7 MS. CHRISTNER: Madam President, Past Department
8 President Bonnie Christner.

9 There is just one thing about that code. The past
10 presidents parley chairmanship, your expenses are incurred
11 right before convention; so it's kind of hard to send you the
12 final expense sheet when we haven't spent our money yet. I
13 mean, it was forwarded to the Department of California after
14 the fact, but when you're doing your nurse's scholarships and
15 printing up of the programs for the past presidents parley
16 luncheon, a lot of that is not done until you are ready to
17 come to convention; so it's kind of hard for the past
18 presidents parley chairman.

19 Am I right, Sandy?

20 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
21 Madam President, Linda Workman, Past Department President.

22 I believe it says estimated.

23 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

24 Yes. Yes.

25 MS. CHRISTNER: Aren't we supposed to send in our

1 receipts if we go someplace and have the programs printed?

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:

3 Bonnie, you know you spend a whole lot more than what --

4 MS. CHRISTNER: Yes, we do. So you just want an
5 estimated expense on an expense sheet saying this is about
6 how much we are going to spend? I was under the impression
7 you had to send receipts, and, I mean, I've always sent
8 receipts and whatever I have spent on my programs, so....

9 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:

10 Madam Department President, Linda Workman, Past Department
11 President.

12 I wanted to amend that code change to May 1st
13 instead of 60 days.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

15 Well, I was going to do that in a second.

16 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:

17 Oh, okay.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: I

19 want to amend the code change or reimbursement of convention
20 allowances -- or change the 60 days to May 1st, and the last
21 sentence, or reimbursement of convention allowance will be
22 forfeited, except for the poppy program.

23 So it would read:

24 Poppy program, past presidents parley.

25 So it would read:

1 Department officers and chairmen shall file expense
2 sheets semiannually. Department office shall forward the
3 allowance soon after convention. Any officer or chairman
4 whose allowance is under \$100 shall be paid once at the
5 beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting by all
6 shall forwarded to the department office by May 1st prior to
7 convention or reimbursement of the convention allowance will
8 be forfeited, except for poppy program and past presidents
9 parley.

10 I make a motion for the change.

11 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

12 MIKESSELL: I want it to kind of give you guys a little
13 explanation.

14 Terry Mikesell, District 2.

15 The problem is the chairmen are getting moneys, and
16 they are not turning in paperwork whatsoever. The
17 accountants stated, "Why are we not getting any receipts?"
18 So if you only get \$50, you still have to fill out an expense
19 sheet and that's -- basically what this code is telling you
20 is if you even get 25 bucks, you must fill out an expense
21 sheet.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excuse me. We just
23 need to deal with this one amended sentence.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Can
25 I rescind that amendment because I have to make another

1 change. I'm sorry.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Withdraw it?

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: I
4 withdraw my amendment.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
7 Okay. After department office it states May 1st, and then
8 drop the days prior to convention. Drop those words. So it
9 would just say:

10 Final estimated accounting by all shall be
11 forwarded to department office by May 1st or reimbursement of
12 the convention allowance will be forfeited except for the
13 past presidents parley and poppy programs.

14 I so move.

15 Is that better, Diane?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Was there a second to
17 that?

18 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you. Sorry.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Does
21 it work?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We are going to --
23 we're going to vote on the amended sentence, which would
24 read:

25 Final estimated accounting by all shall be

1 forwarded to the department office by May 1st or
2 reimbursement of convention allowance will be forfeited,
3 except for the past presidents parley and poppy program.

4 So any discussion?

5 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES:

6 Margaret Quiñones, District 18.

7 I think it is so simple that we're boggling our
8 minds with details that we don't need to have in this
9 discussion.

10 What I feel the finance committee is trying to get
11 is accountability for the allowances, not for the cost of the
12 program. That is outlined in the budget. You spend this and
13 this and this. Look in your budgets and you can see. That's
14 a different item.

15 What they want is an accounting for what you did
16 with your allowance, and if you haven't finished the year,
17 you can estimate based on what the chairman before you -- you
18 have three procedure books to look at. It's that simple.
19 That's all they want.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. Is there any
22 further discussion on the amended sentence?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
25 "Aye."

1 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The amended code will
5 read:

6 Department officers and chairmen shall be -- excuse
7 me. Let me start again.

8 Department officers and chairmen shall file expense
9 sheets semiannually. The department office shall forward the
10 first allowance soon after convention. Any officer or
11 chairman whose allowance is under \$100 shall be paid once at
12 the beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting by all
13 shall be forwarded to the department office by May 1st, or
14 reimbursement of convention allowances will be forwarded --
15 forfeited except past presidents parley and the poppy
16 program.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
20 "Aye."

21 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The amended code is
25 approved.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

2 Okay. Code Number 3 currently reads:

3 Allowances for district president shall be
4 determined by the finance committee. District presidents
5 shall file expense sheets semiannually, indicating they are
6 complying with the provisions and are fulfilling the duties
7 of their office as defined in the department bylaws, Article
8 I, Section 10. The department shall forward the first
9 allowance soon after convention, and upon receipt of the
10 first expense sheet shall forward the second allowance.
11 Final estimated accounting shall be forwarded to the
12 department office 60 days prior to convention.

13 The change will read:

14 Allowances for the district president shall be
15 determined by the finance committee. Department presidents
16 shall file expense sheets --

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: No.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

19 District presidents. I'm sorry. Didn't mean to promote you.

20 District presidents shall file expense sheets
21 semiannually indicating they are complying with the
22 provisions and are fulfilling the duties of their office, as
23 defined in the department bylaws, Article I, Section 10. The
24 department office shall forward the first allowance soon
25 after convention. Final estimated accounting shall be

1 forwarded to the department office by May 1st or
2 reimbursement of convention allowances shall be forfeited.

3 I so move the acceptance of this code change.

4 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Proposed Code Change
6 Number 3 would read:

7 Allowance for the district presidents shall be
8 determined by the finance committee. District presidents
9 shall file expense sheets semiannually indicating they are
10 complying with the provision and are fulfilling the duties of
11 their office as defined in the department bylaws, Article I,
12 Section 10. The department office shall forward the first
13 allowance soon after convention. Final estimated accounting
14 shall be forwarded to the department office by May 1st or
15 reimbursement of convention allowance will be forfeited.

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
19 "Aye."

20 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
24 carried.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Last

1 one.

2 Under the finance code, under miscellaneous, Code
3 Number 2 currently reads:

4 If there is a deficit in the operation of Girls
5 State program, any -- in any operating period, the amount of
6 the deficit shall be transferred from the general fund
7 reserve with written approval of the department president and
8 the finance chairman.

9 The change would be -- read as follow, which is the
10 same as the Girls State Code Number 26:

11 In the event there is a deficit in the operation
12 period, the amount of the deficit shall be transferred from
13 the general funds until the times the funds are available
14 from Girls State reserve funds to repay the general fund with
15 written approval from the department president, the
16 department secretary/treasurer, and the finance committee.

17 I so move this change.

18 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a proposed
20 change under Miscellaneous Code Number 2, which would read:

21 In the event there is a deficit in the operation
22 period, the amount of the deficit shall be transferred from
23 the general fund until the time funds are available from the
24 Girls State reserve funds to repay general fund with written
25 approval from the department president, the department

1 secretary/treasurer, and the finance committee.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:

4 Madam President, Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President,
5 District 25.

6 I'm just wondering if that's reality. If there is
7 a deficit year after year after year, are we keeping track of
8 all these deficits and paying them back years after? I'm
9 just wondering if this -- who is going to keep track of this?
10 If we have a deficit this year and we have a deficit next
11 year and we have a deficit the following year, at what point
12 are we going to be paying this back to general fund?

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:

14 Madam President, Doris Kilkenny, Department
15 Secretary/Treasurer.

16 That's a very good question, Diane.

17 I can tell you that over the last two years no
18 money has been transferred by me from the general fund to the
19 Girls State. I know that they have been in a deficit in the
20 past, but they have been working very diligently to make sure
21 that their budget is not in a deficit, and I personally can
22 state that I have not moved any moneys. But in the past we
23 would have to research that, basically, to find out if
24 anything was moved and if it was repaid.

25 I do know at the beginning of my year there was

1 moneys that were tran- -- or that were used by the general
2 fund and repaid to the Girls State restricted account, but
3 that's the only statement I can make of fact at this time.

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
5 Madam Department President, Linda Workman.

6 I can stand.

7 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
8 You're going to say the same thing, I'm sure.

9 We took that out of the Girls State code; right?

10 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: We
11 took it out of the Girls State code, but the reason it was
12 put in there was years ago when the Girls States funds were
13 running at a deficit. That was put in the code in both
14 places. In the case in the future this would happen again,
15 but, as Doris said, the Girls State funds have been paying
16 for themselves for quite a while now, so....

17 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
18 Yeah. And, Madam President, this -- we took what it said in
19 -- actually, right out of the Girls State code and made it
20 the same in the finance code. It is what was said.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: It's
22 Number 26 in the Girls State code.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there any other
24 discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
2 "Aye."

3 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."
5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
7 carried.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: To
9 continue with my report.

10 Anita Biggs, Poppy Chairman, provided information
11 from this proposed change to Number 7 of the poppy code that
12 if orders by the units are not received by October 31st,
13 units will be assessed \$25 for 100 poppies.

14 This was approved by the committee. Anita Biggs
15 will provide the results of this change to the convention.

16 Department Secretary/Treasurer Doris recommended
17 that the restricted investment for Girls State be moved to
18 a six-month money market CD. There is currently insufficient
19 funds in the existing investment account to earn interest.
20 After discussion, it was moved to allow Department Secretary
21 Doris to move the funds to a CD, and the motion was carried.

22 The budget was reviewed and updated with the
23 approval of the finance committee. Because there were so
24 many changes and the committee was unable to finish reviewing
25 the budget, the committee meeting was recessed at 12:30. The

1 meeting then reconvened on June 25th in the Fowler Room at
2 8:10. The budget review continued and was approved as
3 revised.

4 The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

5 Madam President, that ends our committee report.

6 May I continue with my supplemental?

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

10 Madam President, it has been a great learning experience
11 working on the finance committee. It has been our honor to
12 work with a group of devoted women who want the best for this
13 organization.

14 I would like to take a moment to thank Doris and
15 her staff for their support during the last three years.
16 Without their input the finance committee would not be able
17 to do their job. For the last three years the department
18 presidents, the department secretaries, and the members of
19 the finance committee have worked hard to bring the cost of
20 running the department office and the Department of
21 California in balance. There have been several changes in
22 the department office made by Doris to reduce expenses, some
23 of which she would be reporting in her floor report. With
24 the installation of the new financial program, Doris will be
25 able to tighten the department's expenses, and the finance

1 committee will continue to help Doris in this effort.

2 The department is walking a fine line, as it is
3 spending more money than it has coming in. The donations
4 from the units are down, but the cost of running this
5 department and its programs continue to rise. Each unit must
6 look at its budget for the next year and check and see if
7 their funds that they are sending to the department are the
8 best that they can do. I know that the units are tired of
9 hearing that the departments need money, but the department
10 programs need money.

11 The programs are the American Legion Auxiliary.
12 Please go back to your units and reexamine your budgets to
13 see if there are any funds that your unit can donate to the
14 department programs.

15 At this time, Madam President, I would like to
16 introduce our finance committee.

17 Senior Member of Finance Terry Mikesell.

18 Junior Member of Finance Suzie Tozier.

19 (Applause.)

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: And
21 our department advisor, Pat Sweeney.

22 (Applause.)

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
24 Madam President Norma, this concludes the finance committee
25 report.

1 I'm sorry. Wrong line.

2 Madam President, may I continue with the budget?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

5 Okay. Terry is going to read the first portion of the budget
6 for you ladies.

7 BUDGET

8 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

9 MIKESELL: Okay. Ladies, we're going to start out on Page 1,
10 Code G401.

11 Now, I have a question. Do you guys want the
12 actual in the budget or just the budgeted amount?

13 Okay. Dues, \$255,933.

14 Dues VIM, G402, \$8,767.

15 404, dues, Auxiliary News assessment, 22,766.

16 Line 405, Postage income, 1,000.

17 G405, Unit supply orders \$300.

18 G410, Ways and means, \$3500.

19 G413, Current department president pins, \$7,000.

20 Sales - other line we are deleting. The auditor
21 says we cannot use the verbiage sales.

22 Line G416, sweepstakes, \$12,000.

23 eScript, \$100.

24 Total for that line, 12,100.

25 G421, Donations in loving tribute, \$1,500.

1 G426, Donations presidents club, \$2,000.

2 G440, Interest income from unrestricted funds,
3 \$7,515.

4 G445, Administrative income from other accounts,
5 \$19,000.

6 G446, Administrative income from Girls State, \$900.

7 G451, Fidelity bond, \$1,400.

8 G452, Delegate fees \$19,060.

9 Thank you, ladies.

10 G453, Income from national, \$1,000.

11 G491, Department convention proceedings, \$300.

12 Next section, general fund administrative expense.

13 Salary, G501, \$100,500.

14 G502, Payroll tax, 8,623.

15 G503, Insurance \$1,700.

16 G504, Office supplies, \$3,000.

17 G505, Postage and shipping, \$15,000.

18 G506, Telephone fax and DSL, \$2,600.

19 G506A is the Website, \$120, and in the future we
20 won't have any As or Bs.

21 G507, Employee insurance, \$200.

22 G507A, Workman's comp insurance, \$600.

23 G509, Office rent, \$500.

24 G510, Fidelity bond, 8,595.

25 G511, Copy machine, \$12,000.

1 G513, Finance committee, \$3500.

2 G514, Accounting and audit, \$15,000.

3 G515, Payroll services, \$1500.

4 G516, Auxiliary News editor, \$50.

5 G517, Auxiliary News publishing, \$22,000.

6 G520, Finance chairman, \$50.

7 G549, Filing fees, \$800.

8 G550, Sales tax, \$200.

9 G591, Bank fees, \$1,000.

10 For a total administrative expense of \$197,538.

11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

12 Madam President, Sandy Jacob, Past Department President.

13 Could I -- Terry, could I get a -- under G510,
14 fidelity bond.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER MIKESELL: Yes,
16 ma'am. Do you want to hear the story?

17 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

18 Well, I would like to know why it's --

19 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

20 MIKESELL: Okay. Last year we were informed that the
21 fidelity bond would be for three years. The units paid 1650.

22 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

23 Right.

24 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

25 MIKESELL: Then when they actually sent us the bill it was

1 for only one year; so this year we're going to have to pay
2 for the three years.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
4 Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

6 MIKESELL: That's why it is that, it is three years.

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:
8 Okay. Thank you.

9 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

10 MIKESELL: Excuse me. Doris says we paid for three years
11 already. I lied. Believe it or not, Doris made a mistake.

12 Okay. These are the general fund executive
13 committee expense.

14 G601, Department president, \$7,500.

15 G602, Department vice president, \$200.

16 G604, District presidents, \$4,500.

17 G605, Training and program workshop, \$4,000.

18 G606, Parliamentarian, \$25.

19 G607, Authorized travel, \$1,000.

20 G608, Executive committee meeting, \$12,300.

21 G609, Distinguished guests, \$400.

22 G611, Secretary/treasurer allowance -- travel
23 allowance, \$5,000.

24 G612 is nothing this year because we have two on
25 hand.

1 G613, National candidates reserve, \$500.
2 G614, National presidents visit, \$1500.
3 G616, Officers and chairman liability insurance,
4 \$1,800.
5 G617, President secretary's national meeting,
6 \$1,000.
7 For a total of this section of \$35,225.
8 The next page is general fund convention expense.
9 Line G620, department convention, \$11,300.
10 G621, Department convention proceedings, \$300.
11 G622, Convention reporter, \$5,500.
12 G623, Convention commission committee, \$200.
13 G623, Convention chairman, \$150.
14 I don't know why I have two same code numbers
15 there, but what do I know? Same with the next one.
16 G623, American Legion convention commission \$2,350.
17 G624, National convention, \$3,500.
18 For a total convention expense of \$23,300.
19 Next section, General fund committee expense.
20 G630, AEF chairman, \$50.
21 G631, Americanism, \$75.
22 G632, Constitution and bylaws, 175.
23 G634, Chaplain, 150.
24 G635, Community service, 50.
25 G637, Historian, 375.

1 G639, Junior activities, 50.
2 G640, Leadership, 150.
3 G641, Legislative, 50.
4 G642, Legislative awareness assembly, \$500.
5 G643, Membership chairman, 350.
6 G644, Membership promotion, \$500.
7 G645, Membership national meeting, 750.
8 G647, National security chairman, 50.
9 G647A, National security awareness assembly, 150.
10 G649, Public relations, 50.
11 G650, public relations press book, 50.
12 For a total of that section of \$3,525.
13 Next section is general fund - other expense.
14 G690, National dues, \$110,000.
15 G692, Department presidents pins, \$2,000.
16 G693, pins and charms for sale, \$1,000.
17 G695, Fundraising expenses, ways and means, \$1,000.
18 For a total of that section, \$114,000.
19 Okay. General funds summary - income.
20 Total estimated general fund income, \$364,041.
21 Okay. Now the expenses.
22 Total administrative expense, 197,538.
23 Total executive expense, \$35,225.
24 Total convention expense, 23,300.
25 Total committee expense, 3,525.

1 Total other expense, 114,000.

2 Total expense, 373,588.

3 But still at this point in time, ladies, that
4 leaves us at deficit budget for next year \$9,547.

5 And that concludes my portion.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: The
7 deficit will probably not be a deficit because we have money
8 that you have already paid for your fidelity bond that is not
9 showing up as coming in income in the current -- next year;
10 so that money is already there in reserves, plus we'll
11 probably have some savings in postage.

12 So we are really not in a deficit.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane
14 DeLashmit, Past Department President, District 25.

15 I just want a clarification on that bond issue.

16 If we all paid for three years last year and they
17 only billed us for one year, does that mean this year we have
18 to pay for one year so that you pay in for three years. So
19 when we go back to our units, then we still have to pay for
20 one year.

21 Is that --

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY:
23 Madam President, Doris Kilkenny, Department
24 Secretary/Treasurer.

25 National gave us really no warning, but basically

1 sent us an invoice stating that if they have to pay for three
2 years in advance, we have to pay for three years in advance.
3 This budget reflects -- and I was incorrect. I was wrong.
4 Okay? Don't tell my husband.

5 But we paid -- the year previous, when you paid the
6 550, that is what was paid that shows in this budget for an
7 expense.

8 The premium that they've asked us to pay we have
9 already requested of you. You have already paid the 1650; so
10 for the next three years there will be no charge to this unit
11 for your fidelity bond because you have prepaid a three-year
12 premium, the same as we had to do at department level. They
13 always bill us for three years, but in the past they allowed
14 us to bill it in thirds -- or to pay it in thirds, and this
15 year they have sent the premium to us, asking us to pay.

16 The reason I was confused a few minutes ago was
17 because we had paid that bill to them, but falls into next
18 year's expenses.

19 Does that help, Diane?

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Okay.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Okay. We
23 are now to the poppy production fund.

24 P410, Poppy orders, 72,000.

25 P420, Poppy distribution, 14,000.

1 Interest from restricted accounts, zero. We did
2 not have any interest.

3 P505, Postage, poppy production manager, 2500.

4 P549, Poppy proceeds, 1400. That's 10 percent of
5 the 14,000.

6 P550, Administrative fee, 7200.

7 Poppy production fund to other, P701, labor,
8 40,000.

9 P702, Materials, 24,500.

10 P705, Poppy poster prizes, 300.

11 P730, Chairman, 175.

12 For a total poppy expense of 76,075.

13 And we show an income of 9,925 on that.

14 Children's welfare fund, children & youth income.

15 W423, Income, 8,000.

16 W423A, Copy fund distribution, 751.

17 W540 -- excuse me.

18 W441, Interest income from restricted funds, \$197.

19 W550, Administrative expense, 2,237.

20 W901, Welfare cases, 6,561.

21 W930, Chairman, 150.

22 For a total children & youth expense of 8,948, and
23 that is a balanced budget.

24 Welfare fund education - income.

25 W423, Income, includes poppy proceeds, 8,800.

1 That line should have been deleted -- that comment
2 should have been deleted because we set up a separate line.
3 Poppy proceeds distribution is \$87.
4 W441, Income from restricted accounts, 1,016.
5 W456, Income poppy sales, 1400.
6 For a total income of 11,303.
7 Expenses for education.
8 W550, Administrative fee, 2,200.
9 W906, Scholarships - general, 7,853.
10 W931 is going to be deleted. That was for
11 continuing reentry, and that is going to be added to Line
12 906.
13 Total scholarships is 7,853.
14 W911, Poppy sales, 1100.
15 W930, Chairman, 150.
16 For total expenses of 11,303.
17 Balanced budget.
18 Past presidents parley.
19 W423, Income, 9,000.
20 W423A, Poppy fund distribution, 350.
21 W441, Income from restricted accounts, 296.
22 Total income, \$9,646.
23 Expense.
24 W550, Administrative fee, 2,412.
25 W907, Nurse's scholarship, 7,135.

1 W930, Chairman, \$100.
2 Total expense, 9,646.
3 It is a balanced budget.
4 Welfare funds - VA&R.
5 W423, Income, 17,000.
6 W423A, Poppy proceeds distribution, 350.
7 W425, Donations, gifts patient remembrance, 14,000.
8 W441, Income from restricted accounts, 4,136.
9 For a total income of 45,486.
10 Expense.
11 W550, Administrative fee, 4,250.
12 W900, TFA cases, 4,131.
13 W901, Welfare -- patient welfare funds, 3,886.
14 W902, VAMC tours, 1500.
15 W905, Gift shop patient remembrance, 14,519.
16 W909, Hospital representative, 1800.
17 W910, Mid-year meetings, hospital representative,
18 1500.
19 W912, National rehabilitation, 3,500.
20 W930, Chairman, 400.
21 For a total of 35,486.
22 For a balanced budget.
23 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
24 FERCHO: Madam President, Linda Fercho, VA&R Chairman,
25 District 16, Unit 741.

1 I just have a question.

2 On the reduction of the hospital representatives,
3 cutting that in half. Have they been notified or has there
4 been any communication, letting them know that their
5 allowances were cut? Because this chairman was not made
6 aware of this to -- to at least advise them or let them know
7 or -- is this going to be handled by next year's chairman?

8 I'm just looking for clarification on their behalf.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: When
10 we were in our budget meeting it was brought to our attention
11 that there are -- some of the debts were being paid for their
12 services. There was a request from the current VA&R chairman
13 that we budget in the funds -- in the budget funds to pay for
14 the other debts so that they would get an allowance as well
15 to make it consistent and fair.

16 Unfortunately, there is not the funds to pay for
17 the debts; so that is where the reduction came from.

18 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
19 FERCHO: So the deputies that are currently receiving
20 compensation, they will not? And are the current
21 representatives that are receiving more than 150, will they
22 be cut then to 150?

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
24 Well, the amount that we figured was an average. You're
25 right. Excuse me.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: One of the
2 deputies that was getting a lot of money is moving closer to
3 the facility and would no longer need the total amount that
4 she was given, and so yes. They will all be receiving the
5 same amount.

6 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
7 FERCHO: Okay. So, for clarity, the representatives now will
8 all receive \$150 allowance, regardless of what they received
9 in the past?

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Right.

11 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
12 FERCHO: The deputies that were receiving compensation will
13 not be.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Right.

15 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN

16 FERCHO: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES:

18 Madam President, Margaret Quiñones, District 18.

19 Aloha.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Aloha.

21 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES: I
22 already told you who I was and you weren't paying attention.

23 I just wanted to add to the comments of Linda
24 Fercho. No. We were not aware that this was going to take
25 place on this cut in the -- in the allowances; however, I

1 think as a courtesy when they get -- when they get their
2 allowance maybe we could include a letter or an explanation
3 letting them know why we had to do this. In order to
4 continue the program, we have to -- we have to make some
5 choices that are kind of hard, but I think that would be
6 a nice courtesy to them -- to the representatives with their
7 -- with the new amount.

8 Thank you.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

10 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Madam President,
11 Anita Biggs, Poppy Chairman, District 23.

12 Under Line Item P705, poppy production fund -
13 other, it states: Poppy poster prizes. That should be
14 changed to just plain poppy awards because it includes the
15 Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy prizes as well.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Anita.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: I hate
18 having the microphone after Anita.

19 Okay. Expense funds summary -- welfare funds
20 summary. I'm sorry. Expense.

21 Total children & youth, 8,948.

22 Oh, I'm sorry. We need to go to the top of the
23 page.

24 Welfare sum income.

25 W423, Total children & youth, 8,948.

1 Total education, 11,303.
2 Total past presidents parley, 9,646.
3 Total VA&R, 17,000.
4 Total gift shop, 14,000.
5 For a total income on the welfare, 60,897.
6 Expense.
7 Children & youth, 8,948.
8 Education, 11,303.
9 VA&R, 20,967.
10 Gift shop, 14,519.
11 For a total expense of 65,303 -- 383. I'm sorry.
12 With a deficit of 4,486.
13 Hold on a second. Let me figure out which one
14 didn't copy down right. It's the VA&R line. Hold on
15 a second.
16 The income for VA&R should read 21,486.
17 On all accounts -- welfare accounts - summary,
18 Page 13 -- 12 of 18.
19 Line 423 should read 21,486. 21,486 for VA&R,
20 income.
21 W423. I'm just reading the budget line -- the
22 budget column. Oh, W4 -- never mind. I was on the wrong
23 page. 423. W423, VA&R.
24 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
25 Ladies, we are looking on Page 12. At the top of the page it

1 says welfare summary - income. Okay?

2 Down the fourth line it says total, VA&R, veterans
3 affairs and rehabilitation, the total now reads 17,000. It
4 currently reads 17,000. We need to change that to \$21,486.
5 We did a calculation error in the formula. Okay?

6 So the total welfare income should be 65,383, which
7 will bring us to a balanced budget on the welfare accounts.

8 Please excuse our calculation problem.

9 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Madam President,
10 Anita Biggs, Poppy Chairman, District 23.

11 I have a question. I'm sorry. Back to the general
12 accounts.

13 Line Item G642, page -- it looks like 6 of 18.
14 Line Item is G642, Legislative awareness assembly. I did
15 attend part of the finance committee meeting, preconvention
16 committee meeting, and I was aware that the department
17 secretary did suggest a budget of \$1,000 for the awareness
18 assembly. And I just have a question to the past -- or the
19 current chairman for legislative.

20 The \$500 seems very low, wouldn't even cover
21 airfare in most cases. So I was wondering if the past -- or
22 the current legislative chairman would speak on the expenses
23 for legislative to see if it's even going to be feasible for
24 the current chairman or incoming chairman to be able to make
25 it to Washington D.C. on our behalf.

1 DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Total cost
2 was over \$1700 to attend awareness assembly, and I did turn
3 it in.

4 POPPY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Madam President,
5 Anita Biggs, District 23.

6 At this time I do move that we increase the budget
7 for legislative awareness assembly to \$1,000.

8 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a motion to
10 increase G642, Legislative awareness assembly, to \$1,000.

11 Is there any discussion?

12 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
13 Yes, ma'am. Ruby Kapsalis, District 28, Past Department
14 President.

15 We just -- we just looked at our general fund, and
16 thanks to the delegation and that \$20 increase it reduced the
17 original deficit that this finance started with over 16,000.
18 They got it down to 9,547. Now we're going to add more money
19 to make a higher deficit. We -- as chairmen and officers, we
20 all put forth money out of our own pockets, and we try, of
21 course, to supplement the chairmen and officers as much as we
22 can. But where are we going to get this money? The general
23 fund is in the hole?

24 MS. STEWART-WILSON: Madam President, Rebecca
25 Stewart -- over here.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

2 MS. STEWART-WILSON: Rebecca Stewart-Wilson,
3 District 24, Hollywood, 43.

4 Prior to Linda -- I'm sorry. Esther Garcia, I was
5 legislative chairman. I attended the awareness assembly.

6 And, number one, because of the hotel that we are
7 required to stay at, the hotel bill for those days was \$755.
8 Your airfare to get there is 585, 86, or more. I spent, as
9 Linda did, \$1700. The balance came out of my own pocket, and
10 I was budgeted for \$1,000.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

12 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT NEWALL: Madam President,
13 Anita Newall, 19th District, President.

14 Why can't we do a fundraiser, have them do
15 a raffle. All of us ladies put in money for raffles to kind
16 of offset the balance of it. You know, I mean, when we have
17 these -- these things, they can do -- you know, do a little
18 bit of raising their own money to try and help the office
19 instead of taking it out of their pockets. I mean, everybody
20 here, when we see a raffle everybody buys; so why can't they
21 do a raffle for something, send tickets to the -- the units
22 and have the unit assist you in getting there? That way it
23 -- it would kind of offset everything else.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Madam President, LuAnn Johnston,
25 Unit 585, District 26.

1 Going back to Page 4, Item G608, Executive
2 committee meeting, why was the budget doubled from 61- to
3 12,300?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Can we keep on the --
5 let's stay on the one line, please, LuAnn.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Bring that up in a
8 minute.

9 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
10 Madam President, Linda Workman, Past Department President.

11 We gave in the budget -- and I don't know what
12 line. I'm sorry. I don't have it in my hand right now.

13 But we gave the ways and means committee \$1,000. I
14 say that maybe we cut ways and means to \$500 and then give
15 that \$500 to the legislative awareness assembly.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: Odette
18 Cucarro, Past Department President.

19 May I give you some information about cherishing
20 the past? I belong to the past.

21 AUXILIARY MEMBER: And we cherish you.

22 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO: However the
23 reason we used to send the legislative chairman back to
24 Washington D.C. for the forum was so that she could come back
25 to the Department of California and one year, of course, you

1 know -- we used to have chairmen, one from the north, one
2 from the south, and they would come home with the information
3 that they received in Washington and relayed it to the
4 membership of the Department of California. We no longer do
5 that. So maybe we ought to be saving our money and putting
6 it toward the deficit, where it is needed, and not send
7 anybody to Washington D.C.

8 (Applause.)

9 POPPY DEPARTMENT VICE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:

10 Madam President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President.

11 I move that we take the \$500 from ways and means
12 and put it into the legislative chairman's allowance to go to
13 Washington D.C.

14 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: I'm trying to find
16 the line, ladies. Hold on.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: G693.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

19 Ladies, if you would look at your budget on Page 6 -- Page 6,
20 at the bottom, G695, it says fundraising expenses, ways and
21 means, 500. That will be changed to 500.

22 Then on the -- above it, and that's on the same
23 page, where is -- G642, it says, Legislative awareness
24 assembly, \$500 that will be changed to 1,000, if the motion
25 carries.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Okay. We do have
2 a motion on the floor to change Line G642, Legislative
3 awareness assembly, to \$1,000; and to change G695,
4 Fundraising expenses, ways and means, to \$500.

5 Is there any discussion?

6 DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER

7 MIKESELL: Madam President, Terry Mikesell, District 2.

8 We're not automatically giving ways and means
9 \$1,000. That \$1,000 is what they could use to spend to buy
10 items to sell here. Okay? We're not automatically giving
11 the ways and means committee \$1,000. That was just a \$1,000
12 that they could spend for stuff that you could buy here.
13 That was just a clarification.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Any further
15 discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
18 "Aye."

19 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a new total.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: The total
24 stays the same. The total for that section stays the same.
25 It is just moving between account numbers. But -- oh. Total

1 chairman expenses will be 4,025 now, and the total other
2 expenses will be 113,500.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, LuAnn.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Thank you.

5 Back on Page 4, G608, just kind of curious why the
6 executive committee meeting -- I see the last two years ran
7 about \$6,000 to 7,000, and now you have upped it to 12,300.
8 That's half of your deficit.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:

10 Madam President, if I may.

11 The \$12,000 is the estimate of what the mileage
12 allowance would be for those attending DEC. Pilar was nice
13 enough to give us a listing of her chairmen and officers.
14 Suzie sat down with MapQuest, with Doris' help, to figure out
15 what the mileage expense would be for DEC and for convention
16 and this is what came up. A little under \$6,000 one way to
17 pay for your officers and chairmen to attend DEC at 25 cents
18 per mile, and that's mandated by the codes. You take 6,000
19 times 2, and that's 12,000. The \$300 are for the ten free
20 meals at the DEC banquet that is budgeted per code that is
21 paid for by the department for our distinguished guests.
22 That's why you have \$12,300 expense.

23 Remember, ladies, we do not pay to attend DEC, like
24 we pay to attend convention. DEC is a direct expense to the
25 department. The only difference between DEC and convention

1 -- well, it's not a difference.

2 The only thing that is paid for out of your pocket
3 to attend DEC is your room expense and your banquet ticket.
4 Banquet ticket is the only one we come with money to offset.

5 MS. RYAN: Madam President, Delores Ryan, District
6 15, Unit 26.

7 I just have a question.

8 We're taking the money out of the ways and means.
9 And I helped Judy a little bit selling that, and I could have
10 sold dozens of the military charms if we had had them.
11 Everybody came through wanting the military charms, and they
12 were completely out; so I think we should put some money in
13 in order to make money.

14 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
15 Madam President, Ruby Kapsalis, District 28.

16 I just -- I just want to clarify what Linda --
17 about the explanation why it is doubled under DEC. Because
18 we didn't put mileage in the budget last year. It was not --
19 it's all combined. All the expenses are combined, whereas it
20 was paid out of -- from some other fund before. I mean, it
21 was paid out of the general fund, but it was budgeted
22 elsewhere.

23 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Madam President,
24 Estella Avina, District 12, Editor.

25 On the expense on the freebies for the banquets and

1 things. Now, when we do these banquets and stuff, we
2 estimate the freebies, and that's the cost we give you when
3 we do these things; so the -- so say we're getting charged
4 \$30 from the facility for each meal. We'll make it 32; so
5 that extra \$2 everybody is paying should pay for those
6 freebies.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: My
8 understanding from going through the code is that that is not
9 acceptable. My understanding from previous chairmen was that
10 they were only allowed to charge what the hotel charged us
11 for the meals; so that is the ten meals at \$30, which is what
12 it is going to cost at DEC, is a true expense to the
13 department. If that is incorrect, then we need -- then we
14 will adjust the budget, but that is what we were informed of
15 and how we based our budget.

16 EDITOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AVINA: Well, a year ago
17 convention we added so it would cover the freebies.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam
19 President, Diane DeLashmit -- I don't know what I am anymore.

20 In doing some research -- and maybe LuAnn Johnston
21 can assist on this. Many years ago -- and I want to say
22 probably about 10 or 12, a resolution came out of District 26
23 stating it was not fair to the members attending the banquet
24 to foot the bill for the complimentary tickets because those
25 ten people that get free tickets are honored guests of all of

1 us, not just those attending the banquet; so, therefore, the
2 meals should not be inflated to cover those ten tickets. So
3 that's why that was put in there.

4 Unfortunately, I did not bring that book of
5 procedures with me to read it, but I do have it at home and I
6 can research it and put the date.

7 Do you remember anything about that LuAnn? Linda
8 Workman, do you remember?

9 DISTINGUISHED GUEST DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I
10 don't remember.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah. It
12 happened about 10 or 12 years ago. I don't believe it is in
13 the code. Was it in the code?

14 Okay. So, you know, it -- that was the reason:
15 That those ten guests are all of our guests, not just those
16 attending the banquet.

17 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SOARES: Madam President,
18 Michelle Soares, S-o-a-r-e-s, District 28.

19 I have no problem actually paying for Joe Blow's
20 dinner, if that is what is needed to happen, but I would like
21 to be told that that is where my money is going. I don't
22 want to be told that I am paying \$38 for my dinner alone and
23 then find out later that I actually paid for, you know, Joe
24 Smith and his wife. I don't -- you know, I think if you want
25 to do that, that's okay, but you need to let the members know

1 that a portion of your dinner ticket will go to help offset
2 the cost of our dignitaries.

3 Thank you.

4 NATIONAL SECURITY WESTERN DIVISION CHAIRMAN HITCH:
5 Madam President, Shelby Hitch, Past Department President,
6 Unit 48, District 16.

7 I have a few things to say to our body. We
8 struggled with this budget for a full day, not saying what
9 went on outside the meeting. And why? This organization
10 belongs to everyone here. We're in dire straits, ladies.
11 And it's up to each of us to get the funds in so that we can
12 do the things that we were born to do, take care of our
13 veterans, our children. And if the donations don't come in,
14 we won't have a Department of California. That saddens me.
15 We're getting ready to celebrate our 90th year, and look at
16 our budget.

17 I thank you very much.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. CHRISTENSEN: Madam President, Alice
20 Christensen, District 14, Unit 147, chairman of two
21 conventions here in Fresno and the convention chairman in the
22 year 2000.

23 The department contract that is signed states that
24 in all of those years that we are to charge only 50 cents
25 more on -- on the dinners and on the lunches. One year, I

1 don't know that anyone received a contract, but I certainly
2 do. And I have taken a stand on that several times to no
3 consequence.

4 Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Did everyone hear
6 that? What Alice said is that the convention contract states
7 that the cost of the dinner for the banquet and the lunch for
8 PPP, as well, I believe, as the DEC breakfast, is not to be
9 increased more than 50 cents. That is a contract that is
10 signed.

11 MS. FARRISS: Madam President, Linda Farriss,
12 District 31 -- District 19. I'm going to create my own
13 district.

14 I just have a question here. With all of our
15 debating going on, I can't help but notice that although last
16 year they were budgets for \$1,000, they only took 500 for
17 G642, the awareness assembly. Well, that's what you have in
18 there, actual, \$500.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: The
20 invoices or the expenses were just turned in this weekend; so
21 we don't have those expenses on the books yet.

22 MS. FARRISS: Okay. So why is there anything if
23 the awareness -- there should be zero there. And, also, ways
24 and means only shows expenses of 275; so I'm just confused.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Okay.

1 Linda, are you looking at your budget? It's an actual. It's
2 not a budgeted amount in there. It's actual for June 2008,
3 actual for 2009, actual '09/'10. There is no budget in there
4 in the budget that you have today; so she was budgeted \$500,
5 she has been paid \$500.

6 Linda Farriss, did you hear the response to your
7 question?

8 MS. FARRISS: I heard you. You said they haven't
9 turned in the money.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Okay. The
11 figures in your budget you have today are actuals up until
12 our next year's budget.

13 MS. FARRISS: Uh-huh.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: In 2008 it
15 was 850 actual. In 2009 it was 1,000. This year it was 500
16 actual. There was no budget amount in there. She was
17 budgeted 500; she was paid 500.

18 MS. FARRISS: Okay. Because we don't show the
19 budget for last year.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Correct.
21 Correct.

22 MS. FARRISS: My point was they accepted 500 this
23 year.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Correct.

25 MS. FARRIS: It's all expense. And ways and means

1 accepted 275. That's all they spent.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Correct.
3 That was all the supplies that ways and means spent this
4 year.

5 MS. FARRISS: I understand. What I don't
6 understand is why anyone would worry about it. They get
7 almost four times as much for ways and means, and back to
8 twice as much for awareness assembly, when they didn't spend
9 that much this year.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Linda,
11 a motion was made to change ways and means to 500 and move
12 the money up to the awareness assembly; so awareness assembly
13 was increased 1,000. So ways and means now is \$500.

14 MS. FARRISS: I understand that. No. No one is
15 understanding my statement. Maybe I didn't make it clear. I
16 think we're spending an awful lot of time discussing
17 something that is, like, almost a moot point because they
18 didn't even spend -- they spent less than is budgeted anyway;
19 so I move for the question.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is no question.
21 There is no question. There -- there was no question, no
22 motion on the floor.

23 MS. FARRISS: To change the one -- yes.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: It's already been
25 done.

1 MS. FARRISS: Oh, so what are we doing now?

2 (Laughter.)

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER TOZIER: Okay.

4 Page 13, all accounts, income, general fund, \$364,041.

5 Total children & youth, 8,948.

6 Total education, 11,303.

7 Total past presidents parley, 9,646.

8 Total the veterans affairs and rehabilitation,

9 21,486.

10 Total gift shop, 14,000.

11 For a new total of 429,424.

12 All accounts expense.

13 Administrative expense, 197,538.

14 Total executive expense, 35,225.

15 Total committee expense, 23,300.

16 Total other expense, 114,000.

17 Total children & youth, 8,948.

18 Total education, 11,303.

19 Total past presidents parley, 9,646.

20 Total VA&R, 20,967.

21 Total gift shop 14,519.

22 Hold on a second, please. No. Minus -- minus

23 14,519.

24 And VA&R, what is causing the confusion, if we

25 split out a separate line on the total summary for the gift

1 remembrance of 14,519; so the difference between the 35,486
2 for the VA&R program on Page 11 is 20,967.

3 Okay. They break out the summary for the gift shop
4 from the VA&R program.

5 All accounts expense, 435,446.

6 For a deficit of \$6,022.

7 The last budget we have to review, junior activity
8 summary, next page.

9 Page 15.

10 0464, Donations scholarships, 1,000.

11 0474, Donation raffle tickets, 8,500.

12 0475, Reservation fees, 11,375.

13 0476, Donation junior activities, 2,100.

14 Total income, 22,975.

15 Expense.

16 0664, Scholarships, \$200.

17 0674, 520.

18 0675, Conference expenses, 21,350.

19 0677, National delegate alternate, \$480.

20 0678, Conference director expense, 200.

21 0679, Honorary past presidents pin, \$25.

22 I'm sorry, I don't have an account number for
23 honorary presidents allowance, \$200.

24 For a total of 22,975, balanced budget.

25 (Applause.)

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The
2 last page in your budget is for Girls State, and that the
3 finance committee does not do; that is done by Girls State.
4 We just give final approval.

5 You will notice there are zeroes in this last
6 column and that is because Girls State is currently going on
7 now, and we do not know what their current expenses will be.
8 We won't get their budget until after October, and that is
9 why there is no numbers there.

10 Madam President, I move that we accept the budget
11 as amended.

12 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a motion to
14 accept the budget as amended.

15 Is there any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor
18 say "Aye."

19 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The budget is
23 approved as amended.

24 (Applause.)

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: This

1 chairman would like to thank the members for their
2 consideration and their help during this period. I would
3 like to also give a special thanks to our department -- our
4 past department presidents for their help during the
5 committee meetings and on the floor while we were trying to
6 put this all together.

7 A special thanks to Ruby Kapsalis, Linda Workman,
8 and Pat Sweeney. Thank you, ladies.

9 (Applause.)

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL:
11 Madam President, if we may have a point of privilege to
12 approach your station.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: The
15 finance committee would like to present this to you to thank
16 you for appointing us to this committee, but for all your
17 help.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you very much.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: I
20 really, really appreciate it.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you very much.

22 Madam President, I would just like to suggest that
23 we give a big round of applause to this finance committee,
24 all of them who worked all year and worked very hard.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:

2 Ruby Kapsalis, Past Department President, District 28.

3 I don't know if all of you know about where -- who
4 -- how we got involved with the sweepstakes and -- which is
5 our largest income. We are getting \$12,000 a year from, but
6 thanks to the work of Margie Shank -- Past Department
7 President Margie Shank. We owe her a great deal of gratitude
8 for getting us involved.

9 And also the Legionnaires, her husband, and a few
10 others, a special thank you because that is a tremendous
11 income to help our general fund; so I just wanted to let the
12 audience know that and put it in the record that we do owe
13 Margie Shank and all the other Legionnaires a great deal of
14 gratitude for getting us involved in the sweepstakes.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Ruby.

17 Judy, if we could have ways and means. We also
18 need the resolutions chairman for the courtesy resolutions.

19 We have a pineapple coming up to the microphone.

20 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES: I
21 just wanted to remind all of you, my fellow members, we're
22 all members of this fantastic organization. We just worked
23 our way through this budget. We know that we have deficits.
24 Our job as delegates to this convention, the reason we are
25 elected as delegates is so we can come here and take back to

1 our units all this information. You need to go back to your
2 units and talk about the budget and about the need to
3 increase our donations. I know you can do it. I've seen you
4 rally when we called upon you to do it. I ask that you put
5 the same passion into bringing us into good standing so that
6 we can continue our work. Use the same passion that you did
7 for Operation Mend. I know you can do this, and I sincerely
8 hope that by next convention we will -- the least of our
9 worries is going to be the money that we need to do things
10 with. All we have to worry about is to go out and do it.

11 So I ask that of you. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Margaret.

14 And following on that note, just I guess to prove
15 a point of what Margaret was saying, if you feel the passion
16 of any of the Auxiliary programs, it can be done.

17 I would like to update the donations on Operation
18 Mend. When we left here yesterday after session we had
19 a total of \$46,056. At the banquet, for those of you that
20 did not attend, Commander Fercho, without any -- I guess out
21 of the goodness of his heart -- I'm not sure. Maybe because
22 he's a great guy. He actually was escorted into the banquet
23 room in his grass skirt and his hat. I thought that was
24 a fantastic gesture of being a great sport; so I donated \$100
25 towards Operation Mend. So he said at that point, "Double

1 it, another 100 bucks, and I'll wear it out of here."

2 I think he was talking about today. I'm not sure.

3 So Diane DeLashmit gave \$100. The donation jar was
4 also out at the banquet, and we received another \$21.

5 Zana's telephone went off. I wouldn't let -- there
6 won't be any teapots, but she came up and said, "Here's for
7 my cell phone going off. Here's my \$5." So we now have
8 \$46,282. So there, again, there was part of the passion of
9 a program because this is going for a very good cause; so
10 take that back to your units, and let's try and continue the
11 passion for our organization.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Judy, just said that
14 she has five because her phone went off that I did not hear.
15 She is honest.

16 Ways and means, would you like to give a report
17 please?

18 WAYS AND MEANS CONVENTION REPORT

19 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TABACCHI:

20 Madam President, we would like to thank you for this
21 appointment, we think. All we can say is thank God it is
22 almost over.

23 We have had things going on at all of the
24 department workshops throughout the year, and here -- now we
25 are going to -- or may I introduce my committee, please? I'm

1 going to do it anyway.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

3 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TABACCHI: I
4 don't know where Veronica is.

5 Veronica, are you out there?

6 All right. Veronica McGough and Chris Delarosa.

7 Madam President, would you like to draw the winning
8 ticket for the computer -- printer -- computer printer?

9 Barbara Davis from District 14. Come on over and
10 get it.

11 Madam President, that completes our report.

12 Thank you very much.

13 Now we're going -- I'm going to leave.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

15 How much money did we raise?

16 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TABACCHI: We
17 haven't counted it yet. I'll count it over there and let you
18 know. I'll send a note up.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

20 Resolutions Chairman Phyllis Holmberg, if you will
21 present the courtesy resolutions.

22 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

23 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Okay.

24 The convention committee met on June the 24th in the Kerman
25 Room at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno.

1 We did not have a statistical report in the Book of
2 Reports because we don't have that.

3 Melanie Taylor, District 5, was appointed
4 secretary.

5 Madeline Lee, District 16, offered player.

6 And CJ Reyes, District 19, was appointed as the
7 sergeant-at-arms.

8 A total of 18 district delegates answered roll
9 call, and we had two visitors present.

10 The sergeant-at-arms read -- led -- excuse me. Led
11 the Pledge of Allegiance.

12 The department code was read. No additions or
13 deletions were recommended.

14 And after that time we were almost through, but
15 then Diane brought in the six resolutions from their
16 committee meetings for us; so we read every one of them.

17 Number one, which concerned the per diem for
18 district presidents going to the department executive
19 committee meeting was approved in 1999 to delete the \$15 per
20 diem, and I guess they received it a couple of years and then
21 they didn't get it anymore; so they changed the code so that
22 it would be removed; so we do not get the \$15 per diem for
23 going to executive committee meeting.

24 The second resolution was concerning poppy making
25 and that was rejected in committee.

1 Number three concerned the national convention
2 caucus and that one concerned the fact that resolutions and
3 amendments that are brought to national prior to their
4 caucus, where they are voted on, the delegates did not get
5 a copy of what was going to be happening, and they felt that
6 it was not fair for them to go into a meeting where they were
7 to vote on something they had not heard about or knew nothing
8 about; so they voted on this one.

9 Now, how was that? Diane, they voted to accept it
10 that they had to have it given to them before they went in to
11 vote on it.

12 Okay. And Number four concerned delegates and
13 alternates at national convention, and if the national -- the
14 department president shall appoint a secretary to attend the
15 national convention if the department secretary cannot
16 attend. And that was accepted.

17 Number five, the emergency executive board
18 meetings. And if during the year there is a necessity to
19 have an executive board meeting, instead of paying to have
20 all of the 50-some members that are on the executive board to
21 go to San Francisco for a meeting, it was suggested that they
22 have a conference tool where they could do the business by
23 a conference phone call, which would save the department
24 a great deal of money. They would call the members on the
25 executive board, and that one passed.

1 Number six concerned the unit registration fee for
2 delegates to convention. As you know, this year we paid \$10
3 for our delegates to come to convention. A resolution sought
4 an increase of \$15, but in the committee meeting it was
5 raised to \$20. So next year your delegates need to come to
6 convention will cost you \$20 per delegate.

7 Let's see.

8 Now -- and there being no further business after
9 this, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

10 Madam President, may we continue with the courtesy
11 resolutions and may we accept them by consent?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: You may.

13 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: At this
14 time I would like to thank our helpers: Molly Smith,
15 President of District 2, and Heather Martinez, President of
16 District 23, for helping to read these resolutions.

17 Madam Vice President Pilar, will you please assume
18 the chair?

19 Oh, she's not here?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: One moment, please.
21 One moment, please.

22 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Okay.
23 That's fine.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hold on one second,
25 Phyllis.

1 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Yeah.

2 Was that number one? No. It is two, number two.

3 Excuse us. I'm sorry, ladies.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We need to vote on
5 a resolution that was passed in committee. We're trying to
6 find the resolution to read it to you. And that was the
7 resolution submitted by Pam Hicks.

8 Pam, are you still in the room?

9 RESOLUTIONS

10 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: She has
11 it. This was my secretary; so she -- okay. All right.

12 Okay. This subject on this one was national
13 convention caucus.

14 Whereas, the Department of California holds the
15 caucus every year at national convention to advise the
16 delegation of awards and impending changes; and

17 Whereas, resolutions to national policies,
18 amendments to national constitutions, and bylaws are brought
19 before the delegation; and

20 Whereas, the amendments are not always available to
21 the delegation until the vote is called for on the floor; and

22 Whereas, there is not always sufficient time to
23 discuss the meaning and effect of these resolutions or
24 amendments.

25 Therefore, be it resolved that all resolutions and

1 amendments be brought before the caucus prior to the start of
2 the convention proceedings and discussed so that informed
3 choices can be made when voting on important issues
4 pertaining to our national organization.

5 Madam President, I move the adoption of this
6 resolution.

7 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: We have a motion to
9 have the national convention -- at the national convention
10 caucus all resolutions and amendments be brought to the
11 national delegates prior to caucus where they are to be voted
12 on.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
16 "Aye."

17 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The resolution is
21 passed.

22 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Thank
23 you.

24 Thank you, Melanie.

25 Thank you.

1 Okay. Now we will go into the resolutions, and I
2 want to thank Madam President for having the president of
3 District 2, Molly Smith help, and Heather Martinez, President
4 of District 23, for their part in reading these resolutions.

5 Madam President, may be accept these by consent?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, you may.

7 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Thank
8 you.

9 Resolution:

10 Whereas, the American Legion Department Commander
11 Dennis Fercho has taken time out of his busy schedule to
12 attend our convention to further cement the bond between our
13 President Norma and all assembled here; and

14 Whereas, they have spent many hours working
15 together in harmony in the best interest of our members and
16 programs. We deeply appreciate the many courtesies extended
17 to our President Norma as they travelled throughout our
18 department.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this
20 resolution be mailed to the department commander and to the
21 American Legion department office.

22 Consent.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

24 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Okay.

25 Resolution:

1 Whereas, a number of American Legion distinguished
2 guests scheduled their time in order to visit our department
3 convention to bring greetings. It was an honor to welcome
4 them and to hear their friendly remarks.

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we express to
6 the following our thanks and appreciation for their time and
7 attendance.

8 Fred Walton, National Executive Committeeman.

9 Bill Siler III, Department Adjutant.

10 Paul Mesmer, Department SAL Commander.

11 Luis Diaz, Department Riders President.

12 Juan Lopez, 3rd Area Commander.

13 Richard Sweeney, 14th District Commander.

14 Jim Leyser, the American Legion Department of
15 California Convention General Chairman.

16 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we give them
17 all a round applause and a copy of this resolution be mailed
18 to each and a copy be sent to the American Legion department
19 office.

20 Consent.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

23 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Whereas,
24 the Department of California and all of us present here today
25 take pride in our members who have been recognized by the

1 national organization and are giving of their time, effort,
2 and talent in service to the American Legion Auxiliary. We
3 ask them to stand and remain standing until the list is
4 called.

5 And now, therefore, be it resolved that we express
6 our thanks and appreciation to Ms. Robert Melgard, Josie, who
7 brought honor to this department by her service as national
8 president and continues to serve as a member of the National
9 Advisory Committee.

10 Ms. James Park, Nancy Brown-Park, serving as the
11 National Membership Chairman.

12 Diane DeLashmit, Vice Chairman of the National
13 Constitutions and Bylaws Committee.

14 Ms. Robert Taylor, Melanie, National Vice Chairman
15 of the Poppy Committee.

16 Ms. John Capazzi, LuAnn, NEC and Western Division
17 Education Chairman.

18 Ms. RT Lee, Madeline, Western Division National
19 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.

20 Ms. Shelby Hitch, Western Division National
21 Security Chairman.

22 And Ms. Anita Biggs, member of the National
23 Membership Committee.

24 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we show our
25 appreciation to all of these dedicated ladies with a standing

1 round of applause for all that they do.

2 (Applause.)

3 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SMITH: Whereas, the past
4 department presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary,
5 Department of California, have added much by their presence
6 at this department convention meeting; and

7 Whereas, their representative, Odette Cucarro,
8 graciously extended greetings for them.

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we show our
10 appreciation to the past department presidents for their
11 continued service to our organization by giving them
12 a standing ovation.

13 (Applause.)

14 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SMITH: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 Whereas, Geraldine Smith, the Eight & Forty Le
17 Chapeau departmental, brought warm and friendly greetings on
18 behalf of their members.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we express to
20 Geraldine our sincere appreciation for her attendance at our
21 department convention meeting; and

22 Be it further resolved that we express our thanks
23 with a further round of applause.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

1 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SMITH: Thank you,
2 Madam President.

3 Whereas, Amandria Gates is serving as the Honorary
4 Department Junior President and is here to represent the
5 juniors of our department with dignity and poise; and

6 Whereas, she has attended this convention to bring
7 greetings from our juniors to Department President Norma and
8 guests.

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we express our
10 sincere appreciation for Amandria for her service and
11 contributions to our great organization.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

14 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Whereas, the
15 department convention committee, under the direction of Patty
16 Sharp, have done an outstanding job providing for our comfort
17 and enjoyment during this meeting; and

18 Whereas, they have spent many hours to ensure that
19 President Norma and all involved had a very successful
20 convention.

21 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we express to
22 Patty and the members of her committee, members of the 14th
23 District and other districts who assisted, our sincere
24 appreciation for their warm and gracious hospitality for
25 a job well done.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

3 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 Whereas, we have had many guests accept our
6 Department President Norma's invitation to bring greetings to
7 this department convention of the American Legion Auxiliary;
8 and

9 Whereas, Ms. Laura Calderon, from the Fresno
10 Convention and Visitors Bureau, brought greetings and
11 welcomed us to their great city.

12 Now, therefore, be it resolved that a letter of
13 appreciation be sent to her for her attendance and warm
14 welcome.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

17 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 Whereas, Department President Norma, our Caribbean
20 Queen, has greeted us all -- okay. Sorry, ladies. We're
21 backing up.

22 Whereas, the management of the Radisson Hotel,
23 under the direction of the director of catering, Rob Long,
24 have been most efficient and courteous; and

25 Whereas, they have spent many hours to ensure that

1 our time in Fresno was enjoyable and comfortable.

2 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we express our
3 thanks and gratitude for their outstanding service and that
4 a letter of appreciation be sent to Robert Long, Director of
5 Catering, for the Radisson Hotel.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

8 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Okay.

9 Whereas, the American Legion National Western
10 Division Vice Commander Morris Bentley attended the
11 department convention to honor Leo Burke by presenting Past
12 Department President Willie Burk with a plaque honoring Leo
13 for many years of service to the American Legion.

14 Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this
15 resolution be mailed to Mrs. Leo Burke and her family.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Consent.

17 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Okay.

18 Pilar, now you can take over the president's chair, if you
19 would, please.

20 (Applause.)

21 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Okay.

22 Whereas, Department President Norma, our Caribbean
23 Queen, has greeted us all at this convention with sincere and
24 warm friendship; and

25 Whereas, she has made her tropical theme one of fun

1 and learning so our members could continue to serve our
2 veterans, their children, and community to the fullest.

3 Now, therefore, be it resolved that we show our
4 appreciation for all of her hard work and ability; and

5 Be it further resolved that a copy of this
6 resolution be presented to President Norma.

7 Let's give her a standing ovation.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: Thank you very
11 much.

12 RESOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG: Thank
13 you very much, Norma, for this appointment. It has been so
14 much fun to ride it.

15 And thank you for the ladies that helped read the
16 resolutions. They did an outstanding job.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Phyllis.

20 We have an update from ways and means.

21 UPDATE FROM WAYS AND MEANS

22 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TABACCHI: Madam
23 President, from the drawing for the printer we took in \$449.
24 And last night at the banquet we were taking pictures, and we
25 realized \$210 dollars from the pictures last night.

1 Thank you all.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Judy.

3 Is there any unfinished business to come before
4 this assembly?

5 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY CHAIRMAN CUCARRO:

6 Madam President, I move to change the music code to read the
7 musician code.

8 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a motion to
10 change the music code to read musician code.

11 Is there any discussion.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
14 "Aye."

15 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
19 carried.

20 Any other unfinished business?

21 Madam Secretary -- Madam Secretary, will you please
22 read the minutes of the post convention executive committee
23 meeting held June 2009 in Riverside, the executive committee
24 meeting held January 2010 in Ontario, and the preconvention
25 executive meeting held on June 24th, here in Fresno.

1 department executive committee meeting.

2 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

3 MINUTES FROM POST CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
4 ONTARIO

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: The
6 minutes from the department executive committee meeting,
7 Ontario, California. January 9th through the 10th, 2010.

8 Actions taken: Moved by Finance Chairman Linda
9 Diebel, seconded, and carried to retain the services of Le,
10 Ho & Company, LLP, for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

11 Moved by Finance Chairman Linda Diebel, seconded,
12 and carried to retain the services of Dick Adams Reporting
13 for the current 2010 convention in Fresno, California.

14 Announcement of candidates for 2009/2010.

15 President, Pilar Reyes, Unit 598, District 10.

16 Vice President, Linda Fercho, Unit 741, District
17 16.

18 Junior Member of Finance, Norma Billings, Unit 684,
19 District 27.

20 Moved my Americanism Chairman Gloria Williams,
21 seconded, and carried the following as Americanism essay
22 titles for 2010/2011.

23 Group I, Grades 4 and 5, "Veterans, who are they?"

24 Group II, Grades 6 and 7, "What we need to do to
25 protect our environment."

1 Group III, Grades 8 and 9, "What being a patriot
2 means to me."

3 Group IV, Grade 10, 11, and 12, "How has the
4 Constitutional Amendments affected my life?"

5 Group V, children with exceptional needs, "How can
6 I be a better citizen?"

7 Other motions.

8 Motion by Linda Workman, Past Department President,
9 seconded, and carried to ratify the change in the amount of
10 the president's club membership from \$100 to \$25.

11 The following actions were removed by the
12 respective district presidents, seconded, and carried.

13 South Butte Unit 210, District 4, placed on
14 probation until June 2010.

15 Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911, District 8, to
16 remain on probation until June 2010.

17 Elijah B. Hayes, Unit 168, District 12, to remain
18 on probation until June 2010.

19 West Valley Memory, Unit 99, District 13, to be
20 removed from probation.

21 Diosdado M. Franco, Unit 714, District 13, to be
22 placed on probation until June 2010.

23 Santa Ynez -- I'm sure I'm saying that wrong --
24 Valley, Unit 160, District 16, to be placed on probation
25 until June 2010.

1 Chilelli Memorial, Unit 888, District 18, to remain
2 on probation until June 2010.

3 Rivera, Unit 411, District 19, to be removed from
4 probation.

5 Homeland, Unit 878, District 21, to be placed on
6 probation until June 2010.

7 Community, Unit 46, District 23, to be removed from
8 probation.

9 Yucaipa Valley, Unit 426, District 25, to remain on
10 probation until June 2010.

11 Madam President, I move the acceptance of these
12 department executive committee minutes.

13 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Hold on, Doris.

15 It's been moved and seconded to accept the minutes
16 as read.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
20 "Aye."

21 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The motion is
25 carried.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
2 you.

3 The minutes from the preconvention committee
4 meeting, Radisson Hotel, Fresno, California, Thursday, June
5 24th, 2010.

6 Actions taken.

7 The preconvention department executive committee
8 meeting was called to order by President Norma DuVall at 7:30
9 a.m.

10 Roll call was read, and those members allowed to
11 vote were stated. The actions of the district presidents
12 were presented and are listed below.

13 There was no old business.

14 New business:

15 A letter was read from Terry Mikesell, Senior
16 Member of Finance, resigning as finance chairman, effective
17 at the close of the Fresno convention, June 27, 2010.
18 A letter dated April 1st, 2010, was mailed to all units
19 regarding the finance committee. Due to this resignation
20 there is an opening for finance chairman for a one-year term,
21 the 2010/2011 Auxiliary year. Nominations for this position
22 will be Friday afternoon, election to be held Saturday
23 morning, and installation to follow on Sunday. This
24 information conveyed at DEC meeting to ensure that all
25 membership is aware of the opening. All district presidents

1 were asked to take the information to their district caucuses
2 to prepare for the election process on the convention floor.

3 A letter was read from Gigi Manno, Chapeau Passe,
4 requesting permission to start a new salon in San Diego
5 County. The motion was made and carried.

6 Motion was made by the finance committee to add a
7 sentence to the department personnel policy regarding exempt
8 overtime, to read:

9 Exempt employees - department secretary/treasurer
10 shall be compensated one-half day for each day worked beyond
11 normal work week at mid-year and department convention.

12 The motion was seconded and carried.

13 The motion was made to add to the personnel
14 policies the benefit plan and the paid holidays to add
15 Columbus Day to the list of paid holidays. The motion was
16 seconded and carried.

17 The motion was amended -- as amended was made to
18 add a sentence to Department Policy Code Number 4: District
19 president must provide in writing a report for each unit
20 being placed on probation or surrendering, slash, revocation
21 of its charter 30 days prior to the department executive
22 meeting at mid year or at department convention. Three
23 copies are to be provided, one each to the department
24 president, department parliamentarian, and department
25 secretary.

1 The motion was seconded and carried.

2 There were no emergency resolutions.

3 Vice President Pilar Reyes made a presentation from
4 all officers and chairmen to President Norma DuVall, thanking
5 her for a successful year.

6 Instructions for committee reports and procedure
7 for award presentations on the floor were presented by the
8 department president.

9 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned
10 at 8:45 a.m.

11 The following actions were moved by the respective
12 district presidents, seconded, and carried:

13 South Butte, Unit 210, District 4, to remain on
14 probation until January 2011.

15 Paradise, Unit 259, District 4, placed on probation
16 until January 2011.

17 North Sacramento, Unit 447, District 6, charter was
18 surrendered.

19 Next generation of Heroes, Unit 911, District 8,
20 removed from probation.

21 Smyth-Bolter, Unit 58, District 12, placed on
22 probation until January 2011.

23 Elijah B. Hayes, Unit 168, District 12, removed
24 from probation.

25 Diosdado M. Franco, Unit 714, District 13, removed

1 from probation.

2 Santa Ynez Valley, Unit 160, District 16, to remain
3 on probation until January 2011.

4 Charles P. Rowe, Unit 30, District 18, placed on
5 probation until January 2011.

6 Chilelli Memorial, Unit 888, District 18, removed
7 from probation.

8 Homeland, Unit 878, District 21, charter was
9 surrendered.

10 JB Clark, Unit 149, District 22, placed on
11 probation until January 2011.

12 City Service, Unit 537, District 22, remain on
13 probation until January 2011.

14 Yucaipa Valley, Unit 426, District 25, charter
15 surrendered.

16 Redwood City, Unit 105, District 26, placed on
17 probation until January 2011.

18 Tustin, Unit 227, District 29, placed on probation
19 until January 2011.

20 La Habra, Unit 267, District 29, placed on
21 probation until January 2011.

22 Madam President, I move the acceptance of these
23 department executive committee minutes.

24 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: There is a motion on

1 the floor to accept the minutes to the preconvencion
2 committee meeting, June 24th, 2010, as read.

3 Is there any discussion.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: All in favor say
6 "Aye."

7 AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Opposed, "No."

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: The minutes are
11 accepted.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: Thank
13 you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Is there any further
15 business?

16 Any new business?

17 We will now have the presentation of the past
18 department presidents.

19 CONVENTION DONATIONS

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPLES: Madam President,
21 Linda L. Caples, Past Department President, would like to
22 make a special donation.

23 And I am representing Ruth Hackney, who is one of
24 Linda's Racers, in memory of the American Legion Department
25 of California Commander 2003/2004, my Commander James W.

1 Hackney, and Leo Burke, who was his commander, a special
2 donation to you from Ruth of \$1,000 to VA&R.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPLES: Also, from
5 Linda's Racers, a special donation of 115 to VA&R.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Linda.

8 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Madam Department President, I
9 don't know if there are any Josie's Angels out there and
10 Jan's Palunas, if you would please stand.

11 On behalf of the two past department presidents
12 group we are presenting \$10 to the past department presidents
13 junior scholarship and \$90 to the junior conference.

14 (Applause.)

15 AUXILIARY MEMBER: And I know there is some Peachy
16 Performers and Classic Penguins. If you would please stand.

17 It would give me a great deal of pleasure on their
18 behalf to present \$20 to the past department presidents
19 junior scholarship, \$55 to junior conference, \$25 to WIMSA,
20 which is -- yeah, initials for Women in Military Service to
21 America.

22 (Applause.)

23 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Madam President, on behalf of
24 Phyllis' Musicians and Marian Kuhl's Gypsies, we are real
25 proud to donate to the DAR fund \$100, junior scholarship fund

1 \$100, and the education scholarship \$100.

2 It is an honor to do so.

3 (Applause.)

4 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Margie Shank, Magic Chefs, and
5 Leaders of the Band are giving \$50 to the past department
6 presidents junior scholarship and in memory of -- sorry. Of
7 Magic Chef Woody Styles and 270 to the VA&R fund.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 AUXILIARY MEMBER: I think we just lost the last
11 one this year. And Pat's Charmers are going to support the
12 \$100 for the education through the membership program, and we
13 give \$45 to the junior scholarship.

14 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS:
15 Would all of Goldie's Golden Links, Jerry's Cards, Margaret's
16 Dream Catchers, and Ruby's All Stars please stand.

17 Madam President, we are most happy to present to
18 the national junior alternate \$275, \$150 to the honorary
19 junior department president allowance.

20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES: 75 to junior
21 activities in memory of Barbara Carlson.

22 (Applause.)

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER QUIÑONES: And \$20 to the
24 past department presidents junior scholarship.

25 (Applause.)

1 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Are there Mildred's Gardeners
2 out there? On behalf of Mildred's Gardeners they will be
3 donating \$50 to the Girls State program.

4 AUXILIARY MEMBER: Linda's Workmen, Parks Patriots,
5 and Joyce's Nuggets will be donating \$20 to the past
6 department presidents junior scholarship, \$50 to the national
7 junior delegates alternates travel fund, and \$165 to the
8 general fund.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Would
11 Virginia Gandy's Engineers please stand, and Judy Lloyd's
12 Engineers, and Diane DeLashmit's Circuit Act.

13 These donations are in memory of Circus Act
14 District 5 Monkeys Pat Anderson, and District 24 Aristocats,
15 Zella Batsik.

16 To the junior fund, \$67; education fund, \$48; and
17 VA&R, \$321.

18 Thank you very much, ladies.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. HOOKER: Sue's Lighthouses and Melanie's
21 Pilots, we are donating to the past department presidents
22 junior scholarship, \$50; and to the veterans affairs and
23 rehabilitation, \$250.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. HOOKER: The VA and our donation is in memory

1 of Pat Anderson.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. LEE: Wouldn't Madeline's Love Princesses and
4 Bev's Stars come up.

5 On behalf of our group we are donating \$270 to
6 VA&R; to junior activities, \$100; to the past department
7 presidents junior scholarship, \$30; and to the junior
8 national delegate, \$50.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CHRISTNER: First of all ladies, on behalf of
11 the past department presidents we would like to donate to the
12 junior department presidents travel fund \$100; the alternate
13 junior to national convention, \$100; and in loving memory of
14 Barbara Carlson, whose program was VA&R, \$50.

15 May I have any Betty's Bears out there please
16 stand.

17 On behalf of my mother's Betty's Bears, we would --
18 they would like to donate \$45 to the junior activities fund.

19 Is there any of Bonnie's Prom Princesses out there?

20 On behalf of the Prom Princesses we would like to
21 donate \$25 to the past department presidents junior
22 scholarship and \$185 to the VA&R program.

23 Thank you, ladies.

24 (Applause.)

25 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

1 Bonnie is a little taller than I am.

2 MS. CHRISTNER: I'm a whole lot taller.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN JACOB:

4 Would all of Sandy's Colonels please stand.

5 On behalf of these lovely ladies we would like to
6 donate \$100 to junior conference and \$145 to gift shop and
7 patient remembrance.

8 Thank you, ladies.

9 NATIONAL SECURITY WESTERN DIVISION CHAIRMAN HITCH:

10 Do we have any actresses in the building?

11 On behalf of Shelby's Actresses we would like to
12 donate \$210 to the VA&R program.

13 (Applause.)

14 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN CAPAZZI: Are any
15 of LuAnn's Ship's Captains out there in the audience this
16 morning?

17 On behalf of our Ship's Captains, we would like to
18 donate \$173 under the VA&R program for homeless veterans
19 projects, \$69 for the past department presidents junior
20 scholarship fund, \$69 to junior conference, and \$44 dollars
21 to Girls State.

22 Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Does the secretary
24 have any last-minute interisland communications to share with
25 us?

1 INTERISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I
3 understand I won the drawing for the printer while I was
4 gone.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Yes, Barbara Davis,
6 you did.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: I'm so
8 glad Barbara Davis won it. Thank you. I don't have to haul
9 it back to the office.

10 Madam President, that is probably the only
11 communication that I had. I was supposed to announce
12 that we still had the printer, but I'm glad that you had the
13 drawing. I apologize for my absence, but my husband was --
14 my husband is the historian this year for the Department of
15 California American Legion.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KILKENNY: And it
18 was a pleasure to be able to see our -- my very own District
19 5 representatives, Past District Commander Mark Foxworthy
20 installed as the new department commander of the
21 American Legion.

22 I want to take this opportunity, Madam President,
23 to thank you, Mahalo, I think, for this year. We had many a
24 long conversation, I know, and you missed on my report how
25 many days that seemed to turn into.

1 But I do wish to thank you. I wish to thank all of
2 the past department presidents.

3 A special thank you to Diane DeLashmit, who took
4 over after Barbara Carlson passed away, for my venting ear
5 and advised, even if I thought it was wrong. Like I said
6 last year, I hate it when the parliamentarian is right.

7 But thank you all very much.

8 Ladies in the audience, I appreciate you. Mahalo.
9 Have a safe trip home.

10 Thank you very much.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Will the Department
13 President Elect Pilar Reyes, please announce the time of
14 installation and give any last-minute instructions.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: After we adjourn
16 we will have about 30 minutes break; so you will -- you will
17 be ready to prepare and be dressed up for our installation.
18 I did it prematurely; so I have -- here I am, already
19 dressed.

20 But anyway, the officers and chairman that will be
21 installed should gather in the back; is that correct?

22 When we start, Linda, our distinguished guest
23 chairman, will give instructions where you will be; so I will
24 depend on Linda in doing that.

25 Linda Workman, not Linda Fercho. Oh, there's the

1 ACS change already.

2 But anyway, after installation we will have
3 a little refreshment, and my people have brought some food to
4 partake, but it's not really very much. But still, it will
5 be a treat. It's lumpia; is that right?

6 I hope they did; so I won't be embarrassed.

7 But anyway, if they did not, we have some cookies
8 and drinks. For those who are thirsty, we have a lot of
9 drinks in the back here. And I would like to request Alice
10 to send one of the members of the committee to please have --
11 if we can have a table in the back on the side so that we can
12 have a little refreshment after installation. We are not
13 going to have it now.

14 But if there is someone who is really very, very
15 hungry, then we will not deny them of the food.

16 But anyway, we will have about 30 minutes break.

17 I don't want to hold the time.

18 And then I will be giving instructions to everybody
19 that were installed and only department chairmen to stay for
20 post convention executive committee meeting because I will
21 have a lot of packets for you, and you will be receiving my
22 president's pin; so wait for that time.

23 I wish you will all stay, but I'm just sad that
24 a lot of you have already left.

25 So anyway, we still have a big crowd.

1 And do you have anything else to add?

2 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAPSALIS: 30
3 minutes. 30 minutes break.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: 30 minutes break,
5 and if you want an additional five minutes, maybe you can
6 have it. Okay?

7 So get ready for the installation and don't leave.
8 It's now five minutes.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Excuse me, ladies.
10 We haven't -- we are not in recess yet.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REYES: We are not
12 adjourned. Okay?

13 So we have five minutes to 12:00. We will be
14 having a break. Come back here at 12:30 because we will
15 start the installation. All right?

16 Okay. Madam President, thank you. Now it's your
17 -- you may --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DuVALL: Thank you, Pilar.

19 Thank you all for attending this 91st convention.
20 You did an outstanding job this year, and I thank you all
21 again. As you have heard, we are in recess until 12:30, at
22 which time we will reconvene for the installation of the
23 2010/2011 department officers.

24 OFF THE RECORD AT 11:54 A.M.

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