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0 7 8	CALL TO ORDER
9	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: This convention
10	session is reconvened. Sharon Moore, our Department
11	Chaplain, will offer the invocation.
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13	INVOCATION
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15	DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Dear Heavenly Father.
16	Thank you for this meeting and for the officers and
17	chairmen. I ask that you continue to keep our president
18	in your loving arms and that we have a successful meeting
19 20	and election today for our future officers. In his name I
20 21	pray, amen. ALL PRESENT: Amen.
22	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay.
23	(Processional.)
24	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Big round of
25	applause to the pirates. So I'm going to have to get an
26	official reading on this. We're not supposed to take
27	pictures with booze in front of them, ladies. We might
28	want to hide them bottles.
29	PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. Pirate's
30	life.
31 32	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, dear. I'm so sorry. Man, you guys are good. And it does say rap once
32 33	to let them sit down. The Department Secretary Ruby
34	Kapsalis will call the roll of officers, chairmen, and
35	district president, please.
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37	ROLL CALL
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39	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning,
40	ladies.
41	AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.
42 43	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Is it
43 44	Saturday? AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes.
44 45	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department
46	President Wendy O'Brien.
47	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning.
48	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department Vice
49	President Loretta Marsh.
50	DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: I am here.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 2 Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis. She's almost here. 3 NEC Susie Tozier. 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I haven't heard 5 from her so I don't know where she's at. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chaplain Susan 7 Moore. 8 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: I'm here. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Historian Dolly 10 Rios. DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Here. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Parliamentarian 13 Diane DeLashmit. 14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: (Sounds horn.) 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, good. 16 Musician Joyce Patton. 17 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATON: (Singing.) SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sergeant-at-Arms 18 19 Liz Doidge. 20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE: Here. 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal Susan 22 Morgan. 23 MARSHAL MORGAN: I've got my tail. 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 25 Chairman Terry Mikesell. 26 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: North. 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 28 Senior Member Linda Hayes. 29 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER HAYES: South. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 30 31 Junior Member Brenda Preston. 32 JUNIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESTON: Ahoy, 33 Matey. 34 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Chairman 35 Anita Biggs. 36 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning from the 37 north. 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Pilar 39 Reyes. 40 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REYES: Good morning from the 41 south. 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory LuAnn 43 Capazzi. 44 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAPAZZI: Good morning from 45 the east. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Committee 47 Linda Fercho. 48 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: Good morning from the 49 west is the best. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past National

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1 President Nancy Brown-Park. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Americanism Kathy 4 Smith. 5 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: Good morning, Ruby. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 7 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Ellen McClurg. 8 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Good morning. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 10 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: I'm here. 11 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Children & Youth 12 Kathie Martinez. 13 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good 14 morning, Ruby. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 16 Community Service Dee Ann Graham. 17 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 18 19 Constitution & Bylaws Tamra Duron. 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's here 21 somewhere. Tamra? 22 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAW CHAIRMAN DURON: Here. 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, she's here. 24 Convention Estella Avina. 25 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: Still upright. 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention 27 Commission Genieca Risner. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 28 29 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Credentials Danielle White. She's been working her little booty off 30 31 all morning. Distinguished Guest Linda Workman. 32 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I'm here. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor Estella 34 Avina. 35 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Still upright. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Education Linda 37 Fariss. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's working out 39 at the desk. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 40 41 Elections Jackie Cleveland. 42 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CLEVELAND: Good morning. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Girls State Chairman Elissa Kirkland. She's excused. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I think she's 45 46 excused. I think she's left for Girls State. 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Got it. Girls 48 State Director Rhodona Enright. 49 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: Are you from Girls 50 State?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah. 1 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior Activities 3 Mindy Sinclair. Mindy Sinclair. 4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's on her way. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's on her way 6 they say. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior Conference 8 Director Ann Philcox. 9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: I'm here. 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leadership Gloria 11 Williams. 12 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good morning. 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 14 Legislative Susie Tozier. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's missing. 15 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's doing the 17 banquet. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I think she's 18 19 working on the banquet so she is excused. 20 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Membership 21 Loretta Marsh. 22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here. 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: National Security 24 Tracy Varnell. 25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: The Sea 26 Horses are now limping to the finish line. 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past President 28 Parley Anita Biggs. 29 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning, Ruby. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 30 31 Poppy Kim Vincent. 32 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Present. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Public relations 34 Jennifer Bieger. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Resolutions 37 Madeline Lee. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's here I 39 think. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Rules Glenda 41 Schultz. 42 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Present. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Veterans Affairs & 44 Rehabilitation Joan Cannon. VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present. 45 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ways & Means Jean 47 Cooley-Desmeules. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's out there 49 working. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Excuse me?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's working out 2 there. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. District Presidents. District 1, Marialice Canclini. 4 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's absent. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 2 Judy 7 Henderson. 8 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Present. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3 Lola 10 Ramey. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4 Geri 13 Fitzpatrick. 14 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Here. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5 Sandy 16 Paxton. 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6 Glenda 19 Schultz. District 7 --20 DISTRICT 6: Aloha. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: How about -- do 22 it, girls. Do it. 23 DISTRICT 6: My Wendy lies over the ocean. Μv 24 Wendy lies over the sea. And when this convention is 25 over, please send back my Wendy to me. 26 (Applause.) 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 28 District 7 Linda Harmon. 29 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT HARMON: Aloha. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Aloha. District 8 30 31 Tammy Manini. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9 Dolly 34 Rios. 35 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 10 Liz 37 Parshal. 38 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. 39 Anchors away. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 40 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 11 Marcia 42 Munroe. 43 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Present. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 12 Ann 44 45 Kelley. 46 DISTRICT 12: (Inaudible) Wishing Wendy smooth 47 sailing to the finish line. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Good 49 morning. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 13 CeCe

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1 Harvey. 2 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 14 Gloria 4 Sinopoli. 5 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Good morning, 6 Ruby. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 8 District 15 Zana Chaney. 9 DISTRICT 15: Good morning. 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 16 Terry 11 Oclaray. 12 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Captain Wendy. The 13 Sweet 16 coastal breeze is still heading for the final 14 port of call. 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 16 (Applause.) 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17 Rachel 18 Wang-Yee. 19 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: Good morning, 20 Ruby. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning, 21 22 Rachel. District 18 Gail Pouliot. 23 DISTRICT 18: Sailing, sailing from sea to 24 shining sea. District 18 is here to say aloha Captain 25 Wendy. Sailing, sailing over the deep blue sea to help 26 our vets continually from sea to shining sea. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19 Becky 29 Bullard. 30 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, President Wendy. 31 Cruising the coast still homeward down. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 32 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20 Nancy 33 34 Heinisch. 35 DISTRICT 20: Ahoy, Madam President, cruise ship 36 District 20 has all hands on deck and down the port. 37 Clear skies and smooth sailing ahead. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning, 39 ladies. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21 Susan Romero. 41 42 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Captain Wendy. Our 43 ship has sailed from the USS Riverside. We're here to 44 rock. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 45 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22 Donna 47 Smith. 48 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President. 49 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23 50 Patricia Patrick.

1 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The 2 23rd District USS Mohammed Ali has declared you a 3 knockout. Thank you for sailing with us. 4 (Applause.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 7 Deloris Artis. 8 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. We 9 love, Wendy. Oh, yes, it's true. And now we thank you for all you do, but time is all but through and now we 10 must say adieu to you and you and you. 11 12 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning, 13 14 ladies. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25 Maria 16 Granado. 17 DISTRICT 25: See Turtles worked our membership, 18 (inaudible) has kept us right on track right from the very 19 start. Our captain gave us good advice, our first mate 20 did the same. Our foghorn kept us legal protecting our 21 good name. Good morning, Department President Wendy. 22 (Applause.) 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning, 24 ladies. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I sure will be glad when that horn is gone. District 26 Louann Johnston. 26 27 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Ahoy. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 27 Vicky 29 Goodchild. 30 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Good morning. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 31 32 District 28 Karol Adams. 33 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President. 34 District 28 USS Majestic cruising on for our veterans. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29 Carol 37 Borgman. 38 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Fireball for 39 everybody. 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 41 Yeah, we're going to need it. 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30 Kim 43 Vincent. 44 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Present. 45 ALL PRESENT: Good morning to you. Good morning 46 to you. We're all in our places with smiles on our faces, 47 good morning to you. Good morning to you. Good morning 48 good morning. Good morning to you. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hospital Reps.

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1 Fort Miley, Lorraine Sullivan. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leticia O'Quinn, 4 Sacramento. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She is excused. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Central California 7 Fresno Sandy Dowell. 8 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE DOWELL: Here. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Palo Alto Connie 10 Raya. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE RAYA: Present. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Livermore Grace 13 Huston. 14 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HUSTON: Present. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma Linda Jerry 16 L. Pettis. 17 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KANKA: Here. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Long Beach 19 Pat Alvarez. 20 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ: Good morning, 21 Ruby. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning, Pat. 23 Greater LA Earlean Paige. 24 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE PAIGE: Good morning, 25 Ruby. 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. San 27 Diego Susie Tozier. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's working. 29 She's here. 30 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's still lost 31 at sea. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, yes. 32 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Barstow Evangeline 34 Acosta. 35 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA: I'm here. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chula Vista Lois 37 Cornish. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE CORNISH: I'm here 38 39 instead of there. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno Veterans 41 Rosalie Taylor. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lancaster Linda 44 Hayes. 45 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HAYES: Present. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding Vets Home 47 Terry Mikesell. 48 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE MIKESELL: I'm still in 49 the north. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura, Madeline

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1 Lee. 2 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE LEE: Still here. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA, Ruth 4 Hackney. 5 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HACKNEY: Here. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And Yountville 7 Peggy Grabski. 8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That concludes 10 your roll call, Madam President. 11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 12 much, Ruby. I know you had a rough night last night, you 13 and the girls. We will resume the Department Chairmen's 14 reports, so first up will be Tracy Varnell Fercho for 15 National Security. And then Estella Avina, if you could give your 16 17 Editor's Report. And if we could have Joan Cannon and 18 Ellen McClurg ready to give their reports, please. And 19 hopefully you ladies have notified everyone who is getting 20 an award to be up front to receive their awards so we can 21 snap to this day, get this day going. 22 23 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT 24 25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Good 26 morning, everyone. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 28 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: This old Sea 29 Horse is limping now. We're kind of tired. Before I get 30 started, where are all my Sea Horses? Where are all my 31 Sea Horses? This one is lumpy. Some of them are a little 32 lumpy, but that's okay. It's first thing in the morning, 33 what do you expect? 34 Good morning. The Convention Committee on 35 National Security met on June 23rd, 2013 in the Raincross 36 Room A at 11:02 a.m. You will find the statistical 37 information on page 55 of the Book of Reports. 38 Yvonne Wright-Scott was appointed secretary, Unit 39 125, District 16. Mindy Sinclair offered prayer, Unit 40 247, District 18, and Sandra Marsteller was appointed 41 Sergeant-At-Arms, Unit 377, District 18. A total of 18 42 delegates answered roll call and there were four visitors. 43 There was no code changes, no recommendations and 44 no resolutions. All the awards except for first place 45 were handed out and a list has been given to the 46 Department Office. In our meeting it was just more of an 47 open forum where people were just kind of talking about 48 different ideas and things to do for National Security and 49 come up with some good ideas. It was over and adjourned 50 at 11:55. That concludes my report.

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1 Madam President, may I continue with my 2 supplemental? 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 4 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Thank you. 5 The Department of California is very fortunate to have a 6 lot of military bases. I would venture to say we have 7 more than other states. We have so many enormous opportunities to interact with military families. 8 9 California also has a lot of potential for disasters such 10 as fire -- fires, floods, earthquakes, et cetera. 11 This year the members of the Department of 12 California prepared. As you will look at this report, 13 other than local emergencies, we were blessed not to have 14 any severe natural disasters as were experienced in other 15 states. We have several certified trained members who 16 trained in their units. Several units had the Red Cross 17 come to their post homes and demonstrate life-saving 18 techniques. The units also hosted blood drives. Our 19 Juniors actually held a membership workshop to learn more 20 about disaster preparedness at home and at school. 21 The members of California continue to present the 22 Blue Star Banners at their meetings to new members. 23 Having such a large population of military members and 24 their loved ones being deployed, they also had special 25 ceremonies. They invited the entire family to come. They 26 all received a Blue Star Banner. Following the ceremony 27 there were lunches and dinners offered. 28 We did have one unit present a Gold Star Banner to a mother who had lost her son. It was a beautiful 29 ceremony giving the respect and dignity to that veteran 30 31 and their family well deserved. Following the 32 presentation there was a dinner in his honor. 33 At our Girls State program, they have promoted a 34 group called the Blue Star Banner Girls. This is comprised of girls that have loved ones that are serving. 35 36 It is a great opportunity for these girls to share their 37 feelings with others that truly understand. They all 38 received a Blue Star Banner along with a pin. 39 This Chairman was not advised of any MIA remains 40 being found and returned this year, but we do have a 41 beautiful ceremony that's done every year during the 42 POW/MIA Remembrance Week. At this ceremony a 43 representative from the POW/MIA organization always does a 44 presentation on the remains that have been found. Thev 45 have who they are and they will be returned to their loved 46 ones. 47 One unit did a beautiful POW/MIA remembrance 48 table. It was dedicated to a World War II pilot who has 49 never been found. The entire family was invited to share 50 their stories and take pictures with their loved one.

1 California has several ways that they have honored members 2 coming home and deploying. Service members coming home 3 and deploying. California American Legion Riders go out 4 in mass to meet and greet soldiers that are coming home or 5 deploying. And sometimes, unfortunately, they are called 6 to escort servicemen who have given the ultimate sacrifice 7 to their country. They have a calling tree, and it 8 doesn't matter what time day or night, if they get the 9 call, they all meet to ride.

10 Several units reported also greeting soldiers and 11 giving welcome back home packs filled with socks, 12 underwear, toilets -- can I say underwear? Toilets, snack 13 bars, fruit, candies and water to get them through when 14 they actually get back home. Many soldiers have nothing 15 except what they have on and in their duffle bag. When 16 they get back to bases sometimes in the middle of the 17 night, there is nothing open for them to get a snack or 18 water or anything, so these backpacks are greatly 19 appreciated.

20 Units reported working with other post families 21 offering barbecues, to serve in events such as welcoming 22 home soldiers. They also did the same for those who were 23 deploying. They make sure that they have membership 24 tables at all of these events so they can talk about who 25 we are and what we do to help them and their families. 26 During these conversations they mention that they will be 27 shipping off -- if they mention they'll be shipping off to 28 the location, we are prepared to tell them about the 29 benefits of joining and being able to transfer when they 30 get started, when they get settled in their new area.

31 Units reported that they found out about soldiers 32 deploying and seeking out those families involved. 33 Support networks of family readiness groups and to offer 34 while their loved one is deployed. These ladies offer to 35 baby sit so that the moms can go to school at night or the 36 dads, take care of their animals if they're gone or 37 anything that happens, help that loved one who is at home 38 to feel that there is someone out there who still cares.

39 Coupon clipping is huge. I mean huge in California. We had clipping over \$895,483.50. 40 They have 41 been sent to commissaries all over the world. One unit 42 felt very special when they received notes and thank yous 43 from the Netherlands and also from South Korea.

44 Units reported that they donated to local food 45 pantries where they can go on exclusive days reserved for 46 them to get help to get the food they don't have. The 47 ROTC program is very active in California with 27 units 48 participating and 84 members volunteering over 597 hours 49 and donating over 2,810 towards the program. 50

Madam President, this concludes my report. Can I

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1 go on with my first place awards? 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 3 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Great. 4 Thank you. I did send out my notes yesterday, but I don't 5 see them, so -- well, they're way over there. Come over 6 here. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You can come over. 8 Ladies, when you're standing waiting, you can come by the 9 flags. 10 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Okay. So 11 this certificate is presented to -- for the unit -- First 12 Place Unit National Security Supplemental goes to Trish Boyd in 684, District 27. 13 14 (Applause.) 15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: This unit --16 I mean this award goes for -- the Best District 17 Supplemental goes to Becky Bullard, District 19. 18 (Applause.) 19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Thank you 20 very much. And all other awards were given out at my meeting. And this was an honor, Wendy. Thank you so, so 21 22 Thank you. It was fun being a Sea Horse this year. much. 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 24 I think you did an outstanding job. Don't you, ladies? 25 (Applause.) 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We will now 27 hear from -- okay. Let's hear from Ellen McClurg, and then we were going to have Estella. 28 29 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Here I am. 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you, 31 Estella. 32 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Well, that will wake 33 you up this morning. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah. 35 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Okay. Are we good? 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We're good. 37 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: We're good. 38 39 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT 40 41 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: All right. As you know 42 we voted last year not to participate in articles in the Legionnaire for 2017. We have voted to check on other 43 44 avenues to lower the cost. After DEC per the Department 45 Commander, I was to call the Adjutant to see why the high 46 cost for the Auxiliary part of the Legionnaire. The call 47 didn't really do anything for us. The answers to my 48 questions were your postage, your postage, you don't pay 49 for any printing. Not true. After a conversation with 50 the previous adjunct, we pay for every printing for every

1 article in the newspaper. 2 Now once again we are in a standstill. I have 3 reached out for suggestions and received some interesting 4 ones, as you can imagine. That wasn't nice. That's okay. Anyway, I had I came across one of my papers from Dave 5 6 Levee when he was the editor. And it says here you have 7 two pages in every issue and at -- and at no cost to the 8 Auxiliary. If you do not want to have a copy in the 9 issue, please let me know 15 days prior to, blah, blah. 10 But it said -- get to the part where it says -- okay. This one I knew because I read for what we paid for it was 11 12 pretty much everything, every submission, every printing, 13 every mailing and everything. 14 So it continues to be bottom line our mail, our 15 postage. That is what is so high. And, you know, we 16 do -- I don't know whether you want this in a vote. Do we 17 continue to just look at finding a cheaper way to do it. 18 Do we just find a way to do something in our own office in 19 membership. Because I did get a card from somebody 20 actually who came up and gave me her card and said that 21 she does her thing for her unit in the whole -- I guess 22 the whole post and she does her own newsletters and stuff 23 and she would be more than happy to come forward and see 24 if we want to do something through her. So I thought that 25 was interesting. 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So are we at a 27 standstill? 28 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Oh, I'm sorry. Go like 29 this. Oh, seriously, you can't hear me? I'm sorry. That's the voice that I use for the boys I take care of. 30 31 I'm sorry. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hold on just a 33 moment. 34 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: All right, Linda. Now 35 we have to hear Linda. 36 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Linda 37 My question is do we pay for -- if we have a Workman. 38 dual Legionnaire and Auxiliary member, do we pay for that 39 postage? Because we should only be paying for the ones that don't have a Legionnaire in the household. 40 41 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: But because we have 42 articles in there, they're making us pay for that postage. 43 Not the whole total, I would imagine, but part of. Ruby, is that the way it comes in when you get 44 45 the invoices? When they submit an invoice, do they --46 we're not paying for all the postage in that mailing. We 47 just have our portion. DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: So we only 48 49 pay for those who are our single Auxiliary members with no 50 Legionnaire in the family; correct?

1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department 2 President, since we don't have a firm answer to the -- to 3 resolve the problem, I say we continue the resolution of 4 doing without a paper until such time as we can come up 5 with some better information --6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- to decide what 8 we're going to do. And I so move. 9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is a 10 11 motion on the floor to continue with the resolution, to 12 not be involved in the Legionnaire, to continue looking 13 for better avenues to get our word out to our members. 14 Any discussion? Oh, until DEC. Oh, I'm sorry. She did 15 not say that. So that is without the DEC. Until we find 16 something. 17 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Harriet, where are you? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Discussion, 18 19 please. 20 Oh, no discussion. DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Is there 22 any other discussion? 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I think 24 what Estella wants me to talk to you about is the cost of 25 printing the newspaper. Eight pages black and white or 26 color is minimal. It would cost us about \$600 an issue. 27 The biggest expense would be the mailing, and going 28 through the mailing house would cost a minimum of \$4,000 29 per issue. Okay. And that is taking into consideration, 30 and this is just for an Auxiliary newspaper, it's just 31 taking into consideration 25 percent of the Auxiliary 32 members don't have access to Internet and would not -- and 33 would want a hard copy. Okay. So that's just 25 percent 34 of our membership and it would cost us that much. 35 So I agree. I believe we should continue and 36 figure out all avenues. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Chair 38 recognizes Anita Biggs. 39 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, 40 Harriet, for stepping aside so I can talk. No, I was just 41 talking to our treasurer and, you know, we are assessed a 42 dollar per member for our newsletter, our newspaper and that's 20 -- however members we have, 21,000 at least. 43 So 44 what Harriet was just stating is less than what we had 45 been paying. So to me it's -- you know, you said 4,000 an 46 issue. We don't have to have an issue a month. We can do 47 it quarterly. You know, that's 16,000. So we have to 48 think about what we've been paying versus what we haven't 49 been paying and haven't been receiving, which is zero last 50 year, and that the money is still being assessed to us

1 through membership to do this. So we need to come up 2 with -- to me, we need to come up with a solution. 3 I'm not against the motion because we do -- but 4 we need to come up with something sooner than later. So 5 that's all I have to say. 6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Wendv? 7 Terry Mikesell, District 2. In 2014-'15 we paid 8 \$13,712.94. In 2015-'16, we paid \$22,816.19. So the 9 problem is communicating with the Legion on how much it 10 will actually cost us. And we did receive one issue last 11 year. DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: And it wasn't -- also 12 13 another problem we have, and someone may want to get to, 14 is the fact that a lot of us that have husbands or sons, 15 somebody else, a Legionnaire in the home, when it comes to 16 our -- the issue that has our articles, we get two. How 17 many of us can we get two to cop out -- yeah, opt out, opt 18 out and decide not to get the paper through the mail. Get 19 online. It's online. Whenever we have articles, it's on 20 the Legion website, the articles, and you can download and 21 read them or whatever. But it makes no sense to get two 22 newspapers when we do our articles. And if you have two 23 Auxiliary members in the home, sometimes they'll send you 24 three which is another reason that we need to kind of --25 we're trying to get away where we can go down the line and 26 see how many of us have husbands, sons, or whatever that 27 are Legionnaires that get a newspaper at the same time we 28 will get a newspaper. Because we don't need two. 29 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 30 President. 31 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Go ahead. Sorry. 32 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE QUECARPRINI: Good morning, 33 ladies, Madam President. Susie Quecarprini, District 18, 34 Unit 830. My recommendation would be for those that have 35 email, whether they have spouses or not is just like 36 anything else. You opt for that. That would save a lot 37 of money. For those that choose to still have hard copies 38 and/or for those that do not have the Internet, those 39 should be the issues that we do pay for. But that would 40 be my recommendation to offset some of the costs and/or --41 thank you. You're giving me the -- thank you. That was 42 just my recommendation because I would be willing for 43 myself, even though my husband is not a Legionnaire 44 because he did not serve, I would still opt for my 45 information to be sent through the Internet because that's 46 the way it is in my world. Right? 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. Thank you. 48 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE QUECARPRINI: And even in my 49 mom's world, she has Internet and so, you know, 50 92-year-old woman Odette can do it, anyone else can do it.

1 But anyway, to keep the story short, thank you for 2 listening, ladies. I appreciate it. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 4 much. Linda Workman. 5 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: In the old 6 days it used to be that the household got one paper. If 7 you had a Legionnaire, it was shared between the Auxiliary 8 member. They used to look at the mailing list and sort it 9 out and it went one to each household. So if they're 10 doing two or three to households, then that's where our 11 problem lies. 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Terry Mikesell. 13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: May I 14 please respond? 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. 16 The 17 problem that we're having is getting a hard number on the Legion on what the costs will be. We did speak with the 18 19 adjunct, so at this time it's really difficult for us to 20 get -- give you a cost. We can give you estimates on what 21 we think, you know, but we just can't get a number --DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 22 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: -- at this 24 point. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Terry Mikesell. 26 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Terry 27 Mikesell, District 2. I call for the question. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now to vote 29 to stop debate. Any discussion? 30 (No response.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 32 favor. 33 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 35 (No response.) 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 37 Now we're going to call for the vote which is to continue 38 with the resolution, as we voted on last convention, to 39 continue looking for the best avenue to for the newspaper; right? Did I say that right? Okay. All those in favor? 40 41 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 43 (No response.) 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 45 Thank you. 46 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Thank you very much. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 48 much, ladies. 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Now we'll go to

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1 Ellen McClurg for her report. 2 3 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT 4 5 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Good morning, Madam 6 President. Good morning, Past Presidents and ladies. On 7 my report for AEF, I was absent on Thursday so, Harriet 8 Clendenin, thank you very much for filling in for me. And 9 I had a -- let's see. We met or they met in the Raincross 10 B room and the reports can be found on page 47 of the Book 11 of Reports. 12 Karen Munch from Unit 56, District 16 was 13 Secretary, Judy Gomez, Unit 277 offered prayer. She's 14 from District 29. And Connie Raya from District 28 filled 15 in as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Total people that attended 16 this meeting was 21 and there were three visitors. 17 The code was read and accepted as it was prepared 18 to them. There was no changes. The meeting came to 19 finish at 12:45 a.m. 20 Madam President, may I go on with my 21 supplemental? 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 23 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Thank you. Thank you for 24 the opportunity to be the Department of California AEF 25 Chairman for 2016-2017. Out of 30 districts only 18 sent 26 in their reports for the end year. Districts received 27 certificates of appreciation for reporting 100 percent 28 were District 6, District 20, District 24 and 29 which I 29 received those yesterday when I got here. 30 I -- my one of my main concerns is I don't 31 understand why the units aren't reporting to the 32 districts. We seem to have a problem with this. It seems 33 like every year at midyear and during when our reports are 34 due, which makes it difficult for a Department Chairmen to 35 be able to compile her reports correctly. We need some 36 answer on this and maybe we get back to our units to find 37 out why. Or maybe we need to do a little more training 38 with them on this. 39 This concludes my report, and may I continue, 40 Madam President, with my awards to the districts? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 41 Yes. 42 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Thank you. District 16, 43 Jackie Thomas, Unit 482 First Place Supplemental. 44 (Applause.) 45 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Genevieve Eastman of 46 District 21, First Place certificate. 47 (Applause.) 48 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: District 24, Lisa Gold, 49 Unit 43, First Place Supplemental. 50 (Applause.)

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1 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: District 29, Angie 2 Castillo, Unit 77, First Place Supplemental. 3 (Applause.) 4 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Madam President, thank you 5 again for the appointment of the AEF Chairman. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 7 Ellen. AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Thank you. 8 9 (Applause.) 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Our VA&R 11 Chairman, Joan Cannon, is going to allow us to hear all of 12 the fabulous things we've done for veterans. Before Joan 13 starts, can I have Kim Vincent, Gloria Williams and -- and 14 the Convention Commission. 15 16 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT 17 18 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Madam President, the 19 Convention Committee for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 20 met on June 22nd, 2017 in Raincross B of the Riverside 21 Convention Center in Riverside, California. The 22 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 58 of 23 the Book of Reports. 24 Serving as secretary was Pat Alvarez, District 25 29. Cyd Kintzer, District 25, offered prayer, and Deborah 26 Straight, District 11, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A 27 total of 24 district delegates answered roll call. There 28 were 16 visitors. 29 The committee agreed on the following report. 30 The code was read and the following code changes was voted 31 Page 68, Awards, Rules. Number 5 code now reads: on. 32 "Outstanding qualities your candidate may have should be 33 stated in the entry." 34 The proposed change reads: "Outstanding 35 qualities your candidate may have demonstrated should be 36 stated in the entry." 37 The proposed change added the word 38 "demonstrated." By the direction of the committee I move 39 to make the code change. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is a 40 41 motion -- oh, that's right. That's right. Okay. Page 68 the code reads: "Outstanding" -- where is the old code? 42 "Outstanding qualities your candidate may have should be 43 44 stated in the entry." 45 The change would be the proposed -- which one is 46 it? "Outstanding qualities your candidate may have 47 demonstrated should be stated in the entry." 48 Okay. Any discussion? 49 (No response.) 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all

1 those in favor, say aye. 2 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 4 (No response.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 6 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: There were several 7 housekeeping changes required that will be given to the 8 Department Secretary/Treasurer. There were no resolutions 9 or recommendations. Presentation of citations and awards 10 for 100 percent reporting, second and third place were 11 handed out. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. 12 Madam Department President Wendy, may I continue 13 with my supplemental? 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 15 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: I am proud to report that 16 the Department of California's Auxiliary members did an 17 outstanding job serving our veterans, military, and their 18 families. I wish to express my gratitude to all, 19 especially the District and Unit Chairman and Hospital 20 Representatives and Deputies for their leadership. 21 I have decided that we know how to throw a party 22 from the many parties we have had throughout our year. 23 From July 4th through Memorial Day we planned and executed 24 parties to support our mission. Many breakfasts, lunches, 25 and dinners -- sorry -- were served to our Legion Family, 26 veterans, military, their families and community members. 27 Some fundraisers were to celebrate a special 28 holiday, and others to celebrate an event or just to say 29 thank you for your service. Behind the scenes are our 30 Auxiliary members working to make each and every event 31 special. One fun party held at Halloween was a reverse 32 trick or treat. The unit's senior and junior members 33 dressed in costume providing treats to veterans. This 34 same unit put on bunny ears and delivered colored eggs and 35 treats. 36 Veterans Day is a day of service for most units 37 serving at ceremonies, parades, hosting veterans for 38 lunch, dinner, or just visiting and listening to the 39 veterans. One unit hosted a meet and greet at a local car wash on Veterans Day. Each veteran or active duty 40 41 military was provided with a free car wash. A great way 42 to say thank you and introducing veterans and military to 43 our Legion Family, potential new members. A post commander and a unit president visit their 44 45 local school to put on a program about Veterans Day 46 helping the units understand why we celebrate and the 47 proper respect for our flag. The Christmas season is an 48 active time for our units. We hold fundraisers for gifts and our sewing and knitting clubs have been hard at work 49 50 creating handmade items.

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1 Our hospital representatives and deputies have 2 been organizing Christmas gifts and parties at our VA 3 medical centers, veterans homes and community living 4 centers as well as some clinics. A truly joyous time for those we serve and our members. 5 6 Our service is amazing. We honor our military 7 when they are being deployed and when they come home, 8 letting them know we are here for your families and we 9 will be here for you when you return. We support Honor 10 Flights for our veterans. We have members that took 11 classes in suicide prevention to support veterans in 12 crisis. We are excellent caregivers to our veterans, 13 cleaning, laundry, cooking, visiting, reading, 14 transportation to and from doctors' appointments and 15 shopping. 16 Auxiliary members find these activities rewarding 17 knowing their support keeps a veteran in their home. An 18 Auxiliary member facilitates writing workshops for 19 veterans. These activities help veterans heal their 20 wounds. To be able to hold the workshop, she wrote and 21 received a grant for the funds. This is just a small 22 sample of what we do to support our veteran's health, 23 happiness, and spirit. I am proud of the Department of 24 California American Legion Auxiliary members. We can do 25 it all. 26 Our hospital reps and deps are on the front lines 27 at our VA hospitals, veterans homes, clinics and community 28 living. The amount of hours and service they provide to 29 the Department of Veterans Affairs is remarkable. 30 With your permission, Madam Department President 31 Wendy, may I have the hospital representatives and 32 deputies escorted to the front of the room? 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Will the 34 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please escort our hospital 35 reps and deps to the front of the room. 36 (Processional.) 37 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: From the Medical Center of 38 San Francisco: Lorraine Sullivan, Rep. June Jackson, Tammy Manini, Deputy. 39 Deputy. 40 From Sierra Nevada Healthcare System: Bonnie Chavoya, Deputy. From Northern VA Health System: 41 Letecia 42 O'Quinn, Mather. She's a representative. 43 Barbara Dailey, Redding OPC. Kelli Germeraad --44 I practiced and I still didn't get it right -- Deputy, 45 Fairfield OPC. 46 From VA Medical Center Fresno: Sandra Dowell, 47 Representative. Gloria Sinopoli, Deputy. Kae Orcutt, 48 Deputy. Ruth Finney, Deputy. Marjorie Boyer, Deputy, 49 Tulare OPC. 50 From VA Palo Alto: Connie Raya, Deputy. Pat

1 Klang, Deputy. Sandy Jacob, Representative. Arlene 2 Muller, Deputy. Michelle Soares, Deputy. 3 From Livermore: Grace Huston, Representative. 4 Ruth Briggs, Deputy. 5 From San Diego Healthcare System: Susie Tozier, 6 Representative. Irma Manthei, Deputy. Barbara Love, 7 Deputy. 8 Lois Cornish, Veterans Home Chula Vista and poppy 9 production manager. 10 (Applause.) 11 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: From Loma Linda VA 12 Healthcare System: Mavis Kanka, Representative. Arlene 13 Barton, Deputy. 14 From Long Beach Healthcare System, which is now 15 Tibor Rubin: Pat Alvarez, Representative and production poppy manager. Becky Bullard, Deputy. Stephanie Janji, 16 17 Deputy. Tamara Bell, Deputy Village of Cabrillo. Debbie Butler, Deputy Whittier/Santa Fe Springs. 18 19 From Los Angeles Healthcare System: Earlean 20 Paige, Representative. Susie Johansen, Deputy. 21 (Applause.) 22 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Vi Walquist, Deputy. 23 Patricia Jackson-Kelly, Deputy LA outpatient clinic. From 24 West LA Ambulatory Care Center: Diana Williams, Deputy. 25 Kathy Harris Richards, Deputy. Pam Hicks, Deputy Downtown 26 Los Angeles. Mary Chaba, Deputy from -- I'm going --27 thank you. 28 Ambulatory Care Center East Los Angeles: Julie 29 Strange, Deputy. From Bakersfield OPC: Dee Ann Graham, 30 Deputy. From Santa Maria Community-based OPC: Dorothy 31 Davis, Deputy. From California Veterans Homes Fresno: 32 Rosalie Taylor. 33 (Applause.) 34 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Lancaster: Linda Hayes, 35 Representative. Redding: Terry Mikesell. 36 (Applause.) 37 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Ventura: Madeline Lee. 38 (Applause.) 39 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: West LA: Ruth Hackney. 40 Yountville: Peggy Grabski, Representative. Melanie Taylor, Deputy and poppy production manager. These are 41 42 your hospital representatives and deputies. 43 (Applause.) 44 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Barstow. 45 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Barstow: Angelina 46 Accosta. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: These ladies do 48 such a great, great job so we want to give them another 49 great big round of applause. 50 (Applause.)

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1 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: And just for a point, if 2 you would like, I would like for all of the reps and deps 3 over by the flags. I would like a picture so I can 4 remember what you all look like because it's so great and 5 I'm so proud of everything you've all done. It's amazing. 6 And I also have a certificate. I don't know, is 7 Pat Klang here? Okay. Well, I know she's moving and 8 she's retiring or moved in June I think, but I wanted to 9 give her a certificate of presentation for her dedicated 10 service, so I'll make sure she receives this in the mail. 11 (Applause.) 12 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Thank you for this, Madam 13 President. Thank you. Madam Department President Wendy, this concludes my report. May I continue with the first 14 15 place awards? 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 17 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. First Place Best 18 Hospital Program, Pat Alvarez from Tibor Rubin VA Medical 19 Center. 20 (Applause.) 21 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Most Volunteer Hours, Norma Wallace, Fresno VA Medical Center, District 14. 22 23 (Applause.) 24 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: And just so everybody 25 knows she has 2,080 hours. It's like a job. Okay. First 26 Place District Supplemental, Cyd Kintzer. 27 (Applause.) 28 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: District 25. First Place 29 Unit Supplemental, Leilani Squire, Unit 43, District 14. 30 This is a young lady that gives writing workshops not only 31 to vets, but also to their families. 32 (Applause.) 33 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Leilani's report was 34 forwarded to National for further judging. 35 This concludes my report. Thank you, Madam 36 Department President Wendy, for sharing your special year 37 with me. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Joan 39 did an outstanding job. VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: And we have Pat Alvarez 40 41 and the ladies are going to come up. And Grace Huston. 42 They would like to present you something. 43 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ: I would like to represent our Grace Huston because she's a little nervous 44 45 so I get to help her. I'm doing my mentoring again. 46 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HUSTON: And this is for 47 you. And you will recognize it. There you go. Perfect. 48 It's from all of us. 49 (Applause.) 50 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Thank you, Representatives

1 and Deputies. And I would like a picture with you all if 2 you don't mind. Thank you all for your time. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 4 Joan, and all our reps and deps. 5 (Applause.) 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We'll now 7 have Gloria Williams, if you can come up on the stage. 8 Kim Vincent, come on the stage and be ready to give your 9 report. Kim Vincent for Poppies. 10 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT 11 12 13 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good morning. The 14 convention on Leadership met on June 23rd, 2017 in the 15 Raincross Room C at the Riverside Convention Center here 16 in Riverside. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. The 17 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 53 of 18 the Book of Reports. 19 Ellen Wallace, District 23, was appointed 20 secretary. C.J. Reyes, District 19, offered prayer. And 21 CeCe Harvey, District 13, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. 22 Meeting opened according to ritual. A total of 22 23 district delegates answered roll call. There were nine 24 visitors present. The code was read and there were no 25 code changes. Awards for 100 percent reporting went to 26 the following districts: 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 27 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29. Α 28 certificate of appreciation and participation and the 29 second place awards were given in this committee. The meeting convened of -- excuse me. It 30 31 adjourned at 10:00 a.m. And this concludes the committee 32 report. And, Madam President, may I continue with my 33 supplemental and first place awards? 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 35 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Captain Wendy, 36 your Professors and Crew have successfully proven their 37 loyalty and shown their enthusiasm and commitment by 38 bringing Leadership training to the units and the 39 districts. Serving our veterans from sea to shining sea 40 while keeping your ship on course was Annapolis Academy's 41 goal. Twenty-two districts reported on Leadership 42 activities and 32 took and passed the National Certified 43 Leadership Test. 44 We chartered our sails to train and inform as 45 many members as possible about the Auxiliary's great 46 programs and how can they incorporate a strategic plan 47 that will allow each member a chance to become 48 knowledgeable leaders in their districts and units. 49 Two department workshops were held in California. 50 The first workshop was held in southern California at the

1 Hollywood Post 43 on October 22nd, 2016 hosted by 2 Districts 23 and 24. There were 58 members present. The 3 second was held in northern California at Post 521, 4 District 6 along with a junior workshop held in a separate 5 room led by Department Junior Activities Chairman. 6 Thank you, Captain Wendy, for sharing your time 7 and expertise with the other presenters at this workshop. 8 There were 60 seniors and seven juniors in attendance. 9 Both workshops provided excellent presenters whom gave 10 instruction about the basic programs: protocol, flag 11 etiquette, parliamentary procedures and civility training. 12 Members worked in groups to settle situations. 13 Fun games such as the Family Feud were a hit with the 14 participants. They answered questions regarding Membership and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation programs. 15 16 Complimentary gifts were given to the participants. 17 Members reported the National and Department bulletins 18 were educational and interesting. Sixteen districts 19 reported holding training for their members and 40 units 20 held training. Several districts reported that many of their 21 22 units held workshops that focused on officers' duties, 23 what makes a good leader, and end of the year reporting. 24 Twelve units have reported having a mentor program. Six 25 units have been reconstructed and saved from losing their 26 charters through the efforts of their districts. Twenty 27 districts held Leadership workshops. Several reported 28 holding small workshops at their unit meetings about the 29 Auxiliary programs and Constitution & Bylaws and civility training and goodwill nurturing. Leadership is about 30 31 working together as a team for our veterans and their families. The Department of California Annapolis Academy 32 33 is proud of the accomplishments of its Auxiliary members. 34 Madam President, may I proceed with my first 35 place awards? 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 37 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I sent out notes 38 vesterday. District 16? District 25? 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They're here. 40 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Here I am. 41 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here you are. Т 42 didn't see you over there. First Place Unit Supplemental 43 is awarded to Linda Fercho, Chairman. 44 (Applause.) 45 LEADERSHIP CHAIR WILLIAMS: This is for you. 46 First Place Supplemental award goes to Tamra Duron. 47 (Applause.) 48 LEADERSHIP CHAIR WILLIAMS: District 25. Madam 49 President Wendy, thank you for this appointment. It has 50 been a wonderful experience.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 2 You did an outstanding job. Thank you. 3 LEADERSHIP CHAIR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And I do want to call Tammy Bell up to the podium. She's going to help me 5 6 with a presentation. 7 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Madam Past Department President Susie Tozier, could 8 President. 9 you please come over here? As you ladies all know, with 10 everyone's kind help when we were under Past Department 11 President Susie's tenure, we applied and were given a 12 grant from National for the advancement center at Cabrillo 13 for computers, music, all kinds of stuff. So on behalf of 14 U.S. Vets Cabrillo, I would like to present this trophy to 15 Past President Susie Tozier. 16 (Applause.) 17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you, 18 ladies. HOSPITAL REP BELL: Also, ladies, when we go to 19 20 National Convention in Reno, we will be up on the stage 21 with a presentation about receiving grants and we will 22 then give Past President Sharon Conatser a similar trophy 23 on behalf of the women's advanced program. Thank you. 24 (Applause.) 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Kim, we're going to have to wait. I apologize. We need to take a 26 27 break because we have to have our elections at 10:00 a.m. 28 We'll have a 15-minute recess so the District Presidents 29 can take roll call of their delegates and be ready to 30 report their voting strength. 31 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Wendy? 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hello. Who's 33 talking? 34 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Can I say one thing, 35 ladies? 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Stop just a 37 minute. 38 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Ladies, we have a rule 39 you don't go out, you don't come back in after we start the voting. The Pages, God love these Juniors, we tell 40 them not to let you in or out. So please don't be rude to 41 42 them. Last year we had somebody that was very, very rude 43 and almost come to blows. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Well, can I also 44 45 add yesterday, ladies, they have a job to do. They've 46 been asked not to let people come and go. I guess it has 47 been a free for all over there. So please be kind. There 48 is a reason they're doing the job that they are doing. 49 Oh, yeah. That's right, humble and kind. That's right. 50 So please remember the doors will be closed at

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1 10:00 a.m. and no one will be allowed to enter or leave after they are closed. At this time all delegates should be with their districts. (Recess from 9:42 a.m. to 9:58 a.m.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, the doors will now be closed. This session will come to

doors will now be closed. This session will come to order. Will everyone please be seated in their respective districts. Please remember that only delegates and alternates taking the place of the delegate will be allowed to be in the room during elections.

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Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please see everybody that is in the lobby knows that the doors -- too late. They don't get a chance. We will now proceed. No one will be permitted to enter or leave except in an emergency until the Chair states the elections are concluded.

We will now have the report of the elections chairman, Jackie Cleveland, followed by the reading of the election rules by Glenda Schultz. Jackie Cleveland? Here she comes.

#### ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

24 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CLEVELAND: Good morning. 25 will read the election rules. Number 25: Election of the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, National 26 27 Candidate, Department Delegates and Alternates to the 28 National Convention shall be held on Saturday morning, 29 June 24th, 2017. The doors of the convention shall -shall be closed during the entire election procedure and 30 31 no one shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair 32 states the election is concluded. The exception to this 33 shall be that in an emergency a member may leave, and if 34 her absence accepts the voting strength, the District 35 President shall immediately notify the presiding officer.

Number 27: When there is but one nominee for all 36 37 department officers and but one nominee for Junior Member 38 of Finance, the nominees shall be elected viva voce. 39 (Article V, Section 3 Department Constitution). Upon roll 40 call, the District Presidents shall report the number of 41 units partially or wholly represented by newly elected 42 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the 43 time of the roll call. This is to determine that there is 44 a quorum of units present at the time of election.

Excuse me. Number 28: When there is more than one nominee for the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance or endorsement for National Office, election shall be by written ballot. The District President shall, when they are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their respective delegation to ascertain the total voting

1 strength of their District for the election reporting the 2 same to Chair. 3 Number 29: When there are three or more nominees 4 for office, Junior Member of Finance, or endorsement for 5 National Office, unless one nominee receives a majority 6 vote on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest 7 number of votes shall be automatically dropped before 8 proceeding with the next ballot. 9 Number 30: When there is a candidate or 10 candidates for an endorsement to a National Office a 11 majority vote shall be by ballot. (Constitution Article 12 V, Section 13.) 13 Number 31: Each District President Or District 14 Member of the Election Committee shall distribute and 15 elect the votes cast by the District delegation and 16 deliver them to the Department Chairman of the Elections. 17 Number 32: Department Officers, Chairman, 18 Committee Member, and Past Department President shall vote 19 with their respective district. 20 Number 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to 21 one vote. The vote of an absent unit delegate not 22 represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority 23 of the delegates from the Unit. When two delegates 24 represent three votes, the Chairman of the Unit delegation 25 shall cast the third vote. 26 Number 34: A majority of all votes cast shall 27 elect except that in the election of national delegates or 28 alternates of plurality shall elect. 29 Number 35: These Convention rules may be amended 30 during the Convention by a two-thirds vote. 31 Number 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly 32 Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on all points 33 not covered by these rules, the Department Constitution & Bylaws and Convention mandates. 34 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Jackie. 36 Will the District Presidents please proceed to the 37 microphone and line up in numerical order. Oh, yes. 38 Danielle White, can you please come to the podium. Where are you, Danielle? Here she is. Here she 39 40 Can you give us the latest figures of is. Okay. Okay. 41 the vote, please? 42 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: Of the strength? 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Of the strength, 44 yeah. How many are registered, all of that. 45 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: We have 523. 46 Divided by two is 261. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Say that again so 48 everyone can hear you or closer to the mic. 49 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: 522. Right. That's 50 the number of delegates after the changes. So it will

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1 make it 261 for half to elect. 2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 262. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Sergeant-at-Arms 4 and Marshal, are you by the doors? Okay. Ladies, I know 5 you need to be with your districts, but if you could 6 please let your district president know you're here and 7 then be by the doors. We can't have people coming and 8 going, please. 9 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: After the first one, 10 so it's 262 for the strength. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 262 for the 11 strength. Thank you. To elect. Yes, 262 is the 12 13 majority. Okay. Ready? The secretary will call the roll 14 of the districts. Thank you, Jackie. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is this yours? 16 All right. Are we ready? We're going to get 100 percent; 17 right? All right. Let's go for it, ladies. All right. 18 District Number 1. 19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: One. 20 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Did you say 21 one, Terry? 22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am. 23 She's right there. 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, that didn't 25 last long. Okay. We will try again. 26 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: I was under the 27 understanding that I am one of the visitors. 28 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You're a 29 delegate. 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Could you please 31 come to the microphone because we can't hear you? 32 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: Yes, ma'am. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm not sure what 34 you said when you were over there. Could you repeat it? 35 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: I understood that I was 36 only a visitor because I am not properly registered. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, okay. She's 38 not properly registered. 39 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: Yeah, I have a badge on. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Are you 40 41 Joan Dolittle? Okay. Then you have three votes. 42 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: All right. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. You have 44 three votes. 45 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. 46 You're okay. 47 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: I can go sit down. 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Now we're 49 going to start from scratch again. I hope we don't have 50 to do this too often. District 2.

1	DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Two.
2	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Great. District
3	3, zero. District 4.
4	DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Six.
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	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Six. Thank you.
6	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes.
7	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5.
8	PAST NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAYLOR: Four.
9	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I've got seven.
10	PAST NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAYLOR: Unit 165
11	left, Ruby.
12	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Thank you.
13	District 6.
14	DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: District 6 has 19.
15	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. There
16	we go.
17	(Applause.)
18	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8, zero.
19	District 9.
20	DISCIPCE J. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: What happened to
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	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh.
23	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Are you in a
24	hurry?
25	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, no. They
26	kind of put it at the bottom of the page. So that was my
27	error. I am terribly sorry. District 7, seven.
28	DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT HARMON: 7, seven.
29	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Great.
30	Let me find my place now. Now District 8 is zero.
31	District 9 is five.
32	DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I've got six.
33	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Would you come to
34	the stage, please? District 10.
35	DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT WOODY: Seven.
36	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl.
37	(Applause.)
38	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 11.
39	DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Ten.
40	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl.
41	District 12.
42	DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT KELLEY: Ten.
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<u> </u>	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl.
44	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13.
45	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13.
45 46	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now
45 46 47	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14.
45 46 47 48	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19.
45 46 47 48 49	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
45 46 47 48	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19.
45 46 47 48 49	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.

DISTRICT 15 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: 1 I'm 2 a bad girl. Actually Brenda Preston, our Junior Member of 3 Finance, was not counted as a delegate in her own right so 4 they should have 11, not ten. Do I have to go over? 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you do. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 16. 7 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARAY: 28. 8 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Look 9 at it here. We're cooking. District 17. 10 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: Three. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 11 12 Where's 17? Oh, down here. Okay. They got me going all 13 over this page here. All right. Three. All right. 14 District 18. DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT POULIOT: 37. 15 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 17 District 19. DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT RAYNER: 18 25. 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 20 District 20. 21 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: 20. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 23 District 21. DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT ROMERO: 46. 24 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 26 District 22. 27 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT SMITH: 43. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. All 29 right. Twenty-three. 30 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT PATRICK: 20. 31 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh-oh. 32 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT PATRICK: Unit 639 left. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Unit 639 left, so 34 how many is it? 35 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT PATRICK: 20. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 20. Okay. Thank 37 you, Patricia. 38 (Applause.) 39 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24. DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Nine. 40 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 42 District 25. DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GRANADO: 59. 43 44 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 45 District 26. 46 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: We have eight. 47 Elissa Kirkland is not here. She's in her own right. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Who's not here? 48 49 Elissa Kirkland. 50 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Girls State

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1 Chairman. 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That is correct. 3 District 27. 4 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: 17. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now 6 please, Karol, I know you'll get it right. District 28. 7 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT ADAMS: 19. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 8 9 District 29. DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: 10 52. 11 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh-oh. 12 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Do I have to go 13 over there? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah, you have to 14 15 go over there. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30. 16 17 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Nine. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. That's not bad, two out of 30. 19 20 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Ruby, I have a 21 correction for Exhibit 6. We missed one in their own 22 right so we should have 20. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6 has 20. 23 24 District 6 has 20. Okay. District 6 is 20. 25 (Applause.) 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 27 District 9. 28 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I was right. It's 29 six. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You got six. All 30 31 right. Okay. We only have one left, District 29. Do you 32 want me to entertain you? 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Where is 34 Madeline? Madeline, get up and entertain us. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Come on, Madeline, 36 get up and entertain us. Do I hear a dog barking? 37 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. That's 38 qood. 39 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Sing, 40 Madeline. 41 (Singing.) 42 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, 43 Madeline. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 45 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are they 46 ready? 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We still are 48 counting. 49 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. 50 Madeline is going to entertain us some more.

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(Singing.) 1 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. District 3 29. 4 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: 54. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 54. That 6 concludes your roll call. 7 (Applause.) 8 DEPARTMENT 15: What was 15's count? 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 15, you 10 said 11. DEPARTMENT 15: Correct. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 13 (Singing.) 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm trying to count, ladies. Give me a break. 15 16 (Singing.) 17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are we 18 ready? 19 PERSONAL PAGE SANCHEZ: Now we have 95 bottles of 20 beer instead of delegates. 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We should have a 22 computer out here. 23 DELEGATE BEA: Madam Department President. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, ma'am. 25 DELEGATE BEA: Madam Department President and 26 Madam Department Secretary, as an interesting point of 27 information while we're on elections, for those of you who 28 have not yet met my granddaughter who is a unit member, 29 duly elected delegate, she is here from Australia. She is 30 21. She is in her first year of -- first year and a half 31 of four years of college or they call it university for studying to be a primary school teacher. Now very 32 33 interestingly she is an Australian citizen. This is the 34 only time an Australian citizen will be able to vote in an 35 American election. 36 (Applause.) 37 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you, Bea, 38 for that. 39 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: And I thought I was 40 perfect. 515 is your total voting and half is 257 and a 41 half, so it will take 258 to elect. 258. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 43 much. We're now opening the ratification for the election There is -- okay. Of the districts. There 44 of officers. 45 is but one nominee for the office of Department President, 46 Loretta Marsh. All of those in favor of electing Loretta 47 Marsh for the Department President, signify by saying aye. 48 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed say no. 50 (No response.)

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You have elected 1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 2 Loretta Marsh for the Department President for 2017-2018. 3 Congratulations, Loretta. 4 (Applause.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is 6 but one nominee for the office of Department Vice 7 President, Joan Cannon. All those in favor of electing 8 Joan Cannon for the Department Vice President, please say 9 aye. 10 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Those opposed say 12 no. 13 (No response.) 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You have elected 15 Joan Cannon for the Department Vice President for the year 16 2017-'18. Congratulations, Joan. 17 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There is but one 18 19 nominee for the office of Junior Member of Finance, Martha 20 Romero. All those -- Romano. It does say that. I'm sorry. All those in favor of electing Martha Romero --21 22 Romano. There's an N, not an R. For the Junior Member of 23 Finance, please say aye. 24 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed say no. 26 (No response.) 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You have elected 28 Martha Romano as Junior Member of Finance 2017-'18. 29 Congratulations, Martha. I do know your name. Thank you. 30 (Applause.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now we will 32 have the ratification of the district --33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Officers. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: -- officers. 35 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1, Pat 36 Lindley. District 2, Pat Carey. District 3, Lola Ramey. District 4, Jean Edson. District 5, Sandy Paxton. 37 District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7, Joanne Shope. 38 39 District 8, Tammy Manini. District 9, Helaina Dolly Rios. 40 District 10, Elizabeth Parshal. District 11, Toni Domdon. 41 District 11 -- 12, Lisa Stewart. District 13, CeCe 42 Harvey. District 14, Gloria Jean Sinopoli. District 15, 43 Zana Chaney. District 16, Stephanie Reid. District 17, 44 Yoko Parsons-Crooks. District 18, Betty Ramos. District 45 19, Becky Bullard. District 20, Nancy Heinisch. 46 (Applause.) 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21 Cathy 48 McCoy. 49 (Applause.) 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22,

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1 Maureen Giacalone. Is that -- yeah, okay. District 23, 2 Valerie Hill. 3 (Applause.) 4 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24, 5 Deloris Artis. 6 (Applause.) 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25, 8 Patricia Galatioto. 9 (Applause.) 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26, Louann Johnston. District 27, Norma Billings. 11 12 (Applause.) 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 28, Robin 14 Falkenberg. District 29, Carol Borgman. (Applause.) 15 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30, Kim 17 Vincent. 18 (Applause.) 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I move the 20 ratification of the election of the District Presidents. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a motion 21 22 to ratify the District Presidents. Any discussion? 23 (No response.) 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 25 favor, say aye. 26 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 28 (No response.) 29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 30 Go ahead and do the First Vice Presidents. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 31 32 District 1, Maribeth Yew. District 2, Nancy Johnson. District 3, Wendy Jacobs. District 4, Sherry Morehouse. 33 District 5, Norma Harrison. District 6, Ann Sanchez. 34 35 District 7, Melise Monroe. District 8, Kathleen Sullivan. 36 District 9, Rosemarie Marino. District 10, Susan Marsh. 37 District 11, Deborah Straight. District 12, Victoria 38 Ferreira-Allen. 39 (Applause.) 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That was kind of a dead, dead hooray. District 13, Cheri Whitaker. 41 District 42 14, Geni Lefler. Okay. Whatever. Sorry. District 15, 43 Dee Ann Graham. District 16, Glenda Powell. 44 (Applause.) 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17, 46 Rachel Yee. District 18, Patricia Martinez. 47 (Applause.) 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19, Jean 49 Cooley-Desmeules. 50 (Applause.)

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20, 2 Mahala Beery. 3 (Applause.) 4 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21, Linda 5 Olson. District 22, Susie Tozier. 6 (Applause.) 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23, 8 Tampeka Snoball. 9 (Applause.) 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 --DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Ruby, I do now have 11 12 a first vice. First name Carla, C-A-R-L-A. 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good. 14 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Last name Shirer, 15 S-H-I-R-E-R. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 16 17 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: From Unit 43. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. District 24, Carla Shirer. 19 20 (Applause.) 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25, Cyd 22 Kintzer. 23 (Applause.) 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26, 25 Arlene Mueller. District 27, Joyce Curwick. District 28, 26 Molly Smith. 27 (Applause.) 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29, Jean 29 Sudbeck. 30 (Applause.) 31 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And District 30, 32 Pat Sinibaldi. 33 (Applause.) 34 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I move the 35 ratification of the --36 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE: For District 20, First 37 Vice -- for First Vice it's Patty Buchanan. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's the second 39 Vice. 40 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE: Second Vice is Sherry 41 Whitaker. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So we have it 43 flipped around. 44 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. I see what 45 you're saying. 46 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE: Thank you. 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'll switch these 48 two. Okay. Thank you very much. I move the ratification 49 for the election of the District First Vice Presidents. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a motion

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1 on the floor to ratify the District First Vice Presidents 2 for 2017-'18. Any discussion? 3 (No response.) 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 5 favor, say aye. 6 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 8 (No response.) 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 10 Can you go ahead and do the District Second Vice 11 Presidents, please, Ruby. 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1, 13 Marialice Canclini. District 2, Anita Ray. District 3, 14 Beverly Hiles. District 4, Judy Bennett. District 5 Wenonah Angier. District 6 -- oh, this is a good one. 15 16 Martha Zendajas. 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Zendajas. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Zendajas. 19 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury. District 8 is Teresa 20 Canonizado. District 8 -- no, I did that. District 9 is 21 Henrrietta Fontes. District 10 is Leonarda Estigoy. 22 District 11 is Grace Huston. District 12, Bonnie Romero. District 13 is Cheri Whitaker. District 14 is Debbie 23 24 Hurtado. District 15 is Barbara Goodflow. District 16 is 25 Tammy Welcoming. District 17, Elas Garcia. District 18 26 is Noreen Takesaco. 27 (Applause.) 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District --29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Great name. 30 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19 is 31 Rita Lambert. 32 (Applause.) 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20 is Ela 34 Estrada. 35 (Applause.) 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21 is 37 Kathy Newman. 38 (Applause.) 39 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22 is 40 June Coatney. 41 (Applause.) 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23 is 43 Patricia Davis. 44 (Applause.) 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 is 46 Martha Romero. 47 (Applause.) 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25 is 49 Judy Samples. 50 (Applause.)

1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26 is 2 Leslie Tozzini. District 27 is Rosemarie Todd. District 3 28 is Denise Clay. 4 (Applause.) 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29 is Kay 6 Beenbee. 7 (Applause.) 8 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And District 30 is 9 No Second Vice for District 30. I move the blank. ratification of the election of these officers. 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a 11 12 motion to ratify the District Second Vice Presidents. Any 13 questions? 14 (No response.) 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 16 favor, say aye. 17 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 19 (No response.) 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 21 We will now proceed to the election of delegates and 22 alternates to the National election. The Secretary will 23 now read the nominees for the delegates to National 24 Convention. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7, Linda Harmon. District 10, Gwen 26 27 Woody. District 11, Joan Cannon. District 12, Kathy 28 Smith. District 13, Angel Van Glider. District 14, 29 Gloria Jean Sinopoli. District 15, Dee Ann Graham. 30 District 16, Darlene Duncan. District 18, Pamela Dixon 31 Hicks. District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, 32 Nancy Heinisch. District 21 is Susan Romero. And I 33 believe there is a change there. You'll need to come to 34 the microphone. 35 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT ROMERO: Susan Romero, 36 District 21 District President. I would like to remove 37 myself as delegate and go as a guest. 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 40 much. 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That means we're 42 still three short, ladies. District 23, Anita Biggs. District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott. 43 District 26, Linda Workman. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi, 44 45 and District 29, Carol Borgman. We have -- so we need to 46 elect 14 -- what? No, no, no. We need to elect 14 47 delegates and we've got 15 on the -- wait a minute. Is 48 that what we --15. 49 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: You have 50 18.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We've got 17 2 delegates listed on the list. 3 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: You've got 4 18. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: One, two, three, 6 four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 7 15, 16, 17. We have 18 delegates on the list and we are 8 going to elect 15 delegates. You cannot elect no more 9 than 15 names on the page that you're going to -- the ballot that you're going to receive and you are to delete 10 11 District 21, Susan Romero, from the ballot because she is 12 on the ballot. So her name will be crossed off. Is 13 everyone clear on that? Okay. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, you 15 should have gotten a packet with the ballots in it. 16 Please count your ballots and make sure that you have an 17 accurate count. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. All the 19 District Presidents have their ballots; right? 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They're counting 21 to make sure they have an accurate number of ballots. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. You're 23 electing 15 delegates and you're crossing off Susan 24 Romero, District 21. You should have the number of 25 ballots that your district is allocated. 26 DELEGATE: Just a clarification, are we supposed 27 to check it off, mark an X, or put yes or no? 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam President, 29 do you have any preference on how you want these ballots 30 marked and --DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. 31 Marked. 32 Yes, a checkmark or an X by the person that you are 33 electing. There should be 15 marks on your page; right? 34 Excuse me. Excuse me. Clarification. 35 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: We are electing 15 That does not mean you have to put 15 marks on 36 delegates. 37 there, but do not put more than 15 or that ballot will be 38 scratched. So any -- you can vote for one, you can vote for ten, but no more than 15. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Can we have a 40 ballot for the Parliamentarian, please, District 25? 41 42 And, Ruby, do you have a ballot? 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 44 Okay. Thank you. 45 Ladies, has everyone voted that wants to vote? Okay. 46 Yes. 47 DELEGATE: May we have the delegates stand up so 48 we can put a name to a face? I don't expect to get them 49 all together, but if they could stand it it would be very 50 helpful.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 1 Yes. Yes, we can. 2 If they're here. Okay. So, ladies, if everyone can sit 3 down, please. It's been asked that we have the delegates 4 stand up so we can put a name to the face or a face to the 5 name. Okay. Ruby, go ahead. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Excuse me. 7 District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7, Linda Harmon. 8 District 10, Gwen Woody is not here. District 11 is Joan 9 Cannon. District 12 is Kathy Smith. District 13 is Angel 10 Van Glider who is not here. District 14 is Gloria Jean 11 Sinopoli. District 15 is Dee Ann Graham. District 16 is 12 Darlene Duncan. 13 (Applause.) 14 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 18, 15 Pamela Dixon Hicks. District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. 16 District 20, Nancy Heinisch. District 23, Anita Biggs. 17 District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott. District 26, Linda Workman. District 27 LuAnn Capazzi, 18 19 and District 29, Carol Borgman. 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, 21 we've got a few more minutes and then we're going to pick 22 up the ballots. I'd like you to fold it in half and then 23 in half again. Sorry. Each person should put their own 24 ballot in the envelope. Yes, ladies. Yes, ladies, we're 25 jumping the gun. I know it's been a long time since we 26 did this, but there's a process, so don't mess up. 27 Okay. Ladies, District Presidents, your 28 responsibility is to make sure that you have the correct 29 amount of ballots in your envelope and then you will be bringing them up and dropping them off yourself with the 30 31 Elections Chairman. Yes. Or the Elections Committee. 32 Yes. So are we all ready? 33 DISTRICT 20 ESTES: Excuse me. Hello. Hello. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Just a second. 35 Yes, ma'am. 36 DISTRICT 20 ESTES: Bobby Estes. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ladies, ladies, 38 please. 39 DISTRICT 20 ESTES: Bobby Estes, Unit 507. Nancy 40 Heinisch has her district wrong. It has 2 instead of 20. 41 I don't know if that matters. 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, it does not 43 matter. Okay. We're calling them backwards; right? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. All right. 44 Wait. You'll be called -- we're going to reverse order. 45 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30 --47 okay. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Elections 48 49 Chairman and the District President come together. So who 50 are they?

1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Not all districts 2 have Elections Chairmen. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Go ahead, Linda 4 Workman. Ladies, ladies, please. 5 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: If the 6 Elections Chairman is going to be counting ballots, make 7 sure you bring your personal items with you because you 8 will be leaving right now to count ballots. 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Right. Okay. 10 Ladies, you guys are -- hold on just a minute. You're 11 scrunching in at the microphone, so can you wait until the 12 secretary calls your name and district, please. 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Come on. Please 15 separate so that the one with the least amount of votes is 16 going to come first. 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 17 is here. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: They've just 19 20 turned it in. District 3, no one here. District 9. District 1. No one. Oh, yeah. Well, there is -- one 21 22 minute. Oh, I'm sorry. District 10. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 23 District 10. 24 Okay. Has District 10 -- oh, I see. Thank you. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24. 26 District 12. District 13. District 4. District 7. 27 District 26. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Wait, wait. Where 29 is District 4? Did you put yours in? She called you. 30 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Oh, I'm sorry. 31 I didn't hear her answer. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. All right. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Geri, are you 35 taking your stuff with you to count ballots? 36 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: I have to go 37 count? 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, yes. Ladies, 39 if your district -- if your district does not have a Elections Chairman, the District President has to go count 40 41 the ballots or assign somebody to be your Elections 42 Chairman. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26. 44 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thev 45 already did. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, they did. 47 District 2. District 30. District 15. District 14. District 20. District 23. District 27. District 5. 48 49 District 6. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: District 5. Where

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1 is District 5? 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Five is Melanie. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, here she 4 comes. Here she comes. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You've got to stop 6 talking. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh-oh. You're getting the stink eye. 8 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6. 10 District 11. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: District 11. 11 12 Wait. Who is your Elections? 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 18. 14 District 19. District 16. District 21. District 25. 15 District 22. And roll out the band, ladies. District 29. 16 (Applause.) 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 22 come on. Come 18 on. 19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 22, let's 20 go. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: It looks like we 22 have an issue. Do we have an issue? Oh-oh. Anita Biggs. 23 Anita Biggs, will you please come forward, please? 24 Pending the outcome of this -- the vote being counted, 25 these elections are finished so that we can open the doors 26 and allow people to come in the door. 27 (Applause.) 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Can we have 29 District 29's president and 629's members please come up. 30 679, excuse me. Ann and Zana, you can come back. 31 Okay. Ladies, it is with great honor that I 32 introduce you to a new unit in District 29. 33 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Unit 679 Richard 34 M. Nixon. Congratulations, ladies. 35 36 (Applause.) 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We're going to continue with the chairmen reports. 38 Can I have Kim 39 Vincent, the Poppy Chairman, Jennifer Bieger -- excuse me -- the Public Relations Chairman. 40 41 Okay. Go ahead, Kim. 42 43 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT 44 45 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Greetings. The 46 Convention Committee meeting on Poppy met on Thursday, 47 June 22nd, 2017 in Raincross D Room of the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California. 48 The 49 statistical report of the Chair appears in the Book of 50 Reports on page 56. Ruth Hackney, District 24, was

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1 appointed Secretary. Vella Myers, District 27, offered 2 prayer, and Sherry Watson, District --3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Six. 4 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: -- 6, thank you, was 5 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 23 district 6 delegates answered roll call and there were eight visitors 7 present. 8 The code was read and the following was 9 recommended: Number 11. "The original Unit Poppy 10 Financial Report, along with the checks, shall be sent 11 immediately to the Department Office, but not later than 12 the fourth Friday of May and a copy shall be sent to the 13 Department Chairman and District Chairman. Unit and 14 District report deadlines will be determined annually by 15 the Department Chairman with enough time to adhere to 16 National's deadline. 2010." 17 If adopted the code change will read, number 11: 18 "The original Unit Poppy Financial Report, along with the 19 checks, shall be sent immediately to the Department Office 20 postmarked no later than June 1. A copy shall be sent to 21 the Department Chairman and District Chairman. Unit and 22 District report deadlines will be determined annually by 23 the Department Chairman with enough time to adhere to 24 National's deadline. 2010." 25 By direction of the committee I move to accept 26 the code change. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a 28 motion. Number 11: "The original Unit Poppy Financial 29 Report, along with the checks, shall be sent immediately to the Department Office postmarked no later than June 1. 30 31 A copy shall be sent to the Department Chairman and 32 District Chairman. Unit and District report deadlines 33 will be determined annually by the Department Chairman 34 with enough time to adhere to National's deadline. 2010." 35 Any discussion? 36 (No response.) 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 38 favor, say aye. ALL PRESENT: Aye. 39 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 41 (No response.) 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 43 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank you. 100 percent reporting certificates were given to District 4, 5, 6, 10, 44 45 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 27, 28, and 29. Citations were 46 awarded to units and districts. Closing prayer was given. 47 Meeting closed just before 11:00 a.m. 48 May I give my supplemental report and first place 49 awards? 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may.

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1 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank you. In keeping with Madam President's theme, "Serving Our Veterans From 3 Sea to Shining Sea," we completed the year with 23 district reports including 13 with 100 percent reporting. Districts reported on several activities. Members continue to educate other members and the public on Poppy 7 opportunities, reaching new goals and soaring to new heights.

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9 Department of California members were in full 10 swing during Poppy Month, May, keeping with the traditions 11 of this great organization. Units continue to use the 12 image and story of The Flanders Field Poppy to educate 13 people about the sacrifices our veterans made, helping us 14 raise awareness of the Legion Family and link us to our 15 mission in the eyes of the public. Strategic Goal No. 5.

16 Units are reportedly participating in the 17 Roadhouse Restaurant Poppy distribution and participating in the Poppy Poster Contest including posters completed at 18 19 the Junior Conference in April. Forty-eight disabled or 20 hospitalized veterans were tasked with producing Poppies 21 under the direction of three Poppy production managers 22 across the state, reporting a total dollar amount paid of 23 \$26,490 to our veterans.

24 Members are seeking donations as well as giving 25 Poppies to raise awareness. Many opportunities to 26 increase Poppy revenue include donation request letters mailed to Auxiliary and Legionnaire members, community 27 partners, and neighbors. Members solicited donations 28 29 around their community by setting up tables at local 30 storefronts, in restaurants, at their posts, and community 31 events. Units invited board of supervisors, city mayors 32 and councilmembers to proclaim the month of May as Poppy 33 Month to bring further awareness to the community.

34 There were many opportunities to recognize those 35 who made the ultimate sacrifice. Poppies were given to 36 those attending events such as Memorial Day ceremonies, 37 funerals of veterans, or Honor Flight World War II 38 veterans. They were given Poppies upon their return from 39 a visit to the memorial in Washington D.C. Poppies are 40 included in sympathy, birthday, and get well cards and 41 being wrapped around silverware at dinners and being tied 42 around goodie bags.

43 Several units promoted the Poppy program in 44 schools by reading the Poppy story to students and giving 45 them a copy of In Flanders Field written by Lieutenant 46 Colonel John McCrae along with a handmade Poppy. Members 47 attend patriotic programs in schools where they learn 48 about the history of the Poppy or a 4-H club member 49 creating a Poppy poster and reading In Flanders Field to 50 fellow club members. Districts hold Poppy trainings

1 within their districts to continue to raise awareness. 2 There were many opportunities for units to raise 3 awareness and educate their communities on the history of 4 the Poppy. There was a small increase in the number of 5 Poppy makers in our department. In addition to Poppy 6 orders in the Department of California, Poppy orders were received from the departments of Idaho, New Mexico, and 7 8 Oklahoma. Unit increases are up 1,865. Total dollars 9 reportedly spent by the Department of California members 10 was \$32,811 and total volunteer hours donated was 597,441. 11 (Applause.) 12 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Units seek Poppy 13 donations through request letters sent with a Poppy and 14 Poppy Seals to community members. Oh, sorry. Sorry. Let 15 me go here. 16 Okay. And Poppy Seals to community members and 17 retailers, setting baskets full of Poppies near the Post 18 sign-in book and preparing Poppy memorial wreaths, units 19 create poster boards with the history and significance of 20 the Poppy. Corsages, center pieces and Christmas wreaths 21 are on display at posts, and distribution of Poppies and 22 bookmarkers with In Flanders Fields are given during 23 membership initiation ceremonies. Poppies are used at 24 funeral settings and in memory of deceased veterans. And 25 one member even used fresh Poppies in her wedding in 26 memory of her grandfather who passed days prior. The 27 Sunday -- they were from my unit so it was a little extra 28 special. 29 The Sunday before Memorial Day one unit reads In Flanders Fields to the congregation and presents all 30 veterans and active duty service members with a poppy 31 corsage. Then they take a group picture for public 32 33 relations opportunities following the service. 34 Poppy donations are reportedly being used for the 35 VA&R Fund, Patient Remembrance at the VAMC for holiday 36 gifts for veterans and their families, adoption of a 37 military family, infant layettes for active duty service 38 members at two military installations, and clothes, 39 toiletries and snack items for veterans who reside at 40 assisted living homes. 41 One member wears a Poppy when she gathers with a 42 group of veterans in her line of work. Another member puts a few Poppies on the local children dogs' collars 43 44 while sharing the Poppy story. The children leave happy 45 and shortly thereafter parents stop by and give donations 46 and thank the member for being so kind to their children. 47 A National challenge was put out to members and 48 chairmen to make and mail Poppy corsages to President Donald Trump. So I never saw him wearing any on Memorial 49 50 Day or Poppy Day but, you know, hopefully he's learning

1 more about our organization through our efforts to educate 2 him. 3 There are endless opportunities to promote Poppy 4 revenue and raise awareness on the Memorial Flower of The 5 American Legion. This chairman is pleased to report to 6 you the wonderful activities that the Sea Flowers in 7 Department of California members have participated in 8 throughout 2016-2017. 9 One more accomplishment, and I can't remember the 10 unit name or number or district, but there is almost a 90-year-old member up there and her -- she had been ill 11 12 for the last couple of years, couldn't push Poppies. She 13 ordered -- she wanted a thousand this year, so she pushed 14 the thousand out with donations. Is that you guys? I 15 knew you guys were over there somewhere. 377 in District 16 20. And then she ordered another \$1500. Her goal was to 17 make, what, 3,000 -- \$7,000. She made 3,000 and then she just finished the year with just under \$8,000. 18 So 19 congratulations. 20 (Applause.) 21 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Happy to have her back. 22 And I know the unit is very blessed to have her. So I am 23 proud of all the accomplishments for our veterans, active 24 duty service members, and their families. Promoting pride 25 and belonging to the world's largest women patriotic 26 organization begins right here with our own units. 27 Okay. Now for my first place awards. Best 28 Overall Unit Supplemental, Judy Samples, Unit 256, 29 District 25. (Applause.) 30 31 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Best Overall District 32 Supplemental, Dolly K. Smith from District 28. 33 (Applause.) 34 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. Let's see. For 35 the Poppy displays at the back, I have already put 36 everything except for the first place awards on them, but 37 the first place for the President's theme is Michelle 38 Banks, Unit 751, District 25. 39 (Applause.) 40 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: And the Freestyle Based 41 on Creativity and Originality, Karl Ross Unit 15, District 42 11. (Applause.) 43 44 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. The President's 45 Choice. And I don't know. Do I have my Poppy production 46 managers out there? I sent notes. If you're out here, 47 Pat Alvarez, Lois Cornish. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They're counting. 49 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Can I present them their 50 awards later? These are really nice. Well, they're

1 really nice though. I wanted to -- oh, anyway. Okay. 2 I'll show you guys, but don't tell them. 3 Okay. And then the President's Choice, Madam 4 President's favorite was Michelle Banks, Designer, Unit 5 751, District 25. 6 (Applause.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'd like to have 8 pictures of all of them. 9 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. Oh, you know 10 what. I forgot to give them all the supplementals, so stay over there. I'll be right down. Poppy poster 11 12 contest. So we did this at the Junior Conference. I know 13 that there were a lot of posters that were brought in by 14 convention, but I needed them by the district reporting so 15 I could submit to Nationals, so -- I submitted to National 16 by June 1st. So the winners for the Best Overall Class 17 III, Grades 6 and 7, District 4, Andres Cervantes. 18 (Applause.) 19 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: And they do receive a 20 \$20 check as well. Thank you, Geri. And also for Best 21 Overall Class VI, Grades 8 and 9, I have Asia Williams for District 233, District 6. 22 23 (Applause.) 24 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. And all winners 25 are posted -- will be posted right after this in the 26 Department Convention Office. Madam Department President 27 Wendy, thank you for this appointment. I have had a 28 wonderful year and I'm honored to serve you and the 29 Department of California. This concludes my report, Madam 30 President. May this Chairman approach the podium? 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 32 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Here you go. So my 33 husband and I traveled across nine countries around 34 Thanksgiving. And I was at this antique store. And I 35 love antiques. I found treasures. And I found this 36 amazing set of Poppy cups, teacups. And I purchased like 37 I bought them all. But so all the gift bags do have 16. 38 one included. I broke up the set. So I do have one as 39 well so you can recall remember this year with Poppies. And also -- oops, I grabbed the wrong bag. Did I give 40 41 somebody a bag that has Lois' note on it? Oh, it's that 42 one right there, the big one. Yes. Can you trade that 43 for that one there? Sorry. So I wanted to recognize my Poppy 44 Okay. 45 production people. And I'm sorry they're not here, but we 46 purchased some plaques for them with the department 47 emblem. Well, kind of Poppy emblem. And it says: "Presented to Pat Alvarez, 2016-2017 Poppy Production 48 49 Manager VA Medical Center Long Beach." These three women 50 were amazing to work with, especially my two that have

1 been doing it for years. Any time I needed something, 2 they educated me. So it was an amazing experience. And 3 taking on the other states, they were able to help out, 4 step up and just do their part. So be sure to thank Lois 5 Cornish from the WAVE Clinic. 6 (Applause.) 7 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: San Diego WAVE Clinic, 8 Pat Alvarez from the VA Medical Center in Long Beach. And 9 where is she at? The Yountville Veterans Home. Thank you 10 very much. 11 (Applause.) 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 13 much, Kim. We appreciate all your hard work. 14 (Applause.) 15 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Oh, wait. I have one 16 more thing. I found a check for \$25 from Imperial Beach 17 California Unit 820 that never got cashed from 2014. So 18 if you'd like to rewrite an updated check. It's for the 19 Poppy donation. It just never got cashed three years ago, 20 so we took a loss. If you would like to rewrite that, 21 I'll swap you checks. 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Kim. 23 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank you. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now we're 25 going the hear from -- bless you. Public Relations 26 Chairman Jennifer Bieger. 27 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT 28 29 30 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Good morning, 31 Madam President. Good morning. I guess it's good afternoon now. This Chairman is happy to report that the 32 33 PR committee meeting was held on June 22nd, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Ballroom A of the Riverside Convention Center. 34 35 The statistical report for Public Relations appears on 36 page 57 of the Book of Reports. 37 During our committee meeting we had 18 delegates 38 present and two quests. The awards for second and third 39 place for best report for both district and units were 40 announced. Congrats to District 16's Marion Rocha for her 41 second place award and to District 28's Sue Baker for her 42 third place award. Also big congrats to Rose Ann Ladre of Unit 170 with District 19 for her second place award and 43 Ellen Hartle of Unit 289 with District 21 for her third 44 45 place award. 46 Our appointed Sergeant-at-Arms was Leslie Vondra. 47 Our secretary was LuAnn Capazzi, and our Chaplain was 48 Marion Rocha. This Chairman is happy to report our 49 committee meeting went great. It was fantastic to see the 50 amazing participation for all those who attended.

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1 Madam President, that concludes my committee 2 report. May I continue with my first awards and 3 supplemental report? 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 5 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR BIEGER: Where are my 6 Starfish? Boy, ladies, it's a good thing we're under the 7 sea because otherwise we might melt out there. Nothing 8 like having convention at 109 degrees. So sorry. 9 This year has been an exciting journey. While we 10 have been out at sea, we have been working our magic to get the word out with Public Relations. The Starfish all 11 12 over the sea throughout the State of California have been 13 working tirelessly with their Chamber of Commerce, local 14 radio stations, local newspapers, officials, and first 15 responders. They have been posting on Facebook, Twitter, 16 Instagram, et cetera. I have to say, Madam President, I 17 cannot wait for you to read your Public Relations book. 18 I want to thank everyone who mailed me articles, newspaper clippings, flyers, postcards, and most 19 20 importantly, their reports. With your help we will pass a 21 great PR book full of memories to our beloved Madam 22 President Wendy. She has done such a fantastic job this 23 year and this is our way to show her just how much the 24 American Legion Auxiliary promotes our mission. 25 Madam President, your theme and slogan of 26 "Serving Veterans From Sea to Shining Sea" was 27 well-received. Mission accomplished, and your voyage will 28 soon come to an end. I wish you the very best remainder of your convention. It was my great honor to serve as 29 30 your Department Public Relations Chairman and I thank you 31 for this appointment. 32 If it's okay with you, I'd like to continue with 33 my first place awards. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 35 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Okay. 36 Hopefully everybody got my notes. Okay. So I would like 37 to continue with the First Place for Unit goes to Sue 38 Pascoe, Unit 283, District 24. 39 (Applause.) 40 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Okay. Sue, 41 that's a Starfish lunch bag so you'll think of us every 42 time you pack your lunch. And then the First Place for 43 Best PR report for district goes to Cindy Rogers with 44 District 25. 45 (Applause.) 46 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: And that's a 47 Starfish bag so she can go to the beach and think of us 48 too. Okay. So just to close, have a great rest of your 49 convention. If you haven't already liked our department 50 Facebook page, the address is @ALA.CaliConnection. Keep

1 up the good work in Public Relations and thank you very 2 much. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: May I approach 5 you? 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. Oh, my 7 goodness. Look at this. It's a photo album with a 8 compass. It's leather. Oh, my gosh. It's beautiful. 9 Stand over here. I love jewels. Oh, it's an anchor. Thank you so much. That's great. 10 Beautiful. Thank you 11 so much. 12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: It has so much 13 in it. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 15 much. Thank you. Look at how gorgeous this is. This is 16 all the information that you sent to Jennifer to put in 17 our PR book. Didn't she do a wonderful job on this? 18 (Applause.) 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And, Jennifer, I 20 thank you very much. I know also your husband had a lot 21 of issues, so I appreciate you being here and I thank you 22 for everything you've done. 23 (Applause.) 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Okay. 25 We're going to now hear from our Convention Commission. 26 Genieca Risner is not available to be with us today so we 27 are going to hear from her side kick, Anita Biggs. 28 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And Bev Sparks. 29 She said she's going to stand up here and just go "nah, 30 nah, nah." 31 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARK: She didn't send 32 me a note. 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I spoke to you 34 in person, young lady. That's better than a note. 35 36 CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT 37 38 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We've had kind 39 of a sketchy year because our Chairman Genieca has not 40 been available to meet with the Legion Commission. So we 41 -- Bev and I, we've just been trying to wing it. As being 42 part of the Advisory, the President had been receiving 43 information -- thank you, Bev -- receiving information 44 from The American Legion with regard to our upcoming 45 conventions. So we'll give you a little report. Sorry I 46 don't have it in writing because it really -- this all 47 happened this weekend basically. 48 So the Convention Commission did meet with the 49 Advisory Committee, which the Convention Committee is me 50 and the Advisory Committee is me. She's going to get in

1 her -- I'm going to tell the truth. Along with the 2 Parliamentarian, the Department President, First Vice 3 President met with the American Legion Commander Leach and 4 Adjunct John Bart. That was on Wednesday, this past 5 Wednesday, to discuss the 2018 convention and going 6 forward. And it was determined that the department 7 American Legion is in the process of establishing a 8 convention corporation. Because in the past they've been 9 doing district corporations to put on the convention. 10 It's convoluted and we were like our heads were 11 spinning. But we want to -- they want to do something 12 that's going to be easier for all of us to communicate and 13 for future conventions. 14 Next year's Convention Commission Committee, led 15 by our esteemed Bev Sparks here, will make contact with 16 John Bart so that we can meet at the Legion's DEC upcoming 17 in August so we can get a head start to try to pull 18 everything together. They agree we need to communicate 19 better so we can understand what the real costs are that 20 are of our Auxiliary's costs. Because frankly we've been 21 paying and budgeted to pay \$2,500 and that's it for conventions for the longest. And, you know, I know you're 22 23 looking like, you know, that's all? And that is all. And 24 they said that's all that we've been contracted to pay and 25 that is how it is. 26 The finance -- you'll hear more about the Finance 27 Committee in the upcoming budget so I won't go into that. 28 Next year's convention will be held -- 2018 will 29 be held in Sacramento. 30 (Applause.) 31 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We are looking 32 forward to that. I know they have a location for the 33 convention, but housing is still being ironed out. Plus 34 the contract has not been signed yet, so we have to get 35 the contract. 36 2019 will be held in Ontario. That is the 100th 37 year. They did win the bid. And 18 and 25 will be 38 hosting the convention in Ontario. We don't have any 39 locations going past that date and we are going to be, of course, looking for locations, you know, both houses. 40 We'll be looking for locations upcoming. And we did 41 42 request that we attempt to have at least five years in advance notice on convention locations like we used to 43 44 have in the past. 45 Did you want to add anything, Beverly? 46 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARK: No, no. Thank 47 you. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Next time I'll 48 49 send you a note along with talking to you in person. 50 Thank you all so much. Thank you, Madam

1 President. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, ladies. 3 Thank you very much. I know it's been a struggle this year with the communication, but hopefully we've bridged 4 5 that gap and we can get this taken care of. So thank you 6 very much. 7 Well, when we break for lunch -- yeah, Okay. 8 they may have to -- it looks like they're getting food. 9 So when you come back from lunch, we will be strolling the 10 promenade deck and visiting with each other this 11 afternoon. Please be prepared to join us with your cruise 12 wear on immediately after the stroll. 13 I would like the Finance Committee, Advisory 14 Committee, and Distinguished Guest Chairman to be on stage 15 to be ready to give their reports. 16 It is a little early, but we are out of here. So 17 we're adjourned. We are adjourned until -- excuse me. I 18 am sorry. Our distinguished Octopus needs to talk to you. 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. The Girls 20 State 75th Anniversary Committee selected the design for 21 jewelry submitted by Roseanne Vicky Bean, District 9, Unit 22 161. As the winner we will give Vicky a set of earrings, 23 necklace, and pin. The committee thanks all those who 24 submitted designs. 25 Dorothy Castillo, District 10, Unit 68 needs two 26 tickets for the banquet. 27 District 6 has three tickets for the banquet. Glenda, see Dorothy Castillo. 28 29 I'm interested in being a Page for -- oh, okay. 30 All those that have sent me notes about being a Page at 31 National Convention, I will be in touch with you after I 32 get in touch with Nevada. Okay? I will email you. 33 Mention to the ladies they need to pick up their 34 books in the back. Their history books need to be picked 35 up in the back. 36 There has been a change in the banquet. The 37 banquet is now in the Ballroom A and B. Yes, in the 38 convention center. 39 Susie's Farmers, please meet at the stage following the adjournment for lunch Saturday 6/24. Sue's 40 41 Lighthouses, Melanie's Balloon Pilots, LuAnn's Ship 42 Captains will meet for lunch Saturday at noon in the 43 Marriott Hotel restaurant. 44 Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will meet 45 at lunch on Saturday noon break at the Marriott Room 921. 46 Bonnie's Prom Princesses and Sandy's Colonels 47 will meet in Room 415 here for lunch on Saturday. Please 48 RSVP -- well, it's a little too late to RSVP. 49 Goldie's Golden Links, Geri's Cards, Margaret's 50 Dream Catchers, and Pilar's Musicians will meet in the

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Marriott for lunch on Saturday in Room 612. A message from the Royal Turtles. Turtles of Treasures, please have all your white raffle tickets and green 50/50 tickets turned in by close of Saturday session. But they still will be selling more. All of those districts can pick up their membership cards during the lunch hour break in the office here behind the stage. Pardon me. Right. Well, I'm sure they'll be finished here pretty soon. Well, never mind about lunch. You can pick them up at the close of business today, your membership cards today. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They have them over at the table. If you bring them over here, I'll bring them right there. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We'll do it over here at the finance table. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And all of those who are going to National Convention, you have packets to pick up. There are deadlines that you need to adhere to by the 17th of July to get your housing and everything in That concludes all those things. to convention. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, this session is now in recess for lunch until 1:30. Be back right at 1:30, please. (Lunch recess.) (Time noted: 11:44 a.m.) 

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:33 P.M. 1 2 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: This convention session is reconvened. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms and 4 5 Marshal please get everyone out of their chairs and take a 6 stroll around the promenade deck to visit every person in 7 the room and to take in some fresh sea air. Up you go, 8 ladies. 9 (Parade.) 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, we 11 will now hear from our Distinguished Guest Chairman, Ms. 12 Linda Workman. 13 (Applause.) 14 15 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT 16 17 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam President, thank you for allowing me to act as your Social 18 19 Cruise Director this year. I've really missed the back of 20 the room action and I'm glad to be back there again. It 21 was an honor for me to escort you as you took the office 22 of Department President and led this department with humor 23 and grace that we have all enjoyed so very much. 24 The mid-year meeting was a little short on seats, 25 but we all seemed to work it out anyway. It was an honor 26 to assist you hosting the National President Mary Davis. 27 And I really want to thank Deloris Artis. There she is. 28 For taking my place in the south during the visit. You 29 did an outstanding job. Thank you very much. 30 I am looking forward to assisting you in hosting 31 the banquet this evening and I know that everyone will 32 have a great time. It will be bittersweet to escort you 33 from the state -- it will be bittersweet to escort you 34 from the stage on Sunday, but I'm glad that you will be 35 joining the ranks of PDP, you little winch. Okay. Yeah, 36 winch, not witch. Either way it works. 37 Okay. Okay. So now enough of the sappy stuff. 38 You guys want to hear the cruise messages; right? Well, 39 an old lady was standing on the railing of a cruise ship 40 holding onto her hat so tight as the wind was blowing. A 41 gentleman approached her and says: "Pardon me, madam. Ι 42 do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your 43 dress is blowing up in the wind?" "Yes, I know," said the lady. I need to hold 44 45 onto my hat." 46 "But, madam, you must know that your privates are 47 exposed," the gentleman said. 48 And the old lady looked back at him and said: 49 "Sir, what you see down there is 85 years old. I just 50 bought this hat yesterday."

(Applause.) 1 2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: That could 3 probably be me in a few years. But I better be careful. This next guy sounds a lot like Lyle. 4 5 An elderly couple was on a cruise and it was 6 really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat 7 watching the moon and a wave came up and washed the old 8 lady overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find 9 her, so the captain sent the old man home and he promised 10 that he would notify him as soon as he found out 11 something. Three weeks later finally the old man got a 12 fax from the ship, and it said: "Sorry, sir, to inform 13 you we found your wife. She died in the ocean. We hauled 14 her up on the deck and found an oyster attached to her 15 butt. Inside was a pearl worth \$50,000. Please advise." 16 The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and 17 re-bait the hook." 18 (Applause.) 19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 20 President, this does conclude my platform remarks, but may 21 I take a point of personal privilege? 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 23 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I want to 24 thank all of the members for the cards and the flowers and 25 the prayers and thoughtful gifts at the loss of my 26 granddaughter. I was overwhelmed by the support. We've 27 always talked about being family and I never realized what 28 a real family that I have the privilege to have. I love 29 Thank you. you all. 30 (Applause.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Love you too. Can 32 I have my Compasses Anita Biggs, Pilar Reyes, LuAnn 33 Capazzi, Linda Fercho please come to the stage. Come on 34 up, Compasses. 35 36 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 37 38 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: All right. We're the 39 Advisory Committee for Madam President Wendy. And, Madam 40 President Wendy --41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 42 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: -- since our midyear 43 meeting, our great USO show -- how many got to come to the 44 USO show? 45 (Applause.) 46 ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those of you 47 who did had a wonderful time. Your Compasses have kept your ship on course. We have weathered any storms that 48 49 blew our way. They didn't have a chance against us because we were full of hot air. We were able to conduct 50

1 a successful conference call to handle any questions. 2 With that said, you have done a great job and we were 3 happy to assist you in any way we could. We wish for you 4 a continued successful convention as has been already with 5 smooth seas and calm winds ahead. We thank you so much 6 for this appointment. 7 And would any of these directional functioning or 8 dysfunctional Compasses like to offer any information? 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And you're kind of 10 wondering how I got through the year. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REYES: Madam President, I 11 12 would like to thank you for this appointment. And it is 13 an utter pleasure to be at your service at any time, but 14 you made it easy for us. And for most of all, we would like to congratulate you for a very outstanding service 15 16 you have done for our department as our President. 17 Congratulations. 18 (Applause.) PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And I want to 19 20 give a shout out to LuAnn Capazzi who made our beautiful 21 vests which I received so many compliments on. 22 (Applause.) 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Madam 24 President, we have a little gift for you. This one we're 25 going to pull out and let everybody read. "Work like a 26 captain, party like a pirate." Or a winch, in your case. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: A winch in my 28 case. Thank you very much, ladies. 29 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And a personal point of privilege. I want to thank everyone for all the 30 31 cards and prayers that I have received this year having my 32 breast cancer come back after 20 years. But doing 33 excellent, doing well, having a great time. So I guess 34 the Dear Lord said you haven't made Dennis miserable 35 enough yet. You have to stay there, lady. 36 (Applause.) 37 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: It's been a 38 great year, Madam President. We've had fun sailing over 39 smooth sails and some not so. But, you know, that's the 40 way it goes. We wish for you a great day, a great 41 evening, and tomorrow there you will be. That's the hard 42 point going down that aisle on your way out the door. But 43 we love you. 44 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Sometimes it's 45 a gift. 46 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Yes. On one 47 side of you is yes. The other side is awe, okay. We love 48 you and we were so happy to be here for you all year. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 50 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She needs to get 2 to a chair. Okay. I can't do this next one because this 3 voting situation -- this voting situation has sort of 4 thrown a kink in our -- yes, so I'm going to do some 5 citations now. 6 Can I have Jennifer Bieger come up to the stage, 7 please? I'm sorry? Okay. So for all of you that don't 8 know, Jennifer Bieger's husband is ill again. She has 9 really struggled this year with him and his health, which 10 I fully understand. So this is a certification of 11 appreciation. It's awarded to Jennifer Bieger, 12 Department -- what is she? Yeah, Public Relations, that's 13 it. I didn't know what "PR" stood for. In recognition 14 for devoted service to God and country and in sincere 15 appreciation for reporting at midyear The American Legion 16 Auxiliary Public Relations Program. And this is the 17 National Public Relations Committee. So that's a very nice award for her. 18 19 (Applause.) 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I will make sure that she gets this. And then we have District 20, Nancy 21 22 Heinisch. Could you please come up front? Are you here? This 23 This is a certification of appreciation. 24 certification is gratefully presented to Nancy Heinisch, 25 Western Division Public Relations Chairman, in recognition 26 for devoted service for God and country and sincere 27 appreciation for reporting at end year to the American 28 Legion Public Relations Program. And this is from the 29 National Public Relations Committee. Congratulations. (Applause.) 30 31 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President 32 Wendy? Excuse me. I have a message. District 25, they 33 need lunch and purse for Terri Granado. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm sorry? 35 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Terri Granado. We 36 need her purse and lunch for Terri Granado, District 25. 37 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE: We have her purse, but not 38 her lunch. 39 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: All right. That will 40 do. She needs her medication. 41 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE: I'm going to check outside 42 if her husband is there with her lunch. 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you 44 very much. Okay. I'm going to have Terry Mikesell come 45 up. 46 And, Diane, are you able to come up or -- okay. 47 She's going to represent the Constitution & Bylaws Ad Hoc 48 Committee and give us -- and Melanie Taylor. I'm sorry. 49 She's here so those are the three. Diane won't be because 50 she's in taking care of the voting.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Our Chairman 2 Diane DeLashmit wrote this, but I will read it. 3 4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 5 6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Madam 7 President Wendy, I present the members of this committee, 8 Terry Mikesell and Melanie Taylor. It was this 9 committee's intent to have the New Department Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules ready to be voted 10 on at this meeting. Unfortunately, that has not happened. 11 12 Due to my illness, I realize that I was not able to make 13 the April deadline for Constitution & Bylaws changes to be 14 submitted to the Department Office. In addition, there 15 are a few items that need to be further researched before 16 we can move forward. 17 Our goal is to have a draft of the Constitution, 18 Bylaws and Standing Rules ready for the DEC in January to 19 be distributed for review and then voted on at the 20 convention in Sacramento. 21 If anyone is thinking of making any changes to 22 any existing documents, please advise us so we can work 23 them into the new documents. One possible change is to 24 make Second Vice President in the unit an optional office 25 as many of the small units are having trouble getting 26 enough officers to fill all the positions, especially 27 since an officer can only hold one elected office at a 28 time. A change for district officers not to be restricted 29 to only holding one office whether elected or appointed is 30 being considered, and the term of office of the National 31 Executive Committeewoman is being discussed. 32 This is a very tedious process, so please let us know by November 1st of any other changes you might want 33 34 to consider. We will be putting our full effort into 35 getting this done by January. 36 Madam President, this concludes our report. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 38 ladies. 39 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Well, we're 40 41 just speeding right along. Now we weren't going to do the 42 Finance today, however, at this point we cannot do that 43 until members that are in counting the ballots are out 44 here to be able to vote on the budget. 45 So yes, at this point we're going to have a recess here in the room. So, ladies, please stay in the 46 47 room. I thought we danced enough. We might need to dance a little more, but we're hoping -- we've got to check and 48 49 see how long they're going to be and then we can do the 50 Finance. So we are really, really early to flock. I must

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1 be a speed demon here. Come on; get it done. So enjoy 2 talking to your neighbors and we'll get back to you as 3 soon as we can. 4 (Recess.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Could I ask that 6 we have a volunteer to work the doors, to be at the doors. 7 I would like Gwen to take a break and eat her meal, so can 8 somebody stand there? Thank you so much. I'd like you to 9 sit down. Thank you. Thank you very much. 10 (Recess.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, I 11 12 don't know if there's any Juniors in here. Okay. I see 13 some. They need to be dismissed. I just told they've got 14 to go. So, Juniors, thank you for coming, but you must go 15 now so that you can be ready for the bus and all that. So 16 have a good time. Be safe. Represent us good. 17 (Applause.) 18 (Recess.) 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, all 20 right. We're going to reconvene because this is -- the ballot reading is taking longer, so we're going to have 21 22 Terry Mikesell come up and give her committee report for 23 Finance. This is not the budget. This is just her 24 budget. We're going to do the budget in the morning. I'm 25 so sorry, but -- the tail of the whale is coming. We have 26 Brenda Preston, Linda Hayes, and Terry Mikesell. 27 28 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 29 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: The Finance 30 met on June 22nd, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Raincross A of 31 32 Riverside Convention Center. I should have changed that 33 to 9:00 a.m. because we met early. 34 Linda Hayes was appointed Secretary, Brenda 35 Preston offered prayer, and Linda Workman was appointed 36 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 17 district delegates answered roll call. There were three visitors present. 37 38 The committee agreed upon the following report: The code 39 was read with no changes. 40 Madam Department President, by direction of the 41 committee, I move adoption of nothing. Thank you. That 42 concludes my report. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ruby, do 43 44 you have any communications? 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: None. 46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, yeah, none. 47 Susie? PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Because we 48 49 moved the banquet downstairs, anybody with a table number 50 higher than 15, you're sitting in a new place because I

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1 only have 15 tables down there and that's why I've been up 2 here. My eyes are tired trying to figure out where to put 3 people. But I do have lists of where you're going to be 4 seated. Come look for me, but don't find me. And if I 5 forget to turn the lights on a table display, will you 6 turn them on for me, please? Thank you. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Susie. 8 Also we will be retiring the district colors tomorrow 9 instead of today because we don't have to today. All right. Now I am going to adjourn this --10 Susie wants to bring some information from 11 okay. 12 National. 13 NEC MEMBER TOZIER: Ladies, it's going to be 14 Ruby brought it up in her -- someone did in addressed. 15 her presentation that they're talking about a rate 16 increase of three cents. \$3. I'm sorry. I'll take the 17 three cents. I'll take the three cents. No, \$3, and that 18 will raise your dues. You'll have to send \$20 to 19 Department and they'll take their share and National will 20 take theirs. 21 I wanted to feedback from you because those of 22 you who are going to be voting at convention. Personally 23 I don't want it. The problem is membership is going down. They have -- they want to keep their existing staff so the 24 25 costs are -- you know, they have their fixed costs and 26 stuff like that. So as membership goes down, the costs 27 are going to be still there. You're going to have to pay 28 for it someway or another and that's how they're doing it 29 is through the dues, so --30 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Madam 31 President, Bonnie Christner, Past Department President. I 32 don't know about you, ladies. I just -- because my 33 membership is going down and we cannot survive on the 34 money that we were making. I've already lost some of my 35 ladies, older time ladies that have been members for years 36 because I raised the dues \$5 in our unit. Now what's 37 going to happen? Now at this rate they're going to raise 38 our dues, and then I'm going to be in the same boat as I 39 was before. 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Madam Vice 41 President Loretta Marsh, could you please take the 42 station? 43 Okay. Ladies, I had a nice long weekend with our 44 National President and we spoke about the dues increase. 45 And really truly part of the issue, and I'm going to be 46 frank with all of you, part of the issue is National wants 47 to pay people to do what we are forced to have volunteers 48 do. 49 I personally have told the National President 50 that I do not think that this is good for our units. Our

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1 units are struggling, our units have to get up and do all 2 of the work that needs to be done. We collect all the 3 money, we do all the things. Why can't National have 4 volunteers come and take care of what they need to get 5 done. 6 (Applause.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And I am very 8 happy to tell you the National President feels the same 9 way. 10 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So I know that she 11 12 has talked to lots of NEC asking them to really consider 13 what is best. And then when we go, have an open mind to 14 listen to what they have to say, but then know what's best And I -- because I'm standing over here, I 15 for our units. 16 can say I personally do not think they need any more money 17 at this time. Start getting volunteers to do what needs 18 to be done. That is my personal opinion, and I'll share it with anybody that asks me. So anyway --19 20 (Applause.) 21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Does anybody 22 else have any comments? I'm voting no. I know I'm voting 23 I admit we have \$1 left from our dues and we raise no. 24 our money by doing food for the bingos. That's how we 25 raise our money. You know, so if that means we would have 26 to raise our dues \$5 to cover that dues increase, I can't afford it. I'm like a lot of you. I'm on a fixed income 27 28 and I pay several dues. It's awfully expensive, but we 29 have to get the word out to the other delegates. And, you 30 know, it's very hard. Everybody has to trim down, you 31 know, and use the volunteers. 32 Our hospitals use volunteers. If they price the 33 cost of the volunteers, just like they do the VA hospital, 34 take all the hours and they price it out so they show the 35 cost savings for the volunteers. So yeah, you are a very, 36 very important person. You save the VA and the government 37 a lot of money. So why can't National do that. 38 (Applause.) 39 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Are there --40 yes. 41 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. I just want to 42 say something. I was going to raise our dues to 25 and my 43 unit decided, no, we're going to have another fundraiser 44 to raise the money, that difference so we don't have to 45 raise our dues. So that's what we did. We had another 46 fundraiser that year and every year thereafter. 47 But also I wanted to say we're losing members no 48 matter what. I mean, we're going to lose them if we raise 49 the per capita or we're going to lose them if we don't. 50 Yeah, we've all got to work. We've all got to work to

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1 renew our members and -- yeah. Thank you. 2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Are there any 3 other comments? 4 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE COPEN: Madam President, Pat 5 Copen, incoming President of Unit 497, 25th District. 6 This year I lost my husband. When I lost my husband, I 7 lost \$1800 a month. Our organization is filled with 8 volunteer senior citizens who are on fixed incomes, and 9 when your spouse dies, you lose part of that income, yet 10 every year they're raising everything: utilities, water, 11 gas. This is a volunteer organization and it should be 12 volunteer from the bottom to the top. 13 (Applause.) 14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. 15 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE STEWART: Hi there. Rebecca 16 Stewart, District 24, Unit 43. This is an observation on 17 National. When we get the Auxiliary News magazine, 18 beginning -- they usually show all the officers and 19 workers that are hired in National. And I don't know if 20 anyone's noticed it, but some of those individuals who are 21 workers, who are directors have an assistant. And the 22 assistant has an assistant. And the assistant has an 23 assistant. 24 Now National says they need people. They need 25 the funds to help pay. They're paying for their office staff, for their workers, whichever they may want to call. 26 27 And I would like to know when the National Executive 28 Committeewomen from each state meet with the National 29 office, do they ever make this observation to the board? 30 And if so, it would be nice to say maybe if you let some 31 of your workers, reduce your workers, it would help. And 32 then to also understand that if, as you said, we are 33 volunteers. They should have in their office volunteers 34 as well. Observation. 35 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. 36 (Applause.) 37 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: If the 38 discussion is closed, no one else wants to speak. 39 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE DESTRANGIO: I have a 40 question. 41 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Sure. 42 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE DESTRANGIO: Hi. Sandy 43 Destrangio, District 13, Post 318. So I know if I were a coach and I had an assistant, I get paid for them. 44 Okay. 45 Can everyone hear me? Okay. So should I repeat 46 everything I said? 47 Hi. I'm Sandy Destrangio from District 13, Post 318. I know if I were a coach, if I had an assistant I 48 49 would pay for them out of my wages. Does National do that 50 with their assistants?

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: No. 2 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE DESTRANGIO: So I feel like 3 that's something that should also be brought up. 4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Usually corporations have budgets per departments and each 5 6 department is only allotted so much money to spend and 7 they have to decide -- you know, they have their wish list 8 and you decide what you can have and what you can't have. 9 Susie Tozier. The court reporter is way over there and 10 she can't see me. 11 In regards to -- I heard rumors in February that 12 they were thinking about doing this. The first time I 13 really heard of it was when Ruby announced if the -- when 14 they went to the leadership workshop, her and Loretta. So 15 that was the first I ever heard about, you know, it was 16 going to come out. 17 But basically in any organization as far as I'm 18 concerned, business or otherwise, because I worked -- I 19 started out as a small company, you know how they buy and 20 buy and buy and then they split, split, split and then 21 they go away. Well, as work goes away or things start 22 trimming down, you have to trim down your budgets to 23 figure out how to do things smoother. And I don't know. 24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Bonnie 25 Christner, District 27, Past Department President. If we 26 don't have so much membership and that's why they're 27 saying that they need to raise our dues to pay the people 28 that are working in their offices, if they don't have that 29 much membership to process, why do they need more people 30 to process it? 31 (Applause.) 32 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I mean it 33 doesn't make sense to me. I mean, I do all the stuff in 34 my unit and it doesn't take me long now because my membership is lower than it was a few years ago. So, you 35 36 know, I could log my hours and pay myself, but, you know, 37 that's not going to work either. So we don't have that 38 many members. Why is it taking more people and more money 39 to process our membership. 40 (Applause.) 41 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Any 42 further discussion? VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Yes, over here. Yes. 43 44 Joan Cannon, VA&R Chairman. I was also with Ruby and 45 Loretta. And in my past life I worked for the federal 46 government. We did a lot of work putting in computer 47 systems. I was a systems analyst and we had a lot of 48 consultants. While I was there at the leadership conference in May, I lost count of how many consultants 49 50 gave us, you know, a little talk on different subjects.

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1 And I know from my past work life before I retired, 2 consultants are very, very expensive. 3 So, you know, maybe that little assistant is not 4 making that much, but those consultants are making a lot 5 of money. And maybe we even need to talk about rethinking 6 the consultants, and that would probably get rid of two 7 consultants and we probably don't have to worry about membership raises for many, many years. Thank you. 8 9 (Applause.) 10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Louann Johnston, 11 12 26th District President. I move that our California 13 delegation vote against the dues increase. 14 (Applause.) 15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Loretta, can 16 I say something? 17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been 18 moved and seconded. 19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Can I say 20 something? 21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: We need to --22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Loretta? 23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. 24 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE SQUIRE: Thank you. Leilani 25 Squire, District 24, Unit 43. I would rather -- I would 26 be a cheap consultant; you can hire me. Anyway, sorry, I 27 would be very discouraged because I work hard as a 28 volunteer and I know many ladies do. It would be 29 discouraging to me personally to know that the money that I have to pay goes to something else that could be done 30 31 perhaps by a volunteer. And so I don't think it's a good 32 idea. And also we are the voices of the people, so our 33 voice is very important to say what we believe. That's 34 what I think. 35 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: That's why you 36 get a vote when you go. And we can --37 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Madam 38 President? 39 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I think it's 40 41 inappropriate for us to vote on this motion at this time 42 because our delegates and alternates are not chosen yet 43 and so they wouldn't have any clue that we had already 44 Thank you. done this. 45 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. At this 46 time a vote is out of order. So any other -- if not, 47 Wendy, do you have -- President, do you have anything more 48 you have to say before you have to shut up about it? 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: I said that

1 because she kept saying --2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: May I, Madam Vice 3 President? 4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I will let you 6 ladies know that last night I joined the Past Presidents 7 Parley group. Mean, mean women. They will suffer when it's her turn. She will suffer. 8 9 One last thing. I don't think it's fair to force 10 somebody to vote on something; however, I do think that the delegates and alternates that go to National represent 11 12 all of us. It is our jobs to tell our delegates how we 13 feel so that they know when they're voting, they're 14 representing what we want. Not just themselves, but what we, California, wants. So it doesn't really need to take 15 a vote. They should hear by your applause or your 16 17 comments how you feel. So if you're not sure, talk to 18 your delegates. Tell them how you feel about the 19 situation. 20 (Applause.) 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The 22 conversation is over. I was on a break time back there, 23 but you will suffer. 24 Okay. Ladies, it looks like this is -- it looks 25 like this is going to take a few more minutes. So we've 26 sat here long enough and I believe that we should recess this meeting until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow. I hope to see you 27 28 all at the banquet tonight. No host cocktails will be at 29 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00. The Convention 30 Committee has prepared great entertainment for us, so I 31 hope you are all going to see that. See you tomorrow 32 morning. 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Madam 34 President, ladies, bring your budget back tomorrow. You 35 will not get another copy. 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, yes, please. 37 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention 38 was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.) 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, I got a lei. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The rumors. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Karen, would you 4 please -- how you do you say that? Get it off the --5 don't put that on the recording. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, yes. Please 7 remove that from the recording. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, put that not 8 9 in the record. NEC Woman Susie Tozier. 10 NEC WOMAN TOZIER: Yes. 11 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chaplain Sharon 12 Moore. 13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Here. 14 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Historian Dolly 15 Rios. DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: I'm here. 16 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Parliamentarian 18 Diane DeLashmit. 19 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: (Horn). 20 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Whoa. Thank you. 21 Musician Joyce Patton. 22 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: (Singing). 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sergeant-at-Arms 24 Liz Doidge. 25 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE: I'm here. 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal Susan 27 Morgan. 28 MARSHAL MORGAN: Here. 29 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Chairman 30 Terry Mikesell. 31 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Present. 32 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Senior 33 Committee Linda Hayes. 34 FINANCE SENIOR COMMITTEE HAYES: Ahoy, Matey. 35 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 36 Junior Brenda Preston. 37 FINANCE JUNIOR COMMITTEE PRESTON: I'm here. 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Chairman 39 Anita Biggs. 40 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Here. 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Committee 42 Pilar Reyes. 43 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REYES: Present. 44 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Committee 45 LuAnn Capazzi. 46 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAPAZZI: Present. 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Committee 48 Linda Fercho. 49 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: I'm here. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past National

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1 President Nancy Brown-Park. 2 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Here. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Americanism Kathy 4 Smith. 5 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: We're flying that 6 flaq. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Do you want to 8 repeat that? 9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: No. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: AEF Ellen McClurg. 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Children & Youth 13 Kathie Martinez. 14 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good 15 morning, Ruby. 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 17 Community Service Dee Ann Graham. COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Ahoy. 18 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Constitution & 20 Bylaws Tamra Duron. 21 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURAN: Present. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention Estella 23 Avina. She must be excused. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Commission 26 Convention Genieca Risner. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Credentials 29 Danielle White, who is excused I believe because she's 30 outside. 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 32 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Distinguished 33 Guest Linda Workman. DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Hanging 34 35 out on the lido deck. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor Estella 37 Avina. Still excused. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's still in the 39 hall. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's actually 40 41 here so I'm just going to put her here. Education Linda 42 Fariss. 43 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: Still learning. 44 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Excuse me. 45 Elections Jackie Cleveland. 46 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CLEVELAND: Present. 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Girls State Elissa 48 Kirkland. 49 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Good morning, 50 Ruby.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 2 Girls State Director Rhodona Enright. 3 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: Are you from Girls 4 State? 5 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior Activities 7 Mindy Sinclair. 8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES SINCLAIR: Here. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior Conference 10 Director Ann Philcox. JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Here. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leadership Gloria 13 Williams. 14 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Legislative Susie 16 Tozier. 17 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Here. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Membership Loretta 19 Marsh. 20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Still here. 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: National Security 22 Tracy Varnell. NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Sea Horses 23 24 are racing to the finish. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past President 26 Parley Anita Biggs. 27 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning, Ruby. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Poppy Kim Vincent. POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Sea Flowers in the 29 30 house. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Public Relations 31 32 Jennifer Bieger. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 34 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Resolutions 35 Madeline Lee. 36 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN LEE: Here. 37 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Rules Glenda 38 Schultz. 39 RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Here. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: VA&R Joan Cannon. VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present. 41 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ways & Means Jean 43 Cooley-Desmeules. 44 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Ways & 45 Means is now open. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1 47 Marialice Canclini. Absent. District 2 Judy Henderson. DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Yes. 48 49 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3 Lola 50 Ramey. She's absent.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent, yes. 1 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4 Geri 3 Fitzpatrick. 4 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Here. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5 Sandy 6 Paxton. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 8 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6 Glenda 9 Schultz. 10 DISTRICT 6: My Wendy lies over the ocean. My 11 Wendy lies over the sea. And when this convention is 12 over, please send back my Wendy to me. 13 (Applause.) 14 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 7 Linda 15 Harmon. 16 DISTRICT 7: Aloha. 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Aloha. Tammy --18 District 8 Tammy Manini. 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 20 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9 Helaine 21 Dolly Rios. 22 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here. 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 10 Liz 24 Parshal. 25 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. 26 Anchors away. 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 11 Marcia 28 Munroe. 29 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Present. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 12 Ann 30 31 Kelley. 32 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Ruby and Wendy. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 34 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 13 CeCe 35 Harvey. 36 DISTRICT 13 VICE PRESIDENT HARVEY: Present. 37 Good morning, Madam President. 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. District 14 39 Gloria Sinopoli. 40 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Good morning. 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 42 District 15 Zana Chaney. 43 DISTRICT 15: Good morning. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 44 45 District 16 Terry Oclaray. 46 DISTRICT 16: Good morning. 16th District is 47 here. 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17 Rachel 49 Wang-Yee. 50 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: I'm here today.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 18 Gayle 2 Pouliot. 3 DISTRICT 18: Sailing, sailing from sea to shining sea. District 18 is here to say aboy to our 4 5 Wendy. Sailing, sailing over the deep blue sea. We did 6 our best continually from sea to shining sea. 7 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 8 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19 Becky 10 Bullard. DISTRICT 19: Good morning, President Wendy. 11 The 12 Noisy 19 wishes you smooth sailing. 13 (Applause.) 14 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20 Nancy 15 Heinisch. 16 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: Present. 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER: District 21 Susan Romero. 18 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Captain Wendy. Our 19 ship has sailed and it's time to dock. The USS Brookshire 20 is here to rock. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The foghorn has 22 competition. 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22 Donna 24 Smith. 25 DISTRICT 22: Row, row, row your boat off to 26 Riverside, District 22, oh, what a ride. 27 (Applause.) 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 29 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23 30 Patricia Patrick. 31 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The 32 23rd District USS Mohammed Ali are fighting our way to 33 knock out membership. 34 (Applause.) 35 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 36 Deloris Artis. 37 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. 38 We're District 24. (Signing.) Hoot, hoot. 39 (Applause.) 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25 Maria 41 Granado. 42 DISTRICT 25: Our cruise ship has been sailing as 43 smoothly as can be, helping serve our veterans from sea to 44 shining sea. We planned our work and worked our plan to 45 make our year complete because when it comes to being 46 great, we simply can't be beat. Good morning from the 47 Great 25th District USS Cactus Voyager. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 49 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26th 50 Louann Johnston.

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1 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Ahoy. 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 27 Vicky 3 Goodchild. 4 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Good morning. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 6 District 28 Karol Adams. 7 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President. The 8 USS Majestic is cruising along for our veterans. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29 Carol 11 12 Borgman. 13 DISTRICT 29: We're all here. 14 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30 Kim 15 Vincent. 16 DISTRICT 30: Good morning to you. Good morning 17 to you. We're all in our places with smiles on our faces, good morning to you. Good morning to you. Good morning, 18 19 good morning to you. 20 (Applause.) 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hospital Reps. 22 Lori Sullivan, Northern California. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 23 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Letecia O'Quinn. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's absent. I'm 26 sorry. Excused. I'm sorry. 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Central 28 California Saundra Dowell. 29 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE DOWELL: I'm here. 30 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Palo 31 Alto Connie Raya. 32 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE RAYA: Present. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Livermore Grace 34 Huston. 35 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HUSTON: Here. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 37 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HUSTON: Here. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah, she's here. 39 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, okay. WAVE 40 Clinic San Diego Lois Cornish. Outside working. Loma 41 Linda Jerry L. Pettis, Mavis Kanka. 42 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KANKA: Here. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Huh? 44 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's here. 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. We'll 46 take you. All right. Loma Linda Mavis Kanka. 47 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's here. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 48 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I can't hear

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1 either. Long Beach Pat Alvarez. 2 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ: Good morning, 3 Ruby. 4 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning, Pat. 5 Greater LA Earlean Paige. 6 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE PAIGE: Ahoy. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Barstow Vet Home 8 Angie Acosta. 9 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA: It's Red Friday. 10 Remember everyone deployed. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chula Vista Lois 13 Cornish. Fresno Veterans Home Rosalie Taylor. 14 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR: Here. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lancaster Linda 16 Hayes. 17 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HAYES: Present. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding Vet Home 19 Terry Mikesell. 20 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE MIKESELL: Unfortunately 21 she's still here. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura Madeline 23 Lee. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE LEE: Here. 24 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA Ruth 26 Hackney. 27 HOSPITAL PRESENTATIVE HACKNEY: Here. 28 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And 29 Yountville Peggy Grabski. 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 31 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Absent. That 32 concludes your roll call, Madam President. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, 34 this morning I'll be calling three chairmen at a time to 35 be on the stage and ready to give their reports. 36 Chairmen, please be sure to have sent notes of the 37 recipients so they are present at the right side of the 38 stage when you give your report. 39 Recipients, when you receive your awards, please 40 stay at the right of the stage so that individuals or 41 group photos may be taken after the chairman's report. 42 Remember to be as quiet as possible so everyone can hear 43 the reports of the following chairmen. Importantly, and 44 as I've said before, please keep your cell phones off. 45 We will now have Rules Chairman Glenda Schultz 46 read the convention rules. 47 48 READING OF CONVENTION RULES 49 50 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Good morning,

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1 Madam President Wendy. At this time I will present the 2 convention rules. The convention rules can be found on 3 page 10 of the Book of Reports. Madam President Wendy, this chairman will 4 5 hesitate after each rule so if there is a question or an 6 amendment, that may be presented at that time. 7 Number 1: All meetings of the convention shall 8 be called to order at the designated times or soon 9 thereafter as a quorum is present. 10 Number 2: A quorum shall exist when one-third of 11 the Units in good standing are partially or wholly 12 represented by duly elected delegates or alternates. 13 (Article IV, Section 5, Department Constitution.) 14 Number 3: The audience shall remain seated 15 during the business of the convention. The Department 16 President shall designate certain doors to accommodate 17 delegates who find it necessary to enter or leave the 18 convention hall during reports of committees or when a 19 speaker has the floor. There will be no smoking permitted 20 in the auditorium. Cell phones must be turned off or in 21 vibrate mode. 22 The Chair may deviate from the printed Number 4: 23 program when necessary or expedient. 24 Number 5: The Credentials Chairman shall report 25 registration as directed by the Chair. 26 Number 6: The registration of delegates or 27 alternates shall close at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24th 28 2017. 29 Number 7: Only qualified delegates shall have 30 voice and vote. 31 Number 8: It shall be the responsibility of each 32 District President to see that only accredited delegates 33 and alternates serving as delegates are seated in their 34 District delegation during the business meetings of the 35 Convention. 36 Number 9: If a delegate expects to be absent 37 from the Convention, except for the purpose of attending a 38 committee meeting, she should release her delegate's card 39 to her alternate. The alternate shall then take her seat 40 in the voting section. In the event the delegate does not 41 have the opportunity of reporting to the District 42 President, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the 43 unit delegation to report to the District President the 44 absence of the delegate and the presence of the alternate 45 or the absence of both delegate and alternate. 46 Number 10: A delegate wishing a privilege of the 47 floor shall rise, address the Chair as Madam Department 48 President, give her name, unit and district numbers, 49 pause, and wait to be recognized by the chair. 50 Number 11, a member speaking in debate on a

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1 question shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall 2 speak more than twice on the same question without the 3 consent of the assembly. 4 Number 12: Delegates attending called committee 5 meetings shall be notified when the convention is 6 considering and voting upon adoption of any change in 7 policy or matters affecting finance. 8 Excuse me. Number 13: Reports of committees 9 which do not appear to be controversial in any nature may 10 be adopted by general consent, if there is no objection. 11 If there is objection, a vote shall be taken. Following 12 the acceptance of a report of the committee, 13 recommendations or resolutions may be presented for 14 consideration and adoption. 15 Number 14: Any committee whose proposed changes 16 in policy might conflict with that of The American Legion 17 shall confer with The American Legion before presenting 18 said change to the Convention. 19 Number 15: A Committee recommending an 20 appropriation of funds for any purpose shall consult with 21 the Department Finance Committee before presenting the recommendation or resolution to the Convention. 22 23 Number 16: All resolutions to be presented to 24 the Convention shall be in triplicate and properly signed. 25 Number 17: Committees may amend resolutions and 26 recommendations referred to them before favorable 27 reporting same. Resolutions or recommendations rejected 28 by a committee shall be marked rejected, signed by the 29 Chairman of the Committee, and returned to the Department Resolutions Chairman immediately following the Committee 30 31 Meeting. 32 Number 18: A Unit, District, or members 33 representing a resolution or recommendation shall have 34 their privilege of explaining same to the Committee to 35 which it was referred. 36 Number 19: Committee shall report to the 37 Convention all resolutions properly submitted and accepted 38 by a majority of the Convention Committee. 39 Number 20: A resolution rejected by a committee 40 may be brought before the convention by two-thirds vote. 41 Number 21: Emergency resolution which may arise 42 during the convention or after the date for submitting 43 resolutions may be presented no later than noon of the 44 second day of Convention. (Article IV, Section 4b, 45 Department Constitution). 46 Number 22: Nomination of Officers, Junior Member 47 of Finance, Department Delegates and Alternates to the 48 National Convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June 49 23rd, 2017. 50 Number 23: Endorsement of candidates for

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1 National Office shall follow nominations. 2 Number 24: Nomination speeches shall be limited 3 to three minutes. There shall be no seconding speeches. 4 Number 25: Election of Department Officers, 5 Junior Member of Finance, National Candidate, Department 6 Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall 7 be held on Saturday morning, June 24th, 2017. 8 Number 26: The doors of the Convention Hall 9 shall be closed during the entire election procedure and 10 no one shall leave or enter the hall until Chair states the election is concluded. The exception to this shall be 11 12 in an emergency a member may leave, and if her absence 13 affects the voting strength, the District President shall 14 immediately notify the presiding officer. 15 Number 27: When there is but one nominee for all 16 department officers and but one nominee for Junior Member 17 of Finance, the nominees shall be elected viva voce. (Article V, Section 3 Department Constitution). Upon roll 18 19 call, the District Presidents shall report the number of 20 units partially or wholly represented by newly elected 21 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the 22 time of the roll call. This is to determine that there is 23 a quorum of units present at the time of election. 24 Number 28: When there is more than one nominee 25 for the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance or 26 endorsement for National Office, election shall be by 27 written ballot. The District President shall, when they 28 are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their 29 respective delegation to ascertain the total voting 30 strength of their District for the election reporting the 31 same to Chair. 32 Number 29: When there are three or more nominees 33 for office, Junior Member of Finance, or endorsement for 34 National Office, unless one nominee receives a majority 35 vote on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest 36 number of votes shall be automatically dropped before 37 proceeding with the next ballot. 38 Number 30: When there is a candidate or 39 candidates for an endorsement to a National Office a 40 majority vote shall be by ballot. (Constitution Article 41 V, Section 13.) 42 Number 31: Each District President Or District Member of the Election Committee shall distribute and 43 elect the votes cast by the District delegation and 44 45 deliver them to the Department Chairman of the Elections. 46 Number 32: Department Officers, Chairman, 47 Committee Member, and Past Department President shall vote 48 with their respective district. 49 Number 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to 50 one vote. The vote of an absent unit delegate not

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1 represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority 2 of the delegates from the Unit. When two delegates 3 represent three votes, the Chairman of the Unit delegation 4 shall cast the third vote. 5 Number 34: A majority of all votes cast shall 6 elect, except that -- except that in the election of 7 national delegates or alternates of plurality shall elect. 8 Number 35: These Convention rules may be amended 9 during the Convention by a two-thirds vote. 10 Number 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly 11 Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on all points 12 not covered by these rules, the Department Constitution & 13 Bylaws and Convention mandates. 14 Madam Department President Wendy, this concludes 15 the reading of the convention rules. I move that the convention rules be considered as read and be adopted as a 16 17 whole. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second. 18 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is a 20 motion on the floor -- oh, okay. Will you please reread 21 number 30? 22 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Number 30: When there is a candidate or candidates for an endorsement 23 to a National Office, a majority vote shall be by ballot. 24 25 (Constitution Article V, Section 13). 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hold on just one 27 moment. 28 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Sorry about 29 that. Number 30: All members seeking National office 30 shall be endorsed at a Department Convention by a majority 31 vote not more than three years prior to the date they are 32 to be a candidate for office. Vote shall be by viva voce 33 unless there is more than one candidate, then a majority 34 vote shall elect by ballot. (Constitution Article V, 35 Section 13). 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Okay. 37 Glenda, can you also go back to number 3 and reread number 38 3? 39 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Number 3: 40 The audience shall remain seated during the business of 41 the Convention. The Department President shall designate 42 certain doors to accommodate delegates who find it 43 necessary to enter or leave the Convention Hall during reports of committee -- or committees when a speaker has 44 45 the floor. Cell phones must be turned off or in vibrate 46 mode. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, yes. 48 Okay. So there is a motion on the floor to accept these 49 rules of the convention as a whole. Any questions? If 50 you have a question, could you please come up to one of

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1 the mics. There are three mics up here. Could you please 2 come up? 3 UNIT 621 PRESIDENT WALLER: Madam President -- is 4 it on? Okay. Madam President, my name is Doreen Waller, 5 President of Unit 621, Squaw Valley, California. In 6 number 2 she had stated reading: A guorum shall exist 7 when one-third of the Units in good standing are partially 8 or wholly represented by duly elected delegates or 9 alternates. Article IV, Section -- she said 5. It says Section 3. I just wanted to bring it to your attention. 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you. 11 12 There were a few misreadings, however, what is in Right. the book is correct so that is what will be -- we'll be 13 14 voting on this morning. All those in favor? 15 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 17 (No response.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 18 19 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Madam 20 Department President Wendy, Rule Number 3 provides it is 21 your responsibility to designate certain doors to 22 accommodate delegates to enter or leave the convention. 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. So since 24 the rule said I'm going to do that, I'm going to. Right 25 over here to your left -- my left is the doors that you 26 will come and go through. Please try to be as quietly as 27 possible because there is -- the chairs are very close, so 28 having any intermingling with members in the hall right 29 there or on this side of the doors will be very distracting for the members. So please take your business 30 31 outside if you're going to do it. And the restroom is 32 right down the hall. Oh, yeah. There's that too. Yeah. 33 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: I would 34 suggest that the Pages request delegates entering the hall 35 to stand quietly and wait for the speaker to finish before 36 returning to their seats. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: That sounds 38 fabulous to me. 39 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Madam 40 President, thank you for this appointment and the opportunity to serve you and the Department of California. 41 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 43 Glenda. 44 (Applause.) 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We had some bad 46 news last night. Elaine Gallagher fell and broke her hip 47 and is having surgery this morning. And Debbie Fletcher's 48 brother has died. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Well, we've 50 had our three so we don't need anymore. Okay. We have

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1 some guests here this morning. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms 2 and Marshal with the -- with the Distinguished Guest 3 Chairman please bring to the stage Past Detachment 4 Commander Chris Affolter and his aid. Affolter. Excuse 5 me. 6 (Processional.) 7 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Good 8 morning, ladies. 9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning. 10 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I was just 11 thinking maybe she just wore it out. Dang, that's a 12 prison weapon right there. Greetings from the Sons of 13 American Legion. Let me tell you those guys over there, 14 they are wonderful. They put together -- or I should say 15 I as the chairman for the convention city, we put together 16 a deal. And I know I heard some conflict, but we have 17 again the detachment youth party. It will be this 18 Saturday. 19 We are going to be going to water slides and 20 laser tag, mini golf, pizza, amusement rides. And when I 21 say youth, okay, that does not mean the ladies that are 22 over the age of 18. I had to get -- I had -- I had to 23 tell that to the Sons because I had like 20 guys stand up, 24 "I want to go. I want to go," and so -- there are some 25 amusement rides there too. And then we're going to get 26 some great pizza. I've known this guy for 20-some years and he has a place called Nickelodeon Pizza. It's going 27 28 to be over at Grand Terrace/Colton. It's about 15 minutes 29 It's called Fiesta Village. It's a great wonderful away. 30 place. They gave us a really good deal on everything and 31 it is absolutely free for those that are under the age of 32 18. 33 (Applause.) 34 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: The Sons of 35 The American Legion, I really fought for this because, you 36 know, in the past years we've had video game trucks and 37 pizzas and something like that, and since we're down here in the south -- next year I don't know what they're going 38 39 to do because I won't be on the committee, but the year 40 after that for the 100th, we're going to have a slam dang 41 bang going on. I'm going to push for something big, big. 42 So we'll see what happens. 43 The bus is going to be -- the bus is going to be leaving at 3:00 o'clock sharply, so we would like the 44 45 young ladies to be out there between 2:30 and 3:00. The 46 reason for 2:30 is I've got parent permission slips that 47 need to be filled out. You know, the regular rigamarole. We give them permission to send them to the hospital if 48 they go flipping out of the water slide, that type of 49 50 thing. But that will never happen there because, you

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1 know -- you know, knock on the wooden gavel, we'll be just 2 fine. But that needs to be done. We'll have the forms 3 out there. 4 Now you're probably wondering how many can go. Ι 5 have a total seating arrangement of 50 students that we 6 have paid for or 50 youths that we have paid for. I've gotten many texts this morning from the Sons. There's not 7 8 a lot of Sons over there, so there's definitely an 9 opening. 10 Hey, I know you two. So if you can text me, here's my number. Are you 11 12 ready? Yes, I'm giving you my digits, ladies. Call me 13 any time. Just don't let my wife catch you. 14 (909) 251-2464. And what I need is even if you have a group of girls, that's fine. Text me all of their names. 15 And I also need their unit number. Okay? So that we have 16 17 a little bit of tracking going on. Okay? Can I give a 18 shout out? 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 20 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Okay. Shout 21 out to the 18th District. Yeah, ladies. Loving you. 22 And -- and my old homeland, the 21st. Love you, ladies. 23 Let me just tell you, I want to just tell you this is --24 the Auxiliary raised me up in The American Legion or the 25 Sons of The American Legion. I know a few years ago I got 26 to come up here and talk way too many times with my 27 president, but let me tell you, I appreciate the Auxiliary 28 more than you can ever believe. Because I'll tell you, 29 the president and the treasurer and everything, when I was 30 commander of my Sons when I was 16 years old, I'll tell 31 you what, I wouldn't have been able to do it without the 32 ladies Auxiliary. So I thank you for everything that you 33 do, the hard work that you put in for this department, the 34 hard work you put in for The American Legion. And I 35 salute all of you. Thank you so much. 36 (Applause.) 37 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Oh, they're 38 meeting at the parking lot all the way that way. So it's 39 the east side of the building. It's the parking lot that's on Third Street. Okay. Go up there, you'll see 40 41 the buses up there or the bus. 42 Oh, by the way, I forgot something. I heard the 43 saddest news yesterday that some of your Pages won't be 44 done until 5:00 p.m. Isn't that horrible? So you know 45 what, I've arranged -- the bus will be back there waiting 46 for them at 5:15. 47 (Applause.) 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You want a shout 49 out? 50 SONS AID DESMEULES: I adore the 19th District,

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you guys. Yahoo. 1 2 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: If you want 3 to get the slips for the parent permission, they are in the Sons of American Legion office. Just ask my 4 5 beautiful, wonderful wife, member of Unit No. 280 and 13 6 both out of the 18th District. 7 (Applause.) 8 PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Love you. 9 (Processional.) 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We will now have 11 the report of the National Executive Committeewoman Susie 12 Tozier. 13 14 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 15 16 NEC MEMBER TOZIER: At the close of the 2016 17 Convention for National, I attended the National NEC meeting where the budget was approved. In February I 18 19 attended the National NEC in Washington D.C. where several 20 panels were presented showing the needs of the veterans. 21 That was really a fantastic event. 22 Later we visited the Vietnam Veteran Wall where 23 the National President placed a wreath. My next NEC 24 meeting will be in -- prior to the convention, the 25 Nationals in Reno. And we also -- I also provided readings to the National President for Wendy in Pacific 26 27 Palisades. That was really a wonderful -- she's a very, 28 very nice lady. And her special project is scholarships. 29 Thank you. 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 31 (Applause.) 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Vice President 33 Loretta Marsh, will you please assume the chair so the President can give her report? With all the papers that I 34 35 had to bring to this convention, the one paper I forgot 36 was my convention report. So I have it on an iPad so please forgive the iPad. But, you know, ladies, it is the 37 38 modern technology. So this could be the wave of the 39 future. 40 41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT 42 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: This year our year 44 started off with a fantastic installation for Department President with Linda Fercho at the helm with units and 45 46 districts going on a sea cruise. And what a cruise it's 47 been. 48 My first stop was at the Yountville Veterans Home for the annual picnic. It was a great time for the 49 50 veterans with good food, music, and dancing. Family

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smiles -- friendly smiles by everyone. This was followed by the visit to the volunteer coordinator to talk about our needs at the Yountville home.

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Our training sessions and workshops were next and well attended. Program orientations were conducted by appointed Past Department Presidents with valuable information shared. It is -- this is to produce veteran informed members and build up a strong organization.

9 Then it was off to Cincinnati, Ohio for the 10 National Convention where I was installed. Or should have been installed. I attended daily convention sessions, 11 12 participated in the parade, enjoyed sharing a real cruise 13 with the Department of California American Legion. This 14 is, however, when my ship went off course. At first I was 15 thinking I think we got on the Titanic, but then I thought 16 differently. I had an emergency at home and I knew that 17 the ladies that I have, Past Presidents, Advisors, they 18 would step up and help with this. So our boat continued 19 floating.

20 My emergency at home was my husband was very ill. 21 He had a very serious heart problem and was in and out of 22 the hospital for three months, with six weeks being in the 23 ICU. In between doctor visits and hospital stays, I was 24 very fortunate to be invited to the Cabrillo open house in 25 Long Beach. Seeing the opportunities these formally 26 homeless ladies are given at this facility and knowing 27 that we are helping them succeed was truly heartwarming.

John started his rehab therapy and more therapy and more therapy, and then we celebrated the holidays with the family and was able to have him home for that. Ann Sanchez, my stand-in gopher, and I made it to Redding. I was so excited. The whole town came out to see us and had a parade in my honor. Okay. I guess it was just a light parade for Christmas, but it still could have been for us.

35 Then it was off to the lovely town of Chico in 36 Seeing what these ladies are doing for our District 4. 37 veterans is fabulous. The National Commander Charlie 38 Schmidt's Northern California visit was very exciting. 39 Myself along with many ALA members participated in the Walk For Veterans around the state capitol. We looked 40 41 like a munch of minions and danced and had dinner to hear 42 his message at Post 77, Christmas with Santa and found out 43 I was going to be a great grandma again for the third 44 Ladies, another Auxiliary member is almost here. time.

In January we attended the National Mission
Training in Las Vegas where we learned how to effectively
develop our future grassroots leaders and new ways to
present our programs.

Then it was off to a very long ride to Brawley with Susie, and I mean a very long drive with Susie, for

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1 the Area 5 Membership meeting where the ladies are very 2 encouraging to each other. This is a wonderful, wonderful 3 time for the Auxiliary members to get together to 4 encourage each other for membership. It was quite 5 exciting. 6 February found me visiting with many districts, 7 District 7, 16, 20 and 29, where districts combined their 8 meetings with other districts to conserve time, which I 9 was sad to say my husband then had a stroke and wasn't 10 able to travel too far or too long because he was needing 11 me to be home with him. Thank you so much for these 12 districts for combining the sessions. Learning what these 13 members did for our veterans has been such a heartwarming 14 -- you see it on paper, but when you're there and they're 15 expressing it and you see this excitement, it's something 16 to remember. 17 March was a very, very busy month visiting districts every week. Because of my home issues, I had to 18 19 cram lots of things together, and I enjoyed each and every 20 district that I visited. We were invited to the capitol for legislative days with The American Legion learning 21 22 about the bills coming this year to support our veterans. I was invited to District 4 where there was a -- they 23 24 honored female veterans. This was so exciting and the 25 members that were honored were certainly impressed that we 26 recognized them. 27 My visit to District 23, I was so excited to meet 28 our future member. She was dressed like a little sailor. 29 This was Gloria's granddaughter and it was such an honor 30 to be there with her dressed like a little sailor. 31 The American Legion Riders was our next stop to 32 bring greetings to. Then it was off to Junior Conference 33 where many of our Juniors met to run for election. These 34 ladies are outstanding and I think they're going to do a 35 great, great job leading our organization for the next 100 36 years. 37 The next thing was my homecoming. The American 38 Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary departments both 39 were from District 6, we decided that we would have the 40 function together. This was such a good party. I can't 41 thank my district unit enough for everything that they had 42 done for this. 43 The National President's visit, Mary Davis, we 44 decided her official visit would be in May. It was very 45 nice of District 24 to take the responsibility of the 46 subject visit. Deloris Artis and the 24th District did a 47 wonderful job. Miss Mary had a very happy visit. I want 48 to thank Deloris Artis and District 24 for all their 49 hospitality. 50 When we were at the hotel, which by the way was a

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1 beautiful hotel, we were told by the front desk that 2 breakfast was just down the hill and over on the beach. 3 Well, I thought, well, it's just down the hill. We'll just take that little journey. So we went down and looked 4 5 at the hill. The hill had about a hundred steps. Now it 6 could have been 200. It just was a really big hill. And 7 breakfast was at the bottom of that hill. 8 So Mary, being the energetic person that she is, 9 off she goes down those steps. Loretta and myself were 10 trying very, very hard to renegotiate that and take the car. However, close to the bottom of the stairs, the 11 12 stairs were a little unlevel. I hit one stair and started 13 down. Oh, my goodness. All I could think was the next 14 news flash would be the Department of California President 15 rolled down the hill and smacked the National President. 16 I didn't think this is what they were talking about the 17 spirit of goodwill. 18 My hopes for this year was to get back to a 19 relationship with the family that we've had years ago with 20 The American Legion Family. And the way to do that was 21 communication. I think that that's what we have done. We 22 are started in the right direction. We've had meetings 23 with the Commander and with the department office and that 24 is the first start, talking to each other. 25 The amount of hospitality, care, and love that 26 was shown to this Department President throughout this 27 year is immeasurable and will never be forgotten. What 28 our members do for veterans, active military, and their 29 families is outstanding. I don't know why everyone doesn't want to belong to our organization. I certainly 30 31 know I am very proud to belong to this organization. 32 Thank you so much. 33 (Applause.) 34 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: While you were 35 gone I dug up this treasure chest for you and brought it 36 in, so I would like to present that to you. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: As all of you 38 know, I love presents. Oh, are you sure? I need to open 39 this because it's just, like, so beautiful. Look how 40 beautiful that is. My department president loves 41 peacocks. I mean -- did I say department? I mean 42 district president. She ain't getting this though. Wow. 43 Look at this. 44 (Applause.) 45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, my God. 46 Loretta painted this. Look at that. 47 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Let's see. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, I'm sorry, 48 49 ladies. That's beautiful. Oh, yeah, the sea. The sea 50 horses. "Serving Veterans From Sea to Shining Sea." Oh,

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1 my God. 2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Whoa, Nelly. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Wow, I really like 4 this present. Wow. Holy moly. 5 (Applause.) 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I see the pirates 7 over here are trying to get near me. You made this? 8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You are so good. 10 You know, somebody said that you seem very emotional this 11 weekend. I can't help but be emotional. 12 (Applause.) 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ladies, this 14 department, the Chairmen, the Past Department Presidents, 15 what they do for this organization most of you will never know. There is so much happening behind the scenes that I 16 17 had absolutely no clue until I was in this position. 18 These ladies handle things for you, and that's how it 19 should be. The leaders should be taking care of things so 20 the members don't have to deal with the everyday stresses 21 of this. And you couldn't ask for a better team. 22 I thank you more than anything to all of you, all 23 of you, the Past Presidents who are sitting with your 24 district. Everyone, thank you so much. 25 (Applause.) 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All right. We 27 will have the reports of Department Officers. Will all 28 officers not already on stage please come up quickly and 29 be ready to give your report. Just a reminder to the Department Officers and Chairmen. All reports excluding 30 31 Americanism, Education, Membership, Children & Youth, 32 Poppy, Resolutions, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 33 per the department code is to be limited to five minutes. 34 This includes your committee report, supplementals, and 35 first place award presentations. 36 Can we have Vice President Loretta Marsh give her 37 report. 38 39 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT 40 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Madam 41 42 Department President Wendy didn't have much advice for me 43 to report on this year, so my report is very short here. 44 I attended the Girls State meeting in the fall 45 and the Four Chaplains Ceremony in Sanger in February. I 46 had the privilege of attending Junior Conference and 47 installing the new junior officers for the year. Those 48 girls are great. 49 I left my quiet country home to travel north to 50 the big city of San Francisco for a budget meeting, then

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1 south to the big city of Los Angeles or in the Los Angeles 2 area for the National President's visit, which I enjoyed 3 immensely, proving that if I am elected president this 4 year, I can deal with the traffic when I have to. I have lived in Los Angeles, but that was my first experience 5 6 driving in San Francisco. Enough said on that. But the best part of my year as Vice President 7 8 was the privilege of working with the great officers and 9 chairmen this year, especially my president who was and is 10 a great mentor and friend. Thank you, Madam President. This concludes my report. 11 12 (Applause.) 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Loretta, before 14 you get settled, can you assume the chair so I can bring 15 greetings to The American Legion? 16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: You didn't 17 leave me a stepstool. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Sorry. 18 19 (Processional.) 20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Can we have the 21 report of the Secretary/Treasurer? 22 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER CONVENTION REPORT 24 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That was a little 26 bit of a surprise, wasn't it? Greetings, Madam Department 27 President. Greetings on behalf of the Department 28 Membership Clerk Julie Frisch and Bookkeeper Imelda Cruz 29 and myself. It has been a pleasure and privilege serving 30 as the Department Secretary/Treasurer for the great 31 Department of the -- of California for the past four 32 years. 33 I want to thank Imelda for the outstanding job 34 she does with the finances and for keeping the office 35 going for the five months until we hired Julie as our 36 membership clerk in February. Julie is a welcomed 37 addition to our staff and is rapidly catching on to all of 38 the day-to-day operations of the Department Office and The 39 American Legion Auxiliary. 40 I also want to thank -- take time to welcome our 41 court reporter now, Karen Aufdermaur. Is that correct, 42 Karen? I can't see her. She's back for her sixth year recording the convention proceedings. 43 44 (Applause.) 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I want to thank 46 Newport Harbor Unit 291 for their generous donation which 47 is going to be used to purchase a computer for our 48 membership clerk. 49 (Applause.) 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We have three

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1 prospective new units in the process of forming: Leonard 2 Yates Unit 709, District 6; James Fowler Unit 264, 3 District 7; Samuel Patterson Unit 198, District 8; 4 Northside Unit 858, District 13; and Temple City Unit 279, 5 District 18. 6 (Applause.) 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I traveled to 8 Indianapolis for the Department Leadership National 9 Conference with Loretta Marsh and Joan Cannon where we received a lot of information including that the 2017-'18 10 Junior meeting held in conjunction with the ALA Mission 11 12 Training will be held in Las Vegas on February 3rd and was told that National is proposing a \$3 membership increase 13 14 at the Reno Convention to take effect during the 2018 15 administrative year. If passed, units would be submitting 16 \$20 per capita for senior members with National receiving 17 \$12 per senior member and \$8 for the Department of California instead of the \$17 that you normally submit. 18 19 In my opinion this needs to be discussed and 20 decided whether or not the National delegates attending 21 the Reno Convention will support or reject this proposal 22 based upon the consensus of those present and voting at 23 this Department Convention. Operations of the Department Office are going 24 25 well and finances are in great shape. With more and more 26 new chairmen taking positions at the unit level, I would 27 like to see training developed to increase the knowledge 28 and comfort levels of those assuming new positions within 29 the units. 30 Another area that I would like to see developed 31 is reporting and tracking all the required reports into a 32 system simplified for the user as well as tracking and 33 compiling all those reports we have to do. 34 Madam Department President, I wish for you a most 35 memorable and productive Department Convention and it has 36 been a pleasure working with you serving our veterans from 37 sea to shining sea. This concludes my report. 38 (Applause.) 39 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. We 40 will now have the Chaplain's report. 41 42 CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT 43 44 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Thank you, Madam 45 President. The Chaplains met on June 22nd in the 46 Raincross B room of the Riverside Convention Center here 47 in Riverside, California. The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 49 of the Book of Reports. 48 C.J. Reyes, District 19, Unit 496 was appointed 49 50 as Secretary, Delores Ryan, District 15, Unit 26 was

1 appointed Chaplain, and Joyce Patton, District 23, Unit 2 252 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. There were a total of 3 20 district delegates that answered roll call. There were 4 eight visitors present. 5 The committee agreed on the following report. 6 There were no code changes. Second and third place awards 7 for unit and district were presented along with 100 percent reporting certificates. The Chaplains discussed 8 9 the memorial service and songs were distributed to those 10 participating in the choir. 11 And that ends my committee report. May I move on 12 to the supplemental? 13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. 14 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: The Beacons of Light 15 from the Department of California have been very busy 16 providing the spiritual needs of our entire American 17 Legion Family. As this year comes to a close, we have 18 much to be grateful for and thankful to be part of this 19 great organization. 20 A total of 27 out of 30 districts provided 21 year-end reports details activities of the 258 units 22 within the State of California. 310 deceased members were 23 reported, there were zero juniors reported, and three 24 deceased Gold Star Mothers. Seventy-five units in 17 25 districts held memorial services for deceased members. 26 Seventy-six units draped the charter for deceased members. Fifteen units reported having donated \$1,476.01 to the In 27 28 Loving Tribute Fund. Sixteen units reported having 29 participated in the Chapel of Four Chaplains and donating 30 \$2,133. 31 Ten units brought prayer books to the convention 32 for competition including two junior books. Twelve units 33 are sending -- sent prayers for the Department President's 34 Prayer Book. Twenty-two units reported sending 7,708 35 cards, various cards valued at \$7,725.60. Eighty-four 36 units utilized "Reflections" prayers as a source, and 78 37 units utilized other sources. 38 Many units participated in various patriotic 39 events such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence 40 Day, 911 Remembrance, and Flag Day. Units and districts 41 participated in 29 other activities including Veterans Day 42 parades, Wreaths Across America, Junior Conference Flag 43 Retirement, and Vietnam Memorial Wall just to name a few. 44 Chaplains reported visiting veterans in 45 hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes. One unit 46 donated 300 lap robes and blankets and hosted Stand Downs 47 searching for homeless veterans on the streets, under 48 bridges and provided needed assistance to those veterans. 49 Members of one unit created a counseling program 50 consisting of veterans and others counseled those in need.

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1 Chaplains have visited children's hospitals bringing 2 cheer, celebrating birthdays, distributing toys and just 3 simple companionship. One district along with the entire Legion Family prepares 2,000 fresh cut carnations, and 4 5 with the assistance of the local police department and 6 Legion Riders parade to the cemetery and places the 7 carnations on grave sites on Memorial Day. 8 One unit maintains a memorial rose garden at a 9 local park which was dedicated in May of 1944 to veterans 10 killed in action. Units of one district raised funds for the burial of a member's loved one and many also donated 11 12 and prepare food for numerous repasts. 13 This Chairman was honored to assist the Honorary 14 Junior Chaplain at Junior Conference who happens to be here today, Teresa Pouliot. She's in the back. Assisted 15 her at Junior Conference. I lost my place here. Sorry. 16 17 With the memorial service. Although there were no reports 18 of Juniors deceased, we conducted a ceremony on the 19 Military Child's Table in honor of those children whose 20 parents are deployed. It was well received. 21 This Chaplain was also honored to give the 22 invocation and benediction at the dinner for National 23 President Mary Davis' official visit in southern 24 California in April. The Beacons of Light have honored 25 your slogan, Madam President, of "Serving Veterans From 26 Sea to Shining Sea" while spreading light, love, hope and 27 prayer throughout the ALA Cruise Line. 28 Madam President, this ends my report and I would 29 like to thank you for this appointment. 30 (Applause.) 31 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: May I move on to the 32 first place awards? We have First Place In Loving Tribute 33 Largest Donation goes to Unit 210, District 4. 34 (Applause.) 35 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Four Chaplains 36 Largest Donation, first place goes to Unit 291, District 37 29. 38 (Applause.) 39 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Largest number of 40 cards. First place goes to Unit 258, District 22. 41 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: And now we'll move on 42 43 to the Best Supplemental. Goes to first place Susan 44 Baker, Unit 694, District 28. (Applause.) 45 46 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: First Place District 47 Best Supplemental goes to Arlene Barton, District 25. 48 (Applause.) 49 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: And for the Prayer 50 Book, we actually -- I said ten in my report, but we

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1 actually had 11 senior books and we had two junior books. 2 So we have our First Place Best Prayer Book goes to Amy 3 Gimmel, District 22. 4 (Applause.) 5 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: First place Unit 280, 6 District 18 goes to Rodie Andressi. 7 (Applause.) 8 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: And last but not 9 least, first place goes to Zoey Tiaduey, Unit 283, 10 District 24 for the Best Junior Prayer Book. 11 (Applause.) 12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: And, ladies, I want 13 you to know that I did not choose them, even though I 14 concur, but we did have a committee and I want to thank 15 the committee that assisted on judging the books 16 yesterday. We had C.J. Reyes, we had Sandy Jacobs, and we 17 had Joyce Patton. 18 Thank you so much, Madam President. And if I can 19 approach your station. Oh, I'm sorry. Let me give you 20 your book. Okay. 21 First of all, Madam President, this is from many 22 units and districts compiled by myself. And with the 23 assistance of all my roommates, we want to present this 24 prayer book to you. And we just love you and I hope you 25 enjoy the book. 26 (Applause.) 27 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: We had so many. We 28 also had a little memory chest here for you that has 29 seashells and other poems and devotions inside. And it 30 says: "My trust is in you, God of miracles and surprises. 31 Daily I feel your presence in a dozen ways." 32 (Applause.) 33 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Now this ends my 34 report. 35 (Applause.) 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She did an 37 outstanding job, don't you think? 38 (Applause.) 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Sharon. 40 Okay. It looks like we have another guest, so 41 could we -- could we have The American Legion Riders 42 President Mick Sobczak. 43 (Processional.) ALR PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Last year you were all 44 45 dancing the last time I did this. I have to admit you are 46 the most fun out of the entire family. 47 (Applause.) 48 ALR PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: You even put my Riders to 49 shame. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So am I.

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1 ALR PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: I was going to say how 2 many Riders do we have out here? Stand up. 3 (Applause.) 4 ALR PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: And I see my district 5 over here, District 22. Ladies. 6 (Applause.) 7 ALR PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: One thing about the 8 Riders is we're actually the only all-inclusive program 9 within The American Legion. You don't have to be a Legionnaire, Squadron, or an Auxiliary member be a Rider. 10 11 And that's a really good thing, but I'm getting on my veterans' case about that because we have 2,068 members 12 13 within the program, The American Legion Riders', 85 14 chapters, but of that only 334 are Auxiliary members. And I learned early on in life, happy life, happy wife. 15 And I 16 know a lot of the wives out there for these veterans 17 aren't Riders. And a lot of them aren't even Auxiliary members, so I'm getting on them about that. 18 19 So I'm hoping to increase your numbers this year, 20 and that's what my membership office, Department Chairman 21 Gary Teicher has been tasked with. So he actually does 22 all the legwork and I get the credit for it. I love how 23 that works. 24 But I'll be here all weekend. I'm looking 25 forward to having some dinner with you all tomorrow night. 26 I do dress up well. I clean up a little bit better than I 27 do right now. So I'm actually retired from the military 28 finally. February 7th of this year I finally retired from 29 the U.S. Army, so --30 (Applause.) 31 ALR PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Went to Marine Corps boot 32 camp in 1982, so I'm showing you my age. But I have a 33 plaque here for Wendy. It says thanks for her support to 34 The American Legion Riders. And if I could cut it into 35 little pieces and give every one of you a piece, I would, 36 but she gets it. 37 (Applause.) 38 (Processional.) 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, 40 it's extremely distracting for the members on this side of 41 the room when you're coming and going through the doors. 42 When there is a speaker especially up here giving their 43 report, please stand in the back and wait to leave the 44 room or to come in so that way it doesn't disrupt their 45 report. There's a lot of business going on outside those 46 doors and so we want to keep it as quiet in here as 47 possible so that we don't have to scream. So thank you 48 very much. 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Our next

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1 report will be given by our Foghorn, Ms. Diane DeLashmit, 2 our Department Parliamentarian. 3 4 PARLIAMENTARIAN CONVENTION REPORT 5 6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you for playing 7 my theme song. Madam President, Captain Wendy O'Brien, as 8 we left port in Fresno, it looked pretty bleak for a year 9 without major storm activity. We were entering turbulent weather and were going to be sounding the foghorn for some 10 11 really rough waters ahead. However, in a short while the storm subsided and we have had smooth sailing ever since. 12 13 There were five articles presented for the 14 Parliamentarian Corner. Hopefully they were helpful. Thank you, Ruby and Art, for putting them on the website. 15 16 Several members, units, districts, officers and chairmen 17 requested directions for many port excursions and 18 activities, but nothing that caused any worries. Perhaps 19 referring to my theme song this year, "Always Stay Humble 20 and Kind," was taken to heart. 21 Just a reminder that when we are civil and 22 respectful to one another, it makes for a more pleasant 23 environment and the work we do becomes more fruitful and 24 enjoyable. It was a pleasure to serve you and the 25 department as Parliamentarian and I am sure secretary Ruby 26 was glad that the foghorn was silent for most of the 27 voyage. 28 Madam President, may I take a point of personal 29 privilege? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may. 30 31 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I wish to thank 32 everyone for their cards, letters, emails, phone calls, 33 and other communications during my recent illness. And it's been really -- I'm surprised that I'm emotional about 34 35 it. 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: It's one of those 37 weekends. 38 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I guess so. And many 39 of you have asked and were concerned about me this week. It was truly appreciated. I am doing fine now, but I did 40 41 have quite a wake-up call. Thanks again for your concern. 42 (Applause.) 43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You'll only have to 44 hear it a couple more times. Thank you. 45 (Applause.) 46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We will now 47 have Joyce Patton give her report. Our Musician. Excuse 48 me. 49 50 MUSICIAN CONVENTION REPORT

1 2 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: I see nobody to my 3 There should be a choir over there. right. 4 Good morning, everyone. The Convention Committee 5 on program named Musician met on June 22nd, 2017 in Room 6 Ballroom A of the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, 7 California. The statistical report of this chairman 8 appears on page none of the Book of Reports. 9 Barbara Toth, Unit 112, District 25 was appointed 10 secretary, Sharon Moore, Unit 252, District 23 offered prayer, and Jean Cooley-Desmeules, Unit 314, District 19 11 12 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of ten district 13 delegates answered roll call. There were seven visitors 14 present. 15 I was so excited. The committee agreed upon the 16 following report. There were three recommendations for 17 this committee. The committee wants music back. 18 (Applause.) 19 MUSICIAN PATTON: Song book competition, and a 20 junior music program. There was much discussion regarding 21 music in our department. The committee was very much 22 aware of the fact that music is no longer a program on the 23 National level, but they feel we should have music in our 24 department. Some of the reasoning is the following: 25 One, no guidelines for this program. Two, music 26 is the motivation behind everything we do. Three, music 27 is a part of our heart and soul. Four, being that music 28 is no longer in our schools, we are just giving our 29 children to the streets and the music they run to is rap. 30 Five, our bodies are electrically and skillfully 31 made and that's why we feel good when music is in our 32 lives. Six, children with music in their lives have 33 cognitive and positive lives. Seven, the skill set we get 34 from music can be transferred to many other areas of our 35 lives. There are -- these are some of the arguments as to 36 why we need the music program back. So at this time I 37 would like to move that we reinstate music in this 38 department. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a motion 40 on the floor to -- now do you have that written somewhere 41 exactly how you've said it? Okay. 42 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's right 43 here. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a 45 motion on the floor that we reinstate music in this 46 California Department. Any discussion? 47 (No response.) 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 49 favor, say aye. 50 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Those opposed, 2 nay. 3 (No response.) 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 5 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. 6 (Applause.) 7 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: We rehearsed our 8 song, "Keep on Rowin'" written by Pat Gracey, District 15, 9 and adjourned with prayer at 12 noon. Musically yours, 10 Joyce Patton, Musician. That ends my meeting. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. 11 12 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: May I move to my 13 supplemental? 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 15 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: I'm so excited. 16 Hey, Seashells. First I want to thank President Wendy for 17 allowing me this pleasure of filling in for our great friend and sister Alzora Carter who is now singing with 18 19 our father in heaven. In her first bulletin for Musician 20 it stated: At our Department Executive Committee meeting 21 in January 2017, this Seashell will bring -- will present a monetary gift of \$50 to the District and Unit who will 22 23 send me a CD of your original recording song of the sea --24 or ocean or sea. 25 So it was a pleasure to award Pat Gracey, 26 District 15, our contest winner \$50 for that great song 27 she wrote, "Keep on Rowin'." 28 What is the essence of music. Do you know what 29 it does? The essence of music is communication and expression of one's life and emotions, whatever that may 30 31 This year our Seashells sang The National Anthem in be. 32 their units and district, at the VA hospitals, Post homes, 33 and some in-home service visits. Some District and Unit 34 Seashells had fun by singing nautical songs and ocean 35 songs, music at their unit and district meetings. Music 36 was used at all of our Auxiliary functions and meetings. 37 One unit stated that they had fun creating, 38 performing, and spreading music around the State of 39 California. They also performed at the Greater Los Angeles VA Hospital for the veterans' Christmas party 40 41 where they had a sing-off with the hospital veterans. 42 They also performed for the Department President's dinner 43 as well as the National President's Dinner. 44 One district who had a lot this year stated: We 45 started the year off with a musical presentation at our 46 first official district meeting in September for music 47 month, singing medley of songs. The choir was 48 outstanding, performing songs that were in line with our 49 name, The Musical Seashells. The audience even got up and 50 clapped and sang along with us. Their choir made an

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1 appearance at the Christmas program for the veterans at 2 the VA hospital where holiday songs were enjoyed and sung 3 by all. 4 Their next performance was at their district 5 meeting during the visitation of our Department President. 6 She enjoyed it so much that she stood up and was singing, 7 clapping, and dancing with them. The choir did an 8 exceptionally great get down and get back up performance, 9 as some of the songs were a bit challenging. A good time was had by all. Their last performance was at the 10 11 National President's visit where they performed The 12 National Anthem. 13 Two districts formed a choir, but not many units 14 formed choirs. But as they sang in their units and 15 district, it was choir worthy. Many participated in musically events in their units, districts and communities 16 17 as they promoted a devotion to Americanism through music. 18 It is plain to see that many of our members have 19 participated once or twice in their lives in a school, 20 church or American Legion Auxiliary Unit/District Choir. 21 The most favorite patriotic song this year was The 22 National Anthem. 23 The question was asked, "What is the essence of 24 music?" Well it looks like the Department of California has found out this year and have communicated an 25 26 expression of one's life and emotions, whatever that may be, through patriotic music in meetings, at the VA 27 28 hospital, in church choirs, at veterans' events, units, 29 and district programs. 30 In closing I'd like to say music helps bring 31 family a little closer. And we are family. Family is 32 like music. Some high notes, some low notes, but always a 33 beautiful song. We musically -- we Musical Seashells will 34 continue lifting our voices while serving veterans from 35 sea to shining sea. Musically yours, Alzora Carter, 36 Musician posthumously. Joyce Patton, Musician Department 37 Singing Seashell. 38 Thank you so much, Madam President. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 40 Joyce. DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: I would like to move 41 42 on to my awards. 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 44 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: First place award 45 for Best District Supplemental report goes to Matilda 46 Haywood, USS Muhammad Ali, District 23, Unit 639. 47 (Applause.) 48 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: Award for the Best 49 Music Book goes to Jean Cooley-Desmeules, Noisy 19 50 District, Unit 314.

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1 (Applause.) 2 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: Jean, I'm telling 3 you, she's a wonder. We didn't ask for a music book, but 4 she gave one. That's what you do when you go over and 5 above. 6 Okay. And last, but not least, this to me is a 7 special award, a lady I met at DC. She came up to me and 8 she -- she says: You know, I used to be Music Chairman 9 and I would like to recommend a song. And I said, oh, that's so nice of you. So I'd like to give her an award. 10 Her name is Arlene Barton, Musician, Unit 777, District 11 12 25. 13 (Applause.) 14 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: Okay. And we're 15 going to sing now. Choir, are you ready? Okay. Are we ready? Ready? We're going to do it acapella. It's 16 17 better that way. Everybody one, two, three. 18 (Singing.) 19 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. Madam 20 President, may I approach? 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Sure. Thank you, 22 Joyce. I know it was very difficult stepping in under 23 such tough situations, and you did an outstanding job. 24 Ladies who were singing and your award winners, 25 congratulations. You guys did a great job. 26 Now we have a special presentation. Could we 27 have District 30 President Kim Vincent and can the 28 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest 29 Chairman please escort to this station Aurora Saldivar 30 representing Eduardo Garcia, 56th Assembly District. 31 (Processional.) 32 MS. SALDIVAR: Good morning. It's a privilege to 33 join you on behalf of Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia, 34 California State Legislature. Eduardo Garcia is proud to 35 represent the community of the Coachella Valley and the 36 entire Imperial County. 37 And today we're here for a special purpose, to 38 recognize one of your own. But first we would like to 39 commend this body for all their work and advocacy within 40 our California communities. Your work, your outstanding 41 volunteerism really does brings stars and stripes of our 42 flag to vibrant reality within our communities and is a 43 true inspiration. So thank you very much. You all 44 deserve a big round of applause. 45 (Applause.) 46 MS. SALDIVAR: The reason we are here today is 47 because Eduardo Garcia is extremely proud to recognize one 48 from District 30 in our Imperial Valley Community, Ms. Kim 49 K. Vincent for her exemplary service and true patriotism 50 and all of her outstanding work help bring alive veterans

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1 and to serve veterans within Imperial County and the 2 entire community at large of the Imperial County, taking 3 on projects like leading them in the Veterans Day parade, 4 Memorial Day parade and Veterans and you name it. She goes, she works. She -- you know, she really brings to 5 6 life like the constitution. She inspires people. She 7 teaches the importance to serve our veterans, taking on 8 projects like working with the Auxiliary to assembly care 9 packages. 10 And she never quits. Any veteran organization in the Imperial County, and somewhere down the line Kim is 11 12 going to help get it started, gather up volunteers, put 13 out an SOS call on Facebook. She's there. She is there. 14 She is grassroots organizing. She is amazing. You know 15 what, we have this resolution from the State, but there 16 wasn't enough room to list all of her biographies on it. 17 It is just so much. And, you know, I don't have to tell you. I'm 18 19 sure you all know her more than I do. She's one of your 20 families. It just goes to show we're in great company. You're an amazing group of ladies. So Eduardo is so proud 21 22 and we will continue to recognize Kim Vincent throughout 23 the year as our Assembly District 56 Veteran of the Year. 24 Thank you so much. Please accept this. 25 (Applause.) 26 DEPARTMENT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: I just wanted 27 to say thank you. This is such an honor to be recognized 28 and I just -- it's all for the veterans and my passion is 29 helping the active duty and our veterans and I'm going to continue to do what I do. And thank you for the 30 31 recognition. 32 (Applause.) 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We'll 34 continue with the officers' reports. Can we have Dolly 35 Rios, our historian, give her report, please. 36 37 HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT 38 39 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Good morning. The 40 Convention Committee on program the Historian met on June 41 22nd in Ballroom A of the Riverside Convention Center. 42 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 52 43 of the Book of Reports. Harriet Clendenin, Unit 221, District 15 was 44 45 appointed secretary. Gigi Manno, Unit 258, District 22 46 offered prayer, and Michelle Pounds, Unit 311, District 20 47 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 15 district 48 delegates answered roll call. There were six visitors 49 present. 50 The committee agreed upon the following report.

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1 The code was read and there are no changes. Second place 2 awards were given and discussion on importance of keeping 3 records. Keeping -- meeting closed at 10:40 with closing 4 prayer. 5 Madam Secretary [sic], may I go on with my floor 6 report --7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: -- and first place 9 awards? Thank you. Greetings Madam President. "Serving Our Veterans from Sea to Shining Sea" has been a very 10 11 interesting cruise. Beginning with all lifeboats and 12 buoys we stayed afloat, no man overboard. Captain 13 Wendy --14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You're going to 15 need to speak up just a little bit. I know. I'm sorry. 16 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Captain Wendy settled 17 into many ports -- sailed into many ports of call. All 18 her shipmates were very busy getting help to all the veterans and guiding us through troubled waters. 19 There 20 were several workshops which I myself attended some, even 21 had some shipmates become certified leadership 22 instructors. Veterans Day is celebrated with great 23 enthusiasm as shipmates gather at homes as Yountville and 24 give the veterans there an enjoyable visit, entertainment, 25 and barbecue. 26 Children and youth are very important for our 27 voyage. Each day is a blank page on which we write, and 28 at the end of the year we have a book called the Unit 29 History and the District History. These books are important to be passed onto the new generation. Picture 30 31 books are a great source of visually showing what has been 32 accomplished around us, the who, what, why, and when of 33 all that picture -- of that picture. Without that, the 34 picture has no meaning. 35 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I 36 give my supplementals? 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may. 38 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Okay. Historian 39 District 19, Unit 359. 40 (Applause.) 41 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: And the First Place 42 District History Book, Dee Ann Graham. 43 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: And the Unit History 44 45 Book, first place was Cathy Medina, District 19. 46 (Applause.) 47 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Okay. First Place 48 Picture Book, District 19 Jean Cooley-Desmeules. 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: And I wish to give

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1 a -- I wish to give a special thank you to Harriet who 2 guided me through this voyage. 3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You did a 4 great job. 5 (Applause.) 6 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: And the three judges 7 were great, Estella Siegrist, Ellen Baundy, and the 8 expertise of Gigi Manno. 9 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Madam President, 10 11 thank you so much. 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 13 Dolly. 14 (Applause.) 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Could we 16 have the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, Liz Doidge and 17 Susan Morgan, come give their -- are they here? 18 Okay. So while they are taking care of business 19 in the hallway, we're going to -- I'd like to take a 20 moment to -- I didn't introduce them yesterday because I -- you know, they're supposed to be doing all this for me, 21 22 but I forgot to give them their own gifts, so I didn't 23 want to do it until I had the gifts to give them. 24 These two ladies that I will present to you have 25 supported me in so many ways. Without their help I don't 26 know how I could get through the events. There is a lot 27 of walking and lifting, and if you haven't seen the ship 28 that one of my Pages takes along with us, it's up and down 29 the aisles a lot. So I -- these ladies are extraordinary. 30 Even though one of them, Zana, has had an 31 extraordinary life-changing event in her life, she has 32 managed to make it here to help out this President. Т 33 don't know that I could ever thank you ladies enough. 34 So, ladies, could you please give a big hand to 35 my Personal Pages, Zana Chaney and Ann Sanchez. 36 (Applause.) 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Well, 38 while -- I don't even see her. Jolina Freeman has left 39 the building, so we'll have to wait on that. Let's 40 have -- let's move onto -- she's probably not in here 41 either because I don't see her either. Estella Avina, are 42 you here? 43 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There she is. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah, she's here. 45 Okay. Let's have Estella Avina come up with Judy and give 46 her report. 47 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: Judy is missing. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. I know Judy is really busy out in the hall taking care of business. 49 50 If we can have Estella Avina, the Convention Chairman,

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1 come up. 2 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: I don't hoe. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I could take that 4 really bad. 5 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: No, that's okay. Win 6 a few, lose a fee. 7 8 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT 9 10 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: Anyway, well, what do I have to say? My partner is outside. She's helping with 11 12 the luncheon. I was helping them too. I disappear from 13 time to time. Sorry. I tell you the boys I take care of: 14 Sorry. Okay. I'm sorry. Oh, you cannot hear me. 15 Seriously? 16 Okay. Anyway, welcome ladies. It is my 17 pleasure. I love doing this, believe it or not. It gets 18 me out of the house. No, I love doing it. I love seeing 19 all of you because it's my one and only time a year I get 20 to see a lot of the friends that I left since I moved to 21 Arizona. But that's why I continue to work with the 22 Auxiliary because I just love it. I love coming and 23 seeing my old friends. And they all know I'm a 24 whackadoodle, but that's okay. It comes with -- thank 25 you, sweetie. Thank you, Bonnie. Love you and I miss 26 your mommy. Anyway, you -- you were around when my husband dressed like a bear and danced with your mom on 27 28 stage in Fresno '91-'92, yes. Because her theme was 29 bears. So my husband dressed up like a bear and he danced 30 with Betty and that was his -- my husband danced with her 31 on stage because she loved to dance. Okay. Back to everything here. You know, we 32 33 hopefully tried to make everything comfortable for you. 34 We hope that there are no major problems, that everybody 35 is kind of having a good time. Aren't you? 36 (Applause.) 37 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: Thank you. And I 38 want to introduce some people that, like I say, my side 39 kick isn't in here, but a lot of the gals from the 21st District, stand up. Come on, girls, come on. All of 40 41 these ladies worked very hard to make sure that they 42 supported our needs. And God love you all because I love 43 See how that works. you. 44 Anyway, so I also want to -- okay. All you gals 45 from other districts come in and they offer their help and 46 they say if you need our help, we're here. And they did. 47 And where is Ms. Jackie? Jackie, are you in the room? Where's my sister? Stand up, girl. She's taking care 48 49 of -- she's taking care of the Pages. Hey, wait until you 50 see me at the end of the summer. You'll know we're

1 sisters. Right, Jackie? Thank you, honey. I love you. 2 Anyway, you know, everybody here is just helpful 3 and, you know, they're just good friends and I enjoy every 4 bit of it. And thank you for the pleasure of doing your 5 6 convention, Madam President, El Capitan. You're the 7 captain. You should be. Okay. And Sue Tozier for taking 8 over the banquet. At the end of the banquet you can thank 9 If it goes good, thank her. The Past President's her. luncheon of course is Judy. And I just thank all of you 10 that were there for me. That's it, Madam President. 11 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 13 (Applause.) 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Is the 15 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal here? Are they still 16 outside? Oh, here comes -- here comes the 17 Sergeant-at-Arms. Okay. So now we will have the Sergeant-at-Arms 18 19 and Marshal, Elizabeth Doidge and Susan Morgan, give their 20 report, please. 21 22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND MARSHAL CONVENTION REPORT 23 24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE: Good morning, everyone. 25 I'm so sorry about the tail. I have to relax for a 26 second. So I had a lot of trouble coming up with what to 27 say today after what I said at DEC. I think I outdid 28 myself at DEC, so I was, like, crud. So I finally got 29 this done I think Tuesday morning and we left Tuesday 30 evening, so we'll see. 31 Until 1912 there was no set design for the stars 32 and stripes. Hidden in older versions of the flag, its 33 markers laid hints of the country's history and quest for 34 identity. Aptly, given its national anthem is about the 35 flag, the stars and stripes is a key part of America's 36 identity. It hangs in classrooms and courtrooms, on state buildings, and suburban porches. 37 38 It has been the national flag since 1777. And the flag that inspired the anthem was enormous, measuring 39 40 30 feet by 42 feet. It was raised over Baltimore's Fort 41 McHenry during the War of 1812. Its 15 broad stripes and 42 15 bright stars inspired Francis Scott Key to write The 43 Star Spangled Banner, the song that became The National 44 Anthem. But before then half of the flag's 234-year 45 history, there was no official design. The arrangement 46 and appearance of the stars was up to the maker, and that 47 makes it an artwork in a way that other nation's flag are. It's to do with this -- it's to do with this peculiar fact 48 49 that they didn't standardize the design, so you could 50 express different things within each flag.

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Generally speaking, a flag is a flag. It's like a number plate or a logo. It always stays the same. But America -- but in America it didn't, which left room for people to express their creativity or their bile or their sadness.

6 So what are the hidden messages in these notable 7 The basic symbolism of the first flag was 13 stars flags? 8 in the form of a constellation and 13 stripes. Both of 9 those counts reflected the number of original colonies. Multiple stars forming a single constellation was symbolic 10 of the colonies coming together to form a new nation, and 11 12 stars were added as more states joined the union. But 13 they never specified what the constellation was supposed to be. 14

With no official design until 1912, some flag makers arranged the stars into one big star or in a circle or in rows. And some replaced a state's star with its initial to show where their sympathies lay. The many and varied designs encapsulate American individualism in flag form.

21 The Civil War era flag is a stark illustration of 22 the -- stark illustration of the north/south divide at 23 this turbulent moment in this American history. The Green 24 Mountain Boys was a nickname for a Vermont military unit 25 who used it to express her anger against the south. Some 26 flags only showed 20 stars, though there should have been 27 34 or 35. Or at the tail end of the war it should have 28 had 36 stars. The maker has done something that Abraham 29 Lincoln said specifically not to do, which was remove the 30 southern states from the flag during the war.

It is surmised that the maker had lost a son or sons in the conflict and so they said no, these guys are out; I'm not going to include those stars when I make it.

34 This flag, made soon after the Civil War of 1861 35 to 1865, comes from the defeated South. Sorry. This one 36 comes from the defeated south. The stars are configured 37 in a southern cross buried in the design of this flag. 38 That was a subtle way of displaying southern sympathies. 39 They're hiding the confederate battle flag within the stars and stripes. It's as if to say we have been 40 41 forcibly incorporated into the United States, but we still 42 feel southern.

43 As long as you had the right number of stars, you 44 could configure it however you wanted. The most famous 45 American flag of all is a huge banner from almost 200 46 years ago that hung at Fort McHenry. And the most notable 47 aspect of its design is its sheer size. In 1814 the U.S. 48 was again at war with its former colonial ruler. In an 49 attack expected on Baltimore, the commanding officer of 50 Fort McHenry requested a flag so large that the British

would have no difficulty seeing it from a distance, as well as to spook the enemy. He hoped it would also rally the spirits of Baltimore's citizens and soldiers alike. It took Maryland flag maker Mary Pickersgill and her young assistants weeks to sew short strips of wool bunting into the 42-foot flag that would become known as the Star Spangled Banner.

8 Several decades after the flag design was set in 9 stone, Jasper Johns adopted it as a favorite subject. 10 White flag -- no, it's supposed to be that way. White 11 flag from 1955 now hangs in New York's Metropolitan Museum 12 of Art. By painting the flag he expressed how he felt 13 about America. He painted this in the McCarthyist period. 14 Johns was never explicit about the message of his 15 paintings, but observers liken the whited-out stars and 16 stripes to the right-wing patriots suspicion of America's 17 diversity.

18 Under the painting is a collage of beeswax and 19 scraps of newsprint torn from the headlines and articles, 20 adverts and letters to the editor. It's believed that the 21 idea was that all the many -- that all the many voices of 22 America were being submerged beneath the idea of a single 23 nation represented by the flag. It's the conflict between 24 trying to make America a nation and allowing it to be 25 millions of people all expressing their own difference.

26 Johns used the flag because of the U.S. -- Johns used the flag because in the U.S., it is an everyday 27 28 object rather than one brought out for special occasions 29 such as football matches or royal weddings as in the U.K. 30 If you go to Spain or England or Scotland, there may be an 31 occasional flag often tied to idea of separatism, but in 32 America it's everywhere. It is such a huge continent so 33 the flag becomes a point of coherence, a rallying point. 34 And underneath its apparent uniformity, the flag has 35 always been a focus for statements that don't quite toe 36 the patriotic line. It's very interesting that something 37 as uniform as a flag could be adapted to express such 38 different aspects of the American conflict and life. 39 Thank you.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much.
 Okay. We're going to now hear from our Honorary Junior
 President Jolina Freeman.

HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN:
Hello, everyone. Before I start I would like to recognize
all of our juniors for all of their hard work that they've
done this year. I really appreciate it. You guys are
awesome.
(Applause.)

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HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN: I

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1 can honestly say that this year has been such a blessing. 2 But none of this would be possible without all of you 3 guys. Junior Conference was amazing. It was fun. They 4 had -- I believe they did horseback riding, they went 5 kayaking, they played pool, took pictures. 6 And at Junior Conference, thank you to everybody 7 who donated. They have lots of money and lots of candy. 8 They're pretty hyper. I received many reports from our 9 girls about the different service activities they've done 10 such as bake sales, car washes. They made scarves, 11 blankets, and did many more things. 12 I would like to thank President Wendy for all of 13 her wise words of wisdom and her emails. Right before 14 Junior Conference, she was, like, let me know if you need anything. If you need anything, just email it to me and 15 16 I'll get it for you. But I didn't need anything because 17 you already had everything there. 18 The department, my district, my unit, thank you 19 guys. I love you guys a lot. 20 (Applause.) 21 HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN: 22 And I would be remiss if I didn't mention this person. 23 And I stress her out a lot, but I know she loves me. My 24 aunt sitting over there in the corner not paying attention 25 to me. 26 (Applause.) 27 HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN: Т 28 see her. She's kind of ignoring me. It's okay. But 29 she's been there through everything and I don't know what 30 I would do without her waking me up in the morning to go to school, reminding me to send out emails to my chairmen. 31 32 And I love you and I appreciate everything you've done. 33 (Applause.) HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN: 34 35 And Ms. Ann Philcox and Susie Tozier can come up here, 36 please, if they're in the room. Okay. The first one is 37 for -- sorry. President Wendy. 38 (Applause.) 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ladies, Jolina did 40 an outstanding job leading our Juniors this year. 41 (Applause.) 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: For those of you 43 who haven't been to Junior Conference, it really truly is 44 an eye-opening experience seeing our young people that we 45 hope will continue leading this organization grow and 46 learn our programs and get excited like we were when we 47 first started. 48 So, Jolina, you did an outstanding job and I 49 thank you and all of your Juniors for what you've 50 contributed to our veterans this year. Thank you.

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1 (Applause.) 2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 3 President, I know all of us was saddened yesterday hearing 4 about the loss of our own Margaret Quinones. We'll be 5 passing out cards to every district, and if your delegates 6 could please sign them, we'll be sending them to Angel. 7 (Applause.) 8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you. 9 So now we're going to move onto the Department Okay. Chairmen. So could I have Girls State Director Rhodona 10 11 Enright and Elissa Kirkland, could you please come up. 12 Legislative Susie Tozier will be next, and then Dee Ann 13 Graham for Community Service will follow her. 14 Okay. We'll hear from our Legislative Chairman 15 Susie Tozier. 16 17 LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION REPORT 18 19 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I had to take my 20 shoes off to get closer to the mic. I feel so tall. 21 The Convention Committee for Legislative met on 22 June 22nd, 2017 in Room Ballroom B at the Riverside 23 Convention Center, Riverside, California. The statistical 24 report for this chairman appears on page 54 of the Book of 25 Reports. 26 Linda Diebel was appointed Secretary, Marge Rye 27 offered prayer, and Linda Dieble was appointed 28 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 17 district delegates 29 answered roll call. There were six visitors present. The committee agreed upon the following report. 30 31 Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was 32 taken. There were 17 delegates and six guests. Susie 33 reported on the Legislative Awareness Assembly in 34 Washington D.C. It was reported that this was a memorable 35 event walking the halls of the House of Representative. 36 She recommends this for others to attend. There is in 37 March an event for the State Representatives. 38 The code was read. There were no changes. The 39 following awards were presented: Second Place Best District Report, District 22. Third Place Best District 40 41 Report, District 19. Second Place Best Unit Report, Unit 42 258, District 22. Third Place Best Unit Report, Unit 496, 43 District 19. Meeting was closed at 10:55 a.m. 44 May I move on to my supplemental? 45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 46 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The voice of the 47 people are so important. How would Congress and the State 48 and Local governments know what the people want? As 49 Auxiliary members it's up to us to help support those 50 bills that would benefit the veterans. There are tools

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1 available for us online. With a few key strokes the word 2 can be told. 3 Resources are available on The American Legion, 4 the National Legislative Report, Dispatch, and the 5 National Legislative Handbook, American Legion Department 6 of California under calegion.org under the word 7 "commission." You have to go to "commission." They don't 8 have programs like we do. You look under there and you 9 look for legislative and they have -- you will be able to keep up to date on the issues that are important for the 10 11 current status of California legislation and bills on the 12 governor's desk. Connect with the legislative 13 commissioner in your area. They have a lot of 14 information. 15 And now I am going to present my reports. First 16 Place Best District Report, District 25. 17 (Applause.) LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The chairman that 18 19 wrote District 25's report is in the maternity delivery 20 room waiting for twin grandchildren. 21 (Applause.) 22 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I hope they're 23 Auxiliary members. Best Unit Report, Unit 118, District 24 27, Danielle White. 25 (Applause.) 26 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Thank you, Madam 27 President. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Susie. 29 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Do we have Elissa 30 31 Kirkland? Please come up, our Girls State Chairman. I'm 32 sorry. I knew that. 33 34 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION REPORT 35 36 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Greetings, Madam 37 President. I will begin with my Convention Committee 38 meeting report. The Convention Committee on Girls State 39 met on June 22nd, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in 40 Raincross F of the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California. The statistical report of this 41 42 Chairman appears on page 52 of the Book of Reports. One 43 report was submitted after the statistical report was due, 44 so it's not reflected in that report. 45 Lauree Camarato, District 22, Unit 731, was 46 appointed secretary. Silvia Hillyer, District 6, Unit 77, 47 offered prayer, and Zana Chaney, District 15, Unit 124, 48 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 26 district 49 delegates answered roll call. There were 12 visitors 50 present. Actually, I think that's supposed to be 17.

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The committee agreed upon the following report. The Department code was read and there were two proposed code changes. One proposed code change was approved. One new proposed code change was approved. The committee approved two total code changes. May I read the code changes?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes.

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8 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Okay. Code now 9 reads, Code 8: "The Department President, in consultation 10 with the Girls State Chairman, shall call a meeting of the 11 Girls State Committee to be held as soon as possible but 12 no later than October 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall 13 attend the Girls State Committee Meeting. The Girls State 14 enrollment and registration fees shall be recommended 15 annually by the Girls State Committee after the review of 16 the previous year's budget, expenses, and current bids 17 received from colleges, for the following administrative 18 year. The enrollment and registration fees shall be 19 recommended at the Midyear Department Executive Committee 20 meeting for approval at the Department Convention."

21 "The The proposed change will read, Code 8: 22 Girls State Chairman, in consultation with the Department 23 President, shall call a meeting of the Girls State 24 Committee to be held as soon as possible but no later than 25 October 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall attend the Girls 26 State Committee Meeting. The Girls State enrollment and 27 registration fees shall be recommended annually by the 28 Girls State Committee after the review of the previous 29 year's budget, expenses, and current bids received from 30 colleges, for the following administrative year. The 31 enrollment and registration fees shall be recommended at 32 the Midyear Department Executive Committee meeting for 33 approval at the Department Convention."

By the direction of the committee, I move to adopt Code 8 with the proposed change.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is a 37 motion on the floor to change Code 8 to read: "The Girls 38 State Chairman, in consultation with the Department 39 President, shall call a meeting of the Girls State 40 Committee to be held as soon as possible but no later than October 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall attend the Girls 41 42 State Committee Meeting. The Girls State enrollment and registration fees shall be recommended annually by the 43 44 Girls State Committee after the review of the previous 45 year's budget, expenses, and current bids received from 46 colleges, for the following administrative year. The 47 enrollment and registration fees shall be recommended at 48 the Midyear Department Executive Committee meeting for 49 approval at the Department Convention." 50 Any discussion?

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1 (No response.) 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 3 those in favor, say aye. 4 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed say no. 6 (No response.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 8 Thank you. 9 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Code 16 current code now reads, 16a: "Shall select registered nurses, 10 secure chief counselor and personnel for the sessions. 11 12 Invitations shall be sent out three months prior to 13 convention. They shall be furnished identification badges 14 containing the name and insignia of the ALA which shall be 15 visible at all times." 16 The proposed change will read, 16a: "Shall 17 select registered nurses and secure chief counselor 18 immediately after the current Girls State session. 19 Invitations shall be sent out six months prior to 20 convention for other personnel. They shall be furnished identification badges containing the name and insignia of 21 22 the ALA which shall be visible at all times." 23 By the direction of the committee I move to adopt 24 Code 16a with the proposed change. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a proposed 26 change for 16a which should read: "Shall select 27 registered nurses and secure chief counselor immediately 28 after the current Girls State session. Invitations shall 29 be sent out six months prior to convention for other 30 personnel. They shall be furnished identification badges 31 containing the name and insignia of the ALA which shall be 32 visible at all times." 33 Any discussion? If you have discussion, please 34 come to the microphone. 35 (No response.) 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 37 those in favor, say aye. 38 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Those opposed? 40 (No response.) 41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 42 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: There were no 43 resolutions pertaining to Girls State. There were three 44 recommendations, to expand Code 16 to include all 45 director's responsibilities, add to signature packet 46 information regarding reimbursement to fees to unit if the 47 delegate leaves early, and comment a -- recommendation to conference with legal counsel regarding definition and 48 49 inclusion of gender wording in codes. 50 A listing of all awards has been given to all

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1 district delegates, the Girls State Committee, the 2 Department President, and those seated upon the stage. A 3 copy of the list will be posted in the Department 4 Convention Office and it has been posted. 5 Madam President, may I continues with my report? 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: This year Girls 8 State focused on mainly some small changes that we needed 9 to implement after last year. After having had the position for a year previously and learning so much, fine 10 11 tuning was needed as suggested by Unit, Chairmen, and the 12 Committee. We had a few kinks with the website, but once 13 it was up, I found it very easy to use. 14 Changes that were implemented last session 15 include two meal times, allowed us to accommodate more 16 girls; daily flag raising and flag lowering ceremonies; 17 and the Circle of Light Ceremony. All of those were suggestions that we found at the leadership conference in 18 19 Indianapolis. 20 We added a couple of new questions for the girls 21 on the online application because that was suggested at 22 the National Girls State Leadership Conference, was to 23 help us identify if we have any delegates with currently 24 active duty or deployed family members. 25 As suggested by Unit Chairmen, we added lines 26 onto the signature packet to help identify the girls more, 27 school name and phone number. We also made sure to make 28 the signature packet match the code and put in a signature 29 line for Unit Chairmen. Many Unit Chairmen did not notice this addition and skipped it. Please get the word out 30 31 that we like the Unit Chairmen to check and verify the 32 signature packets for completeness. 33 Fourteen grants were offered by the Alumnae, but 34 not many were taken. We had \$1800 donated to the Girls 35 State General Fund that could have gone directly to units 36 if they are struggling. Remember there are four full 37 grants available to new schools and there are also ten 38 matches grants available to units that are struggling 39 financially to support all of the schools they are 40 sending. Ann Kelley, Assistant Director, has been in 41 42 charge of the 75th Anniversary Committee. We are having our Diamond Jubilee 75th Girls State in 2018. Ann has a 43 44 table in the lobby with earrings, necklaces, and pins for 45 sale. 46 If you did not attend DEC, you may not have known 47 that our state Samsung winner, Sadie Mae Mace, Unit 50, 48 District 16 was an overall Samsung winner of \$20,000. 49 (Applause.) 50 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Currently we have

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1 524 delegates to attend the 2017 Girls State session 2 starting this Monday. It's a small increase from last 3 year's session. 275 of these delegates are eligible to 4 become members. 275, ladies. I always encourage the 5 girls to give back to their units by joining them in 6 membership. I am a member again because of the Girls 7 State. Twenty-one delegates are currently members of our 8 organization. 9 Some things I would like to touch on from my 10 end-of-year reports. Eight units reported sponsoring a delegate for the first time within the last three years. 11 12 Eighty-five units invited eligible American Legion Auxiliary Girls State delegates to join their units. 13 14 Thirty-five eligible ALA Girls State delegates joined the 15 ALA, and we received \$4,210 in donations from units. 16 I have had 68 and counting reservations dropped 17 from the list, with two that are already paid for 18 delegates and not having alternates that could attend. We 19 have had 22 delegates drop out. And those were the ones 20 that were covered by alternates. Four units were awarded 21 grants by the Girls State Alumnae Foundation for a total 22 of \$2200. 23 Madam President, at this point I would like to 24 present three special awards. And a list of all awards 25 given at the committee meeting has been provided. 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you. 27 Go ahead. 28 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: My first award 29 goes to the unit that sponsored the most girls. I want to 30 thank Unit 161 in District 9 for continuing to support the 31 Girls State program. This year they are sending 18 32 delegates under the chairmanship of Roseann Vicky Bean, my 33 district. 34 (Applause.) 35 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: This year I have 36 chosen Judith Samples, District 25. Judith Samples. And 37 she just said it's all because I was her junior when I was 38 little. I was a junior before I left for a few years and 39 she was my -- she was in charge of me as a junior, so --40 (Applause.) 41 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: And my final 42 award goes to the Unit Chairman with an outstanding unit supplemental. This year I have chosen Unit 43, District 43 44 24, Chairman Tamara Brown. 45 (Applause.) 46 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Madam President, 47 I would like to thank you for this appointment. This 48 program has had a huge part of my life for the last 18 years when I attended Girls State in 1999, so you can add 49 50 up how old I am. I would like to introduce our committee.

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1 We have our Director Dona Enright. 2 (Applause.) 3 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our Assistant 4 Director Ann Kelley. 5 (Applause.) 6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our Girls State 7 Advisor Nancy Brown-Park. 8 (Applause.) 9 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our Girls State 10 Nurse Elizabeth Tomlin. 11 (Applause.) GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our One-Year 12 13 Member Kathy Smith. 14 (Applause.) 15 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our Two-Year 16 Member Becky Bullard. 17 (Applause.) 18 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our Three-Year 19 Member Tammy Sollazzo. 20 (Applause.) 21 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Our President's 22 Alternate Gloria Sinopoli. 23 (Applause.) 24 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: And our Vice 25 President Alternate Zana Chaney. 26 (Applause.) 27 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN KIRKLAND: Madam President, 28 this concludes the Girls State Chairman's report. GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: Thank you so much. 29 30 Last year I got a comment that they couldn't see me over 31 the podium, so I'm standing to the side. Okay. Thank God 32 you can see me. 33 Good morning everybody, members. As Elissa said, 34 this year we have 524 delegates for Girls State that will 35 be arriving on Monday to attend the session. And this 36 year we will also have all air conditioned buildings. 37 (Applause.) 38 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: Of course we have 39 to move for food off campus to the campus next door 40 because now they're rehabilitating that building. First 41 of all I want to thank Judy Tabachi who just stepped up to 42 become a sitting mom yesterday. 43 (Applause.) 44 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: And then today 45 forgot she had a doctor's appointment for her eyes so will 46 not be attending after all. So we -- so we are still 47 short one sitting mom. If you can come for three days, 48 I'll take you. If you can come for the rest of the term, 49 I don't care. We'll get you trained and you will enjoy it 50 so much that you will be back next year.

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The schedule for June of 2018 -- oh, wait 1 Okay. 2 a minute. I can't even read my own writing. Anyway, I 3 just want to thank everybody for everything. We have made 4 contact with Sacramento State again, so I will be helping them review that and then it will be turned over to the 5 6 new crew to see if we can move Girls State more midstate. 7 (Applause.) 8 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: Thank you, Madam 9 President, for this appointment and I'll see you next week 10 at Girls State. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 11 Thank you so much. 12 (Applause.) 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Dee Ann is 14 going to wait and give her Community Service after lunch 15 because we have to break at a certain time for the Past Presidents Parley luncheon. So we're going to have our 16 17 Past President Parley Chairman Anita Biggs give her 18 report. 19 20 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT 21 22 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'm not even going to try to 23 get that low. Those days are over. 24 Madam President, the Convention Committee on Past 25 Presidents Parley met on June 22nd, 2017 in room Raincross E of the Riverside Convention Center right here in 26 27 Riverside. The statistical report of this Chairman 28 appears on page 56 of the Book of Reports. 29 Glenda Schultz, thank you, District 6 was 30 appointed secretary. Susan Baker, District 28, offered 31 prayer, and Tracy Varnell, Little Fercho, from District 16 32 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Yeah, Little Fercho. 33 That's her new name. She's going to change her name. 34 She's going to be Little Fercho. A total of 16 District 35 Delegates answered roll call. There were five visitors 36 present. 37 The committee agreed upon the following report. 38 The code was read with no code changes. There were no 39 resolutions. Committee recommended that nurse 40 practitioners be considered for scholarship consideration, 41 and I will pass this information on to next the chairman. 42 100 percent reporting awards were given to 43 District 6, 10, 12, 18, 21, 24, 27, 28 and 29. Second and 44 third place awards along with honorable mention was given 45 to units and districts. District 6 and 28 were awarded 46 for starting new unit parleys. Give them a big round of 47 applause. 48 (Applause.) 49 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: With no further business the 50 meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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1 Madam President, can I continue with my 2 supplemental and awards, please? 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 4 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Would all honorees please 5 attend -- assemble in the back with Linda Workman if 6 you're in the room, all luncheon honorees. 7 Madam President, thank you for your motto of, 8 "Serving Veterans From Sea to Shining Sea." I want to 9 first say that this year we had 100 percent district reporting. By hook or by crook, I got you all to report. 10 Thank you so much. This allowed the Poseidon Adventure of 11 12 our Queens of the Sea, our Past Presidents a great 13 platform to recognize active duty servicewomen, honor 14 female veterans, observe outstanding unit members, and 15 seek out students entering our continuing nursing school. 16 We have three new Past President Parleys reported 17 this year. This year found Past President Parleys hosting 18 Valentine's Day parties, with a special party at the West 19 LA VA Medical Center Naomi House for transitioning 20 homeless female veterans with 45 goodie bags filled with 21 hygiene items, pajamas, sweats, scarves, books and gift 22 cards. 23 Many parleys led the way honoring female veterans 24 and active duty servicewomen by hosting luncheons, giving 25 flowers, cards, gift certificates and paying their dues. 26 Other units adopted female veterans by providing them with 27 many comfort items, clothing, pajamas, slippers, scarves, 28 gift cards, hats and coats. Two Unit Parleys helped host 29 an all-female veterans Stand Down in their county. 30 One unit Parley visited a local center that 31 assists homeless female veterans and gave them a special luncheon. The city's vice mayor and councilman were 32 33 invited and presented a special proclamation to the 34 center. All the veterans in attendance received a very 35 special gift bag from the Past Presidents. 36 Another unit Parley held a joint dinner with the 37 Legion and celebrated generations of past and present 38 female veterans. They all wore their uniforms and each 39 told their military story. And this event was published 40 in their newspaper. 41 Units held very unique and creative fundraisers, 42 so I wanted to share with you on the department nursing scholarship one unit parley held a crazy 1 cent/400 cents 43 opportunity drawing. I never heard of that either. 44 45 Tickets are picked that have from 1 cent to 400 cents 46 which is paid at that initial time. Then three lucky 47 recipients were drawn and won \$100 each. This event 48 raised \$592 for nurses' scholarships. 49 Another unit held a gift card extravaganza 50 fundraiser where the winners all receive gift cards. And

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1 this event raised \$410. We received so many qualified 2 nursing school applicants and have awarded \$10,000 in 3 scholarships. That's all from you, ladies. 4 (Applause.) 5 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: With the top applicant 6 receiving \$4,000. All gualified applicants were awarded a 7 portion of the remaining budget. It is through your 8 generous donations that we can continue awarding these 9 excellent students with some much needed financial 10 assistance. 11 Active duty servicewomen deserve an award for all 12 they do, and this year we are awarding two state winners, 13 one representing the Army National Guard and one the U.S. 14 Navy, both highly qualified and excellent contributors to 15 their communities. The two department winners were 16 forwarded to National for further review. 17 The Department President has the honor of selecting the Unit Member of the Year, and there were many 18 19 submissions which made her job very difficult. And it 20 took her quite a long time to get the submission to me, 21 but thank you, Madam President. 22 The Unit Member of the Year, \$4,000 scholarship 23 winner, and the active duty servicewoman winners have been 24 invited to attend our Department Past President Parley 25 luncheon where they will be guests of honor. I'm so proud that we are all here. It is apparent that California Past 26 27 Presidents continue to contribute with their leadership 28 and assistance in the welfare of our many unit members. 29 Madam President, this concludes my remarks. May 30 I continue with my first place awards and present the Unit 31 Member of the Year, the \$4,000 scholarship winner, and the 32 two outstanding Active Duty Servicewomen of the Year to 33 this delegation? 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 35 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you. The First Place 36 Best Unit Past Presidents Parley overall program goes to 37 Carol Yates, Chairman, Monterey Cypress Unit 694, District 38 28. 39 (Applause.) 40 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And the First Place Best 41 District Past President Parley Overall Program goes to Ms. 42 Susan Baker, District 28, Chairman. 43 (Applause.) 44 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: 28, they're rocking it. I'm 45 telling you. Great job. Thank you, Susan. 46 It is my pleasure to present to you, Madam 47 President and our delegation, the \$4,000 nurses 48 scholarship winner Ms. Renee Harvey. 49 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and the 50 Distinguished Guest Chairman bring Renee Harvey to the

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1 front. 2 (Processional.) 3 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Renee is in her second 4 semester at Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing in 5 Monterey, California. An excellent student, she is 6 described as a nurse we would all love to have. You will 7 hear -- I'll get teared up. You will hear more about 8 Renee at our luncheon. So for now, please give Renee a 9 big round of applause. 10 (Applause.) 11 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Madam -- oh, are you guys --12 you guys are slow. Linda, you normally would be in the 13 back already. 14 Madam President, these next two heroes are just 15 that and we could not be prouder to honor these two women. 16 Would the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please escort our 17 two Active Duty Servicewomen of the Year. 18 (Processional.) 19 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'll let you go down once I 20 introduce you. Oh, they're going to go down there. May I present to you, Madam President and the delegation, First 21 22 Lieutenant Jawana McFadden representing the United States 23 Army National Guard. 24 (Applause.) 25 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Jawana is from District 23. (Applause.) 26 27 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And Admin Leading Petty 28 Officer Susana Saenz representing the United States Navy. 29 (Applause.) PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: From District 30. You will 30 31 also hear more about these wonderful women at our 32 luncheon. So, ladies, please have a seat. Thank you very 33 much. (Applause.) 34 35 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And, Madam President, now it 36 is my distinct pleasure to present to you our 2017 Unit 37 Member of the Year. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal 38 please escort Ms. Stephanie Janji. 39 (Processional.) 40 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: All right. Ms. Janji, you 41 know I love you because you're tall and other things. 42 She's a fantastic -- this is one of the best members I've had the pleasure to work with. And Ms. Janji was 43 nominated by her unit Los Alamitos 716, District 29. 44 45 Our Captain Wendy will read her wonderful 46 nomination at the Past President Parley luncheon, however, 47 I do have your sash which of course I left out in my bag 48 because I can't remember anything after 60, so bear with 49 me. I will get you your sash. We're going to put it on 50 you at the President's station.

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(Applause.) 1 2 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: We're sashing her. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I never feel short 4 when I'm with these two. 5 (Applause.) 6 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you, Madam President. 7 That is my report and we hope to see you all at our 8 luncheon. Thank you very much, members. 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ruby, do we have 10 any communications to share for today? You tried to throw 11 a monkey wrench on me. 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: From Marge Rye. 13 To everyone that -- I don't know. Had an order -- a 14 floral order pick up Thursday, please pick up your 15 Thursday orders on your way out at recess. 16 District 29 has two luncheon tickets. 17 District 25 is looking for a PPP ticket. 18 Kathleen Wilkins. 19 Bev's Stars, Madeline's Love Princesses, Norma's 20 brides -- Birds of Paradise will meet today after close of 21 session in the area next to the Poppy displays. 22 Bev's Sparks, Peachy Performers, and Classy 23 Penguins will meet at lunch at the Saturday noon break at 24 the Marriott in Room 921. 25 Anita's Team Captains will meet for breakfast 26 Saturday, June 24th at 7:00 a.m. at the Marriott 27 restaurant. Please send a note if you can or cannot 28 attend. 29 Ruby, please announce that Bonnie's Prom 30 Princesses and Sandy's Colonels will meet in Room 415 here 31 for lunch on Saturday. Please RSVP Bonnie in District 20 32 and Sandy in District 13. 33 Sue's Lighthouse, Melanie's Balloon Pilots, 34 LuAnnn's Ship Captains will meet for lunch Saturday at 35 noon in the Marriott Hotel restaurant. 36 Goldie's Golden Links, Geri's Cards, Ruby's All 37 Stars, Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's Actresses, and 38 Pilar's Musicians will meet in the Marriott on Saturday in 39 Room 612 for lunch. 40 Post 79 Convention Committee presents convention 41 week program. They've got all kinds of good things 42 happening. I'll have this on my desk if anyone wants to 43 see it. They have a lunch, a breakfast, all kinds of good 44 things. So check it out. 45 LuAnn Capazzi is looking for someone with a 46 battery charger for a Nikon Cool Pics or a new battery for 47 that camera. That concludes your announcements. 48 (Singing.) 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She tried to get 50 me before. Okay. The Past Presidents Parley luncheon

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	<pre>will be held at Convention Ballroom A and B. Those of you who are making nominations for office of 2017-'18, please be on stage when we return from lunch. We will now recess for lunch and reconvene at 2:00 p.m. (Lunch recess.) (Time noted: 11:57 a.m.)</pre>
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AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:03 P.M. 1 2 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: This convention is 4 reconvened. Can we have the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal 5 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please bring to this station Matt Parsons and his lovely wife, Julie. 6 The 7 Department Detachment Commander and their entourage. 8 (Processional.) 9 PAST SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER SEATON: Good 10 afternoon. You may be seated. First off let me introduce myself. I'm Mike Seaton, Past Detachment Commander of the 11 12 Sons of The American Legion and a member of the Internal 13 Affairs Commission of The American Legion as a consultant 14 to the Sons of The American Legion. 15 So I joined you today to introduce to you our 16 Detachment Commander for the Detachment of California, 17 Matt Parsons from the 29th District. 18 (Applause.) 19 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: Thank you, 20 thank you. I bring greetings and I bring wine. There's 21 definitely enough for all of you if you have a little tiny 22 baby sip. But I want to congratulate Wendy on a fantastic 23 year. She's done amazing and the Sons wouldn't be 24 possible without the Auxiliary. We are so thankful and so 25 proud of all of the accomplishments of the Auxiliary. Ιt 26 is so important to The American Legion Family. It's 27 important to the Sons and it's important to everybody up 28 here, my wife, Julie, our Past National Commander Mike 29 Seaton, our candidate for National Commander Michael Fox. 30 (Applause.) 31 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: Our Alternate National Executive Committeeman Ned Fox, and my 32 33 Commander's Aid Gil Desmeules. But I'd like to 34 acknowledge Kat Kapps who's been fantastic to me from my 35 own unit, 291. 36 (Applause.) 37 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: Thank you, 38 District 29. Thank you for all that you guys have done in 39 my own area and district. You guys are fantastic. 40 I'm also here on a bit of business, to award the 41 Sons' award for Auxiliary Member of the Year. I don't 42 believe she's here, but it goes to Ann Baker out of Linda 43 Unit 807. 44 (Applause.) 45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Geri is coming. 46 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: She's from my 47 unit. SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: Excellent, 48 49 excellent. That's just heavy. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I received this

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1 award several years ago. 2 (Applause.) 3 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: Fantastic. 4 But Ann has done so much for her own district and area. 5 She's involved in Cast For Kids and the Yuba -- Yuba 6 Sutter Toy Drive and Take a Warrior Fishing and countless 7 breakfasts and countless hours at the Yountville Veterans 8 Home, countless hours of just giving back to your 9 community and making it such a positive, positive thing. 10 And that's why it was a very easy choice to make her our Auxiliary Member of the Year for the Sons of The American 11 12 Legion. 13 (Applause.) 14 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: And I have to 15 get a selfie with Wendy. Thank you. Have a great 16 convention. Oh, here. Everybody smile. We're going to 17 get you in the background. Don't want to take a picture 18 of the wall. Thank you, ladies. Have a great convention. 19 (Applause.) 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I would like to 21 thank you both. You represent so much to us, and this is 22 a little something for you a little later. Thank you very 23 much, Michael. He's from my post and District 6. 24 NATIONAL COMMANDER ELECT FOX: Well, surprised 25 they're giving me a microphone. Wendy, in case you 26 haven't heard, you put a microphone in front of me, you 27 may not get it back. 28 You know, just to reiterate what Commander 29 Parsons said, without the Auxiliary, without a doubt 50 percent of our squadrons would go away. It's because of 30 31 what you guys do to help us that enables us to do what we 32 do for The American Legion Family. Without your support, 33 we would not be as successful as we are. My unit, 521, 34 has supported me for 39 years. 35 (Applause.) 36 NATIONAL COMMANDER ELECT FOX: And the biggest 37 challenge will be coming up very shortly. In 2020 38 California will have another National Commander at the 39 podium. 40 (Applause.) 41 NATIONAL COMMANDER ELECT FOX: So on behalf of 42 the Detachment of California, I truly thank you very much. 43 And I would also like to extend an invitation to you, 44 Wendy, to come over and visit us any time you'd like. And 45 that's an executive decision. Sorry, Mr. Parsons. 46 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER PARSONS: No. 47 NATIONAL COMMANDER ELECT FOX: Because quite 48 frankly at this point he's not a Past Detachment 49 Commander, he's the sitting Commander, but us DEC's just 50 have to kind of make decisions for him sometimes. But he

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1 has had a tremendous year. The Sons are at an all-time 2 high in membership. 3 (Applause.) 4 NATIONAL COMMANDER ELECT FOX: And it's all because of the team. I told Matt last year before he got 5 6 elected, it doesn't matter what you do, it's the team 7 around you. The Sons have been on a rampage the last few years growing in membership, the camaraderie. There is no 8 9 division anymore in the State of California. We are one 10 unit working together for a common goal, and that's to 11 make The American Legion Family better. Thank you. 12 (Applause.) 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so, so 14 much. One more hug. 15 (Processional.) 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The 17 chairmen giving their reports after nominations will be 18 Dee Ann Graham for Community Service, Tamra Duron for 19 Constitution & Bylaws, and our Junior Conference and 20 Activities Director Ann Philcox and Mindy Sinclair. Could 21 you please come to the stage. 22 At this time we will proceed with the nominations 23 for Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, and 24 Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention. If 25 there is no objections, this Chair will open the 26 nominations. Oh, okay. Okay. So can we have someone 27 come up for Department President. Who is presenting for 28 Department President? Nominations are open for Department 29 President. 30 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARAY: Madam President, 31 I am Terry Oclaray, District 16 President, and I'm here to 32 proudly nominate for the position of Department President 33 Loretta Marsh. And I have her bio here. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. 35 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARAY: Okay. Loretta 36 Marsh's eligibility is through her husband of 55 years, 37 Harold, a World War II and Korean War veteran. They have 38 three children, seven grandchildren and two great 39 grandchildren. She is endorsed by Corporal Marshal M. Braden Unit 56 in District 16. 40 41 Through the almost 30 years of membership she has 42 served multiple terms as president of her unit, as well as 43 all unit officers and chairmen positions. She has served 44 as District President in 2004-2005 and multiple 45 chairmanships on the district level. She has served the 46 department for 11 years as a Personal Page, Marshal, two 47 terms as Chaplain, Chairman of Community Service, Americanism, Poppy, National Security, Children & Youth, 48 49 Veterans Affair & Rehabilitation, Membership, and as Vice 50 President.

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1 She has served her community by volunteer work in 2 her church and other veteran organizations, schools, and 3 hospitals. She is dedicated to serving those who have 4 served in our military. Thank you. 5 (Applause.) 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Are there any 7 further nominations for Department President? 8 (No response.) 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, 10 nominations for Department President are now closed. 11 (Applause.) 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Nominations are 13 now open for the office of Department Vice President. The 14 chair recognizes Marcia Munroe, District 11 President. DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: 15 Hello, I'm Marcia 16 Munroe, District 11 President and a member of Unit 249. 17 On behalf of District 11 and McCall-Grisham 249, I take 18 pride in nominating Joan Cannon for Department Vice 19 President for the year 2017-2018. 20 Joan has been a member of The American Legion 21 Auxiliary for 32 years. Her eligibility is through her ex-husband, Vietnam veteran, her father, J.W. Holloway, a 22 23 World War II, Korea, Vietnam veteran and a retired chief 24 petty officer from the U.S. Navy, and her son, David 25 Cannon, a Desert Storm veteran having served in the U.S. 26 Navy as a submariner. 27 Joan has one son, two granddaughters, and two 28 deceased grandsons. Joan is a member of McCall-Grisham 29 Unit 249 in District 11. Joan served as president of her unit, District 11, and held most district chairmanships. 30 31 She is a point of contact for District 11 and she has 32 been -- she's been instrumental in helping many of the 33 units in District 11 with their taxes. 34 Joan has held the following department 35 chairmanships: Elections, Public Relations, Community 36 Service, Children & Youth, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. Joan is a credit to The American Legion 37 38 Auxiliary. 39 Joan is retired from the Defense Logistics Agency 40 after serving 30 years as a defense distribution center 41 San Joaquin and distribution center New Cumberland, 42 Pennsylvania. During her career she has held many 43 leadership positions. Her analytical and critical 44 thinking skills are some of the reasons Joan will make an 45 extraordinary vice president. 46 McCall-Grisham Unit 249 and District 11, along 47 with her family and friends, are thrilled to nominate Joan 48 Cannon for Vice President the Department of California. 49 Thank you. 50 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Are there any 2 further nominations for the Department Office of Vice 3 President? 4 (No response.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, 6 nominations for Department Vice President are now closed. 7 Nominations for are now open for the office of 8 Department Junior Member of Finance. The Chair recognizes 9 Deloris Artis from District 24. 10 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Good afternoon. Martha Romano is running for the office of Junior Member 11 12 of Finance. She's currently serving as the unit president 13 of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 283 in the 24th 14 District. She has been an active member for three years. 15 She qualifies for membership in the Auxiliary under her 16 husband, Jerry L. Romano of nine years, a Panama and 17 Desert Storm War veteran who served in the United States 18 Marine Corps. Her three daughters and her mother-in-law 19 are members. Her father-in-law, a Vietnam veteran who 20 served in the United States Army, is a member of Palisades 21 Post 283 and one son is a member of the Sons of the Legion 22 Squadron 283. 23 Martha has served on several committees in her 24 unit and has held the chairmanship for Community Service, 25 Children & Youth, and Poppy at the district level. She's currently the Chairman of Americanism and Community 26 27 Service. She's also the co-chair of the Constitution & 28 Bylaws and a member of the budget committee. 29 Martha attended Santa Monica College majoring in 30 business and is employed at Santa Monica College for 27 31 years. For 12 years she worked in the business 32 administration and human resources department. She 33 currently serves as the Santa Monica College Student 34 Veteran Certifying Official and co-advisor to the Student 35 Veterans Association. She's the first vice president of 36 the Employees' Union and a contact negotiated team member. 37 She serves as a member of the school district budget 38 committee, along with the district planning and advisory 39 counsel, the district's shared government body. She also has held the position of treasurer of the unit. 40 41 Martha worked at First Interstate Bank for three 42 years as a loan officer, handling wire transfers, merchant 43 and new accounts. During tax season she worked for Gomez 44 Tax Service preparing income tax returns. 45 Martha's community service involves city 46 member -- oh, no. Councilmember of St. Ann's Church and 47 Shrine, the American Cancer Society's 24th Cancer Walk, 48 Relay for Life Santa Monica and Venice, and past president 49 of the Virginia Park Ballet Florklorico -- I mispronounced

that one, but, yeah, okay. You know the dance, da, da,

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1 da, da. 2 Palisades Unit 283 and the 24th District along 3 with her family members are happy to endorse Martha Romano 4 for Junior Member of Finance. Thank you. 5 (Applause.) 6 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: At this time I 7 would like to nominate Martha Romano as Junior Member of 8 Finance. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Are there any 9 further nominations for the office of Department Junior 10 Member of Finance? 11 12 (No response.) 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, 14 nominations for the Department Junior Member of Finance 15 are now closed. 16 Are there any endorsements for National office? 17 Okay. We will now proceed with the nominations of the 18 delegates to the National convention. Ruby, can you give 19 us a hand with us? Bring one of your tentacles out. 20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Let's not 21 even go through that. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Let's hope 23 this goes well. I will tell you we have more delegates 24 than we have spots for, so we are going to have to start 25 backing off on some of them or do something. All right. 26 District -- as you know, by the Constitution & Bylaws, 27 the -- pardon me. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Do you want to 29 read that? SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 30 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All right. Ιt 32 says: Department Constitution Article V, Section 10, the 33 Department President, Department President Elect, the Department Secretary/Treasurer or the individual called by 34 35 the Department President to serve as the delegation 36 secretary to the National Convention, and the National 37 Chairman shall be the first nominated delegates if they 38 are in attendance -- attending the National Convention. 39 Each district will present the name of the elected 40 delegate and/or alternate for ratification. The privilege 41 of further nominations providing -- provided the number of 42 delegates and/or alternates is under the designated number 43 shall be given by the District numerical membership 44 strength. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. So the 45 46 first one that's nominated is Wendy O'Brien. Then Loretta 47 Marsh. And, Madam President, who are you declaring as 48 your secretary of your convention? 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Diane DeLashmit. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. And Melanie

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1 Taylor is a chairman of the National Girls Nation. Okay. 2 District number 1, pass. District number 2, pass. 3 District number 3, pass. District number 4, pass. 4 District 5 is a pass for the delegate and they have an 5 alternate of Lynn Jewel. District number 6 is Glenda 6 Schultz, Unit 521 and Ramona Tafoya, both of Unit 521. 7 And District 7, Linda Harmon, Unit 587 and Bonnie 8 Bradbury, Unit 169. District 8, pass. District 9, 9 Helaina Rios, Unit 202 and Roseann Bean, Unit 261. 10 District 10 Gwen Woody, Unit 295 and Susan Marr as the 11 alternate of 117. 12 District 11, Joan Cannon, Unit 249 and Grace 13 Huston, 249. District 12, Kathy Smith, Unit 83 and 14 Victoria Ferreira-Allen, Unit 166. District 13 is Angel 15 Van Glider and Sandy Jacob -- I'm sorry. Back up. Angel Van Glider, Unit 318, Sandy Jacob, Unit 149. 16 17 District 14, Gloria Jean Sinopoli, Unit 147 and Ellen McClurg, Unit 147. 18 19 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Madam Secretary, 20 Gloria Jean Sinopoli, District 14 President. We need to 21 change our alternate. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 23 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: We're going to 24 change it to Debbie Herado. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: At least I know 26 how to spell that this time. 27 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Yes. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 29 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Thank you. 30 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 15, Dee 31 Ann Graham, Unit 26 and Zana Chaney, Unit 124. District 32 16, Darlene Duncan, Unit 502 and Linda Fercho, Unit 741. 33 District 17, pass. District 18, Pamela Dixon Hicks, Unit 34 790 and Teresa Lugo-Nunez, Unit 291. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 261. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 261. Sorry. My 37 glasses are not good. Okay. Back to you. All right. 38 Unit District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules, 314 and Sheraton 39 Green, Unit 496. District 20, Nancy Heinisch, Unit 507, 40 and Roberta Estes, 507. 41 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: Madam Secretary, 42 we're going to change the alternate to Linda Hayes, 348. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: From Roberta 44 Thank you. Okay. District 21 Susan Romero, Unit Estes? 45 742 and Leslie Vondra, Unit 519. District 22 the delegate 46 is a blank and we have June Coatney, Unit 460 as an 47 alternate. District 23, Anita Biggs, 252, and Gloria Williams, 252. District 24, Deloris Artis, 283, and 48 49 Marsha Romero, 283. District 25, Donna Scott, 422, and we 50 will be removing Diane DeLashmit as the alternate as she

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1 will be taking the place of the secretary. 2 District 26, Linda Workman, Unit 472 and Louann 3 Johnston, 595. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi, 684 and Danielle White, 118. District 28 passes. District 29, 4 5 Carol Borgman, Unit 277 and Pat Alvarez, 277. District 30 6 passes. The way I count it we have 24 delegates and we 7 are authorized 19. 8 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GRANADO: Ruby? Ruby, 9 District -- Marie Granado, District 25. Since we're 10 removing Diane off the alternate list, we have Cyd Kintzer 11 for the alternate. 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Who is the 13 alternate? 14 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GRANADO: Cyd Kintzer, 15 K-I-N-T-Z-E-R. 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. That 17 doesn't help matters, but that's okay. Yeah, we're actually electing 15 delegates and we've got 24. We will 18 19 have to go by the Department Constitution & Bylaws. We 20 will have to go into a ballot vote if this is not changed. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Chair 22 recognizes Sandy Jacobs. 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOBS: Well -- well, 24 come on. I was elected as the delegate for 13. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes. No, you're 26 the alternate. 27 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOBS: No. Well, 28 that's not the way it's done because I don't think the 29 other lady will show up. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, according to 30 31 the paperwork that I received you were the -- you were the 32 alternate. 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOBS: Okay. That's 34 fine. 35 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah. 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Chair recognizes 37 Dolly Rios. 38 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: We would like to withdraw District 9. 39 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Both? DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Yes, please. 41 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you, Dolly. 43 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 44 Okay. Ladies, I 45 don't want this -- the election to scare you off. If you 46 want to go to National Convention, then stick to your guns 47 and let's have an election. It is going to take a few 48 more minutes, but it is our way. Your district elected 49 you, so if you are interested in representing your 50 district at the National Convention, then don't be

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1 frightened by this. But it is our diplomatic way, so --2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We have got four 3 more delegates and four more alternates than we are 4 authorized. Don't everybody jump up at once. We need to 5 remove some. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Chair 7 recognizes Vergie. 8 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE GOFNEY: Vergie Gofney, 9 District 22, Unit 201. We would be interested in as a 10 delegate at the National. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Right. There --11 12 the election of delegates is done. Your district elects 13 the delegates. This is to ratify them. So if -- if your 14 name wasn't on there, I'm sorry. 15 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE GOFNEY: My 16 misunderstanding. 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The Chair 18 recognizes Donna. 19 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT SMITH: Donna Smith, 20 District 22. We would like to remove June Coatney as an 21 alternate. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Thank you. 23 I've got 20 alternates. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. I have a 25 question. Are all of the people on this list going to the 26 convention? Because if they're not going -- their names 27 really shouldn't be on here if they're not for sure going 28 to the National Convention. 29 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I've got four more delegates than we are authorized. We've got 19 delegates 30 31 and 20 alternates. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, 33 nominations for the delegates to National Convention is closed. We need to -- we'll have to have an election, but 34 35 we're going to move on to alternates. Nominations are now 36 open for alternates to National Convention. Will Ruby 37 read the names again of nominees? 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1, pass. 39 District 2, pass. District 3, pass. District 4, pass. District 5, Lynn Jewel. District 6, Ramona Tafoya. 40 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury. District 8, pass. District 41 42 9, pass. District 10, Susan Marr. District 11, Grace 43 Huston. District 12, Victoria Ferreira-Allen. District 13, Sandy Jacob. District 14, Debbie Herado. District 44 45 15, Zana Chaney. District 16, Linda Fercho. District 17, pass. District 18, Teresa Lugo-Nunez. District 19, 46 47 Sheraton Green. District 19 -- oh, I'm sorry. District 19, Sheraton Green. District 20, Linda Hayes. District 48 49 21, Leslie Vondra. District 22, pass. District 23, 50 Gloria Williams. District 24, Marsha Romano. District

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1 25, Cyd Kintzer. District 26, Louann Johnston. District 2 27, Danielle White. District 28, pass. District 29, Pat 3 Alvarez. District 30, pass. 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Is there 5 any other nominated -- any other nominees for Alternate to 6 the National Convention? 7 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE HAYES: Madam President? 8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 9 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE HAYES: I'll remove my 10 I would like to sit in the guest section. name. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Who are 11 12 you? 13 SENIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE HAYES: Oh, I'm sorry. 14 I'm Linda Hayes, District 20, Unit 348. 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. So Linda 16 Hayes has removed her name. 17 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Madam President, with 18 Linda Hayes removing her name, we have 19 alternates for 19 convention. So we're okay on alternates. Okay. It's 20 because of those four extras that are automatic, they do 21 have an alternate that can replace them rather than like 22 some of those in their own right they don't have 23 alternates. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Right. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Just delegates. 26 We've got 20. I've got 19 delegates. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Nominations 28 for alternates are closed to the National Convention. 29 Okay. So tomorrow we will have a ballot election. 30 All right. Will the candidates nominated for 31 department office please come to the stage? At this time 32 is my pleasure to present your department candidates for 33 year 2017-2018. Where are you, girls? 34 (Applause.) 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Department 36 President Loretta Marsh. 37 (Applause.) 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Department Vice 39 President Joan Cannon. 40 (Applause.) 41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And Junior Member 42 of Finance Martha Romero. 43 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 44 45 ladies. And I'm sure there's going to be some photo opps throughout the day, so prepare yourself. And if you'd 46 47 like to do that now, you can do it right over here by the 48 flags. Thank you so much, ladies. 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ruby, would like

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1 to say some stuff? 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I would like to 3 let everyone know that Reno is looking for Pages. Anyone 4 wanting to go and serve as a Page does not need to be a 5 delegate. So if anybody wants to go and work as a Page, 6 the door is open and all you have to do is let me know and 7 I'll let Nevada know. 8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We will now 9 continue with the Department Chairmen reports. We are 10 going to hear from -- who do I have here? I have Dee Ann 11 Graham, Community Service. If you can come up. 12 Tamra Duron, Ann Philcox, Mindy Sinclair, and 13 Kathy Smith, if you could please be prepared. 14 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good 15 afternoon, Madam President. 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good afternoon. 17 Could I ask that you -- could I ask that you sort of like 18 find love with the microphone so the ladies out there can 19 hear you. 20 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Did you enjoy 21 your lunch? 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, it was 23 wonderful. 24 25 COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION REPORT 26 27 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: The 28 Convention Committee on Community Service met on June 29 22nd, 2017 in the Raincross E of the Riverside Convention 30 Center in Riverside, California. The statistical report 31 of the chairman appears on page 50 of the Book of Reports. 32 Grace Huston was appointed secretary, Sandra Carr 33 offered prayer, and Tammy Wilkening was appointed 34 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 22 district delegates 35 answered roll call. Seven visitors were present. 36 The committee agreed to the following report. No 37 changes to the code. Presented second and third place 38 awards for unit and district supplementals and announced 39 districts with 100 percent reporting. 40 Members shared projects and ideas to promote 41 membership and reminded us to be branded by wearing our 42 pins and shirts. 43 Madam President, may I continue with my 44 supplemental? 45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may. 46 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: After reading 47 the end-of-the-year reports proved to me our Auxiliary 48 members are actively participating and contributing to our 49 veterans, partnering with their posts and volunteering in 50 community events. Our main focus will always be veterans,

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1 but after reading those reports made this Molly Malone 2 very proud. 3 Our Molly Malones attended a crotchet class at a 4 senior center making lap robes for veterans and chemo caps 5 for the medical centers. Those Mollys also donated baby 6 items, blankets, towels, wash cloths, toys, and hygiene 7 items to a women center. Some members are docents at 8 local missions and museums. Our Auxiliary members are 9 very active in the American Cancer Relay For Life as 10 survivors, a team member, or part of the pre-event 11 volunteer. 12 This year our state afire which devastated many 13 of the mountain county communities. Our Molly Malones 14 were there donating water, supplying blankets, hygiene 15 items and clothing. One unit partnered with their post along with the Halliburton serving a \$5 lunch and raised 16 17 thousands of dollars for those veterans in the nearby -excuse me. Nearby mountain community. 18 One Molly Malone unit organized a team and 19 20 participated in a March Of Dimes walk at the state's 21 capitol, the March For Babies, which benefits pregnant 22 women, unborn and premature babies. They emailed and 23 Facebooked invitations to family and friends to 24 participate and/or to donate to the community's event. 25 During the summer a Molly reported holding two 26 drives, one for food and the other for school supplies. 27 The food was delivered to a pantry at the VA hospital and 28 a naval weapons station, then helped three veterans trying 29 to establish items for their apartments. The school 30 supplies collected were given to two local schools. This 31 outreach in their community allows them to demonstrate who 32 we are and what our mission is and creates goodwill. 33 Mollys reported members assisting seniors and 34 neighbors with transportation and errands, giving care 35 packages where needed and taking meals to those who were 36 ill, disabled, and elderly. 37 Our Molly Malones worked very hard to make their 38 community a better place to live. Our work sometimes goes 39 unnoticed, like cleaning churches, placing flags on 40 graves, volunteering in thrift stores, food pantries, and 41 contributing to animal shelters and animal organizations. 42 They continue to collect can pull-tabs which enables a 43 family to stay one night at Ronald McDonald House. 44 Additional Community Service included members 45 donating to and networking with other agencies such as the 46 Election Board, Women's Clubs, League of Voters, Easter 47 Seals, Civic Councils, DAR, Lung Association, Boys and 48 Girls Scouts, Children's Miracle Network, Paralyzed 49 Veterans, and Salvation Army. 50 Everyone is a Molly Malone whether we realize it

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1 or not. We do the things we do because that is who we 2 are. I am sure our Mollys did not -- I'm sure some of our 3 Mollys did not report every hour or the monies spent. 4 They don't even know how many lives they have touched. 5 There is no real conclusion to this report because our 6 Molly Malones will continue to serve our veterans and 7 community for as long as there is a need. The statistical 8 report outlines their works, but the stories each district 9 chairman shared and wrote meant so much more. 10 Madam President, may I present to you -- I have 11 an honorable mention and our first place winners. 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may. 13 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Honorable 14 Mention goes to Marion Rocha-Carlos, District 16, Unit 15 211. 16 (Applause.) 17 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Unit First 18 Place, Placentia District 29, Carol Chavez. 19 (Applause.) 20 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: And First 21 Place District 16, Connie Bieger, Chairman. 22 (Applause.) 23 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Madam 24 President, that concludes my report. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 26 Dee Ann. 27 (Applause.) 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now we'll hear from Tamra Duron, the Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. 29 30 And if we can have the Junior Conference Director and the 31 Americanism Chairman please come up here and sit so they 32 get ready to hop in there and get it done. 33 34 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT 35 36 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: Good 37 afternoon, Madam President. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, good 39 afternoon. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: 40 The 41 Constitution & Bylaws committee met on June 22nd, 2017 in 42 Ballroom B of the Riverside Convention Center. The 43 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 48 of the Book of Reports. Debbie Fletcher from District 25 was 44 appointed Secretary, Pilar Reyes, District 10, was 45 appointed Chaplain, and Linda Diebel from District 19 was 46 47 appointed Sergeant-At-Arms. 48 The Chaplain offered prayer, the members recited 49 the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by 16 50 delegates and there were six guests. 100 percent

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1 reporting certificates were given to Districts 5, 6, 7, 2 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 28. The 3 department code was read and there were no code changes. 4 Chairman Tamra Duron reported on a correction 5 that needs to be made to the model bylaws. On a motion by 6 Linda Dieble, it was voted to change Article IV, Section 2 7 of the unit bylaws to read: "And one more executive 8 committeewoman." On a motion by Linda Dieble it was voted 9 to change Unit Model Bylaws Article IV Unit Officer 10 Section 3. 11 Once all business was concluded there was a 12 question and answer session with discussion on Junior Past 13 President and the process to surrender a charter. The 14 Chaplain offered prayer and the meeting concluded at 10:10 15 a.m. 16 Madam President, may I proceed with my 17 supplemental? 18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: No, because we 19 have to address --20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: Oh, yeah, 21 you're right. Before I would like to get into the 22 changes, I would like to explain the reason I'm proposing 23 these changes is that approximately 85 percent of the 24 Constitution & Bylaws that I received this year had a 25 problem in this area, so we are attempting to correct that 26 and hopefully the Department Constitutions Chairman for 27 next year will have it much easier as well as the units. 28 I handed out to the front table the portion of 29 the Department Bylaws I will be referring to as well as 30 the portion of the Model Unit Bylaws. 31 Department Constitution Article XIV, Section 1 32 Elected Officers now reads: "Each unit shall elect the 33 following officers: President, First Vice President, 34 Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one or 35 more Executive Committeewomen. (The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.)" 36 37 Our Model Unit Bylaws Article IV Unit Officer 38 Section 2 now reads: "The elective officers shall be: 39 President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, 40 Secretary/Treasurer and at least one Executive 41 Committeewomen and shall be elected annually by majority 42 vote at a meeting designated by a vote of the Unit, 43 provided nominations and elections are held not earlier 44 than April 1st or less than five days prior to the opening 45 of Department Convention. The Unit shall notify their 46 membership and the District President of the time set for 47 election." 48 By direction of the committee I move the 49 following change: "The elective officers shall be: 50 President, First Vice President, Second Vice President,

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1 Secretary/Treasurer and one or more Executive 2 Committeewomen and shall be elected annually by majority 3 vote at a meeting designated by a vote of the Unit, 4 provided nominations and elections are held not earlier 5 than April 1st or less than five days prior to the opening 6 of Department Convention. The Unit shall notify their 7 membership and the District President of the time set for 8 election." 9 The justification in this is to bring the Model 10 Unit Bylaws in line with the Department Constitution. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 11 There's a motion 12 to change the Model Unit Bylaws Article IV Unit Officer 13 Section 2 to read: "The elective officers shall be: 14 President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, 15 Secretary/Treasurer and one or more Executive 16 Committeewomen and shall be elected annually by majority 17 vote at a meeting designated by a vote of the Unit, 18 provided nominations and elections are held not earlier 19 than April 1st or less than five days prior to the opening 20 of Department Convention. The Unit shall notify their 21 membership and the District President of the time set for 22 election." 23 Any discussion? 24 (No response.) 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 26 those in favor, say aye. 27 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 29 (No response.) 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion passed. 31 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: Thank you, 32 ladies. Model Unit Bylaws Article IV Unit Officer Section 3 now reads: "The appointive officers shall be," you list 33 them. "And if not elected," number, "Executive 34 35 Committeewomen. Junior past is automatic - no need to 36 list." 37 By direction of the committee I move the 38 following change. Unit Model Bylaws Article IV Unit 39 Officers Section 3 to read: "The appointive officers shall be," you list them. "Junior past is automatic - no 40 need to list." 41 42 The justification in this is there is no 43 provision in the Department Constitution for appointed 44 Executive Committeewomen at the unit level. 45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There is a motion 46 on the floor to change Unit Model Bylaws Article IV Unit 47 Officer Section 3 to read: "The appointive officer shall 48 be," and you list them. "Junior past is automatic - no 49 need to list." 50 Any discussion?

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1 (No response.) 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 3 those in favor say aye. 4 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 6 (No response.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: Thank you, 9 You have done a good job. Good deal for the next ladies. 10 Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. 11 Now, Madam President, may I continue with my 12 supplemental? 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may. Yes, you 14 may. 15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: As the 16 fleet of Wendy's Cruise Liners have sailed the calm, 17 rippling water of the California oceans, many amendments 18 and rewrites were submitted before docking into the many 19 breezy ports of call. Some minor citations were issued 20 for problems such as leaving required officers out of 21 their Constitution & Bylaws or appointing all executive 22 committeewomen rather than keeping the mandatory elected 23 one. 24 The biggest infraction was not using the model 25 bylaws as is necessitated by our department code. Some 26 chose to completely type them rather than use the fill-in 27 provided by the Department. This caused many errors and 28 the return of the Constitution & Bylaws to the chairman 29 for corrections. 30 All in all at year's end I am happy to report no 31 accidents at sea, broken down vessels or arrests have been 32 reported by the many qualified port authority officers of 33 the Department of California. 34 Constitution & Bylaws are the governing document for our organization. They provide guidelines for what we 35 36 can and cannot do in our units, districts and department, 37 as well as provide stability ensuring business is 38 conducted correctly. It is the responsibility of each 39 member to become familiar with this document guaranteeing 40 that the different levels of our organization are 41 operating within the guidelines established for them. 42 When we become familiar with our governing documents, we 43 become responsible members. 44 Operating by our Constitution & Bylaws also 45 provides the avenue for civility within each level of our 46 organization, preventing arguing, tension, and hard 47 feelings towards one another. When the rules are 48 followed, there are no questions about how things are 49 being done. The Constitution & Bylaws should not be used 50 to point out a member's errors, criticizing them for work

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1 done incorrectly. Rather, they should be used as a guide 2 showing them how to do things appropriately and orderly. 3 Constitution & Bylaws are created to protect the 4 rights of members giving them a voice in how the units and 5 districts are ran. We must remember the voice of the 6 minority is just as important as the voice of the 7 majority. This past year several units and districts 8 9 rewrote their Constitution & Bylaws as the ten-year 10 mandate as well as many both amending them. Constitution 11 & Bylaws were reviewed at the beginning of the year, 12 during organizational meetings, district meetings, unit 13 meetings, and executive board meeting. They were also 14 reviewed at the end of the year before elections to ensure 15 elections were held correctly and members would know their 16 responsibilities as they were elected and appointed as 17 officers and chairmen of their districts and units. It is reported that 18 of our 30 districts have 18 19 standing rules with nine revising or reviewing them. 20 Units followed suit with 96 units having standing rules, 21 with almost half reviewing or revising them. Units and 22 districts have Constitution & Bylaws in procedure books 23 for president, secretaries, and the Constitution & Bylaws 24 chairmen as well as giving copies to every member yearly 25 and to new members during initiation ceremonies and when 26 being accepted for membership into the units. 27 Units and districts also report having copies of 28 the Department Constitution & Bylaws for their members and 29 keep Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised on hand for use when needed. 30 31 Of the units reporting most recite the preamble 32 at meetings and 2,906 members have it memorized. 33 Districts and units alike report knowing the importance of 34 utilizing the Department, District and Unit Constitution & 35 Bylaws and Standing Rules when conducting Auxiliary 36 business. They also realize the role of Roberts Rules of 37 Orders Newly Revised and use it to clarify what is not in 38 the governing documents. 39 This chairmen encouraged members to learn the 40 content of their Constitution & Bylaws and challenged 41 District Constitution & Bylaw chairmen to invent a game 42 encouraging the learning of the Constitution & Bylaws 43 while at the same time keeping it fun. One district participated and won the \$50 cash prize for entering the 44 45 contest. 46 And now, Madam President, with your year coming 47 to an end, I can say this has truly been a rewarding 48 experience for this chairman as I did my best to fulfill my responsibilities and duties as Constitution & Bylaws 49 50 chairman as outlined in our governing document and

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1 department code. You will no longer be receiving large 2 envelopes in the mail from me, however I do have one more 3 set of Constitution & Bylaws for your signature, and I can take Diane DeLashmit off my speed dial. However, I am 4 5 sure I will still make many calls to her and have lots of 6 questions as I learn and grow in my Auxiliary experience. At close of this convention I will be relieved of 7 8 my Constitution & Bylaws duty and I can retire my Port 9 Authority badge. In closing, Madam President, as stated in Clovis, I promised at end of year to inform you if I 10 11 still loved Constitution & Bylaws as I always have. The 12 conclusion is yes, more so now than ever. 13 Thank you, Madam President, for your confidence 14 in me and for this appointment that I have no thoroughly 15 enjoyed. 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 17 You had did an outstanding job. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: I have a 18 19 good mentor. She's in our district and she can be put on 20 speed dial. Yes. That number on my cell phone is wearing 21 Now may I proceed with my first and second off. 22 supplemental? 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: First 25 Place Unit Supplemental, Rizal Unit 598, Pilar Reyes. 26 (Applause.) 27 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: First 28 Place District Supplemental, District 10, Pilar Reyes. 29 (Applause.) CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN DURON: Madam 30 31 President, this concludes my report. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 33 We're going to have both of these young ladies Okay. 34 come. Junior Conference Director Ann Philcox and Junior 35 Activities Chairman Mindy Sinclair. 36 37 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT 38 39 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Good 40 afternoon. The statistical report of this chairman 41 appears on page 53 of the Book of Reports. The Junior 42 Activities/Junior Conference Pre-convention committee 43 meeting was held in room Raincross F on June 22nd. 44 The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. 45 Robin Falkenberg, District 28, was appointed Secretary, 46 DeNyse Laugeson, District 18, offered prayer, and Susan 47 Romero, District 21, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Roll 48 call showed 13 district delegates and ten visitors which 49 included six juniors in attendance. 50 The committee agreed upon eight code changes.

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1 Awards were presented to members. We recognized our 2 juniors who earned patches this year. Miley Ann Culp from 3 District 6 received nine patches. 4 (Applause.) 5 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: And Sara 6 Johnson received the National President Special Patch. 7 (Applause.) 8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Awards for 9 Junior Conference tickets. Junior Auxiliary member, Zoe 10 Dulle, age 7, sold 14 books. 11 (Applause.) 12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Auxiliary 13 Member Ann Philcox, Junior Conference Director, Unit 377, 14 District 20, sold 112 books. Since she was Junior 15 Conference Director I also awarded one to the general membership. Christine Evans from Unit 755, District 18, 16 17 sold 34 books. And we had a Legionnaire, Al Hill, Post 684, District 27 who sold 14 books. 18 Closing prayer was offered and the meeting was 19 20 adjourned at 9:59 a.m. Shall we proceed with the code 21 changes? 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Code changes. 23 Yes, you can. 24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: The code 25 reads right now as number 4: "Junior members are 26 encouraged to participate in all contests sponsored by the 27 National organization, following all rules pertaining to 28 these contests. The Department Chairman shall advise the 29 units of contest, rules, and deadline dates." 30 If adopted the code will read: "Junior members 31 are encouraged to participate in all programs and contests 32 sponsored by the National organization, including the 33 Junior Patch Program and attendance to Junior Mission 34 Training, following all rules pertaining to these programs 35 and contests. The Department Chairman shall advise the 36 districts of contests, rules, programs, deadline dates and 37 Junior Mission Training location, dates and registration 38 information." 39 I move for the adoption of this code change. 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a motion on the floor for number 4 of the Junior code: "Junior 41 42 members are encouraged to participate in all programs and contests sponsored by the National organization, including 43 44 the Junior Patch Program and attendance to Junior Mission 45 Training, following all rules pertaining to these programs 46 and contests. The Department Chairman shall advise the 47 districts of contests, rules, programs, deadline dates and Junior Mission Training location, dates and registration 48 49 information." 50 Any discussion?

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1 (No response.) 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 3 those in favor, say aye. 4 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 6 (No response.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: The current 9 code reads as follows. Number 11: "The Department shall 10 sponsor a scholarship from donated funds for Junior 11 members completing their senior year. Minimum awarded 12 shall be \$300, maximum \$1,000 if funds permit. 13 Applications and rules will be available through the 14 Department Office and/or the Department Website prior to 15 January and will be mailed to Units upon request. 16 Completed applications must reach the Department Junior 17 Activities Chairman by April 30th of the current year. 18 Applicants shall be judged by three Past Department 19 Presidents appointed by the Junior Activities Chairman." 20 If adopted the code will read: "The Department 21 shall sponsor a scholarship from donated funds for Junior 22 members completing their senior year. Minimum awarded shall be \$300, maximum \$1,000 if funds permit. 23 24 Applications and rules will be available through the 25 Department Office and/or the Department Website prior to 26 January and will be mailed to Units upon request. 27 Completed applications must reach the Department Junior 28 Activities Chairman by April 30th of the current year. 29 Applicants shall be judged by three Past Department 30 Presidents appointed by the Junior Activities Chairman, 31 when more than one application is received. The 32 Department Chairman shall provide the name of the 33 scholarship recipient to the Department 34 Secretary/Treasurer no later than June 1st when a 35 scholarship is awarded." 36 I move for the adoption of this code change. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The motion is for 38 number 11: "The Department shall sponsor a scholarship 39 from donated funds for Junior members completing their 40 senior year. Minimum awarded shall be \$300, maximum 41 \$1,000 if funds permit. Applications and rules will be 42 available through the Department Office and/or the 43 Department website prior to January and will be mailed to 44 Units upon request. Completed applications must reach the 45 Department Junior Activities Chairman by April 30th of the 46 current year. Applicants shall be judged by three Past 47 Department Presidents appointed by the Junior Activities 48 Chairman, when more than one application is received. The 49 Department Chairman shall provide the name of the 50 scholarship recipient to the Department

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1 Secretary/Treasurer no later than June 1st when a 2 scholarship is awarded." 3 Any discussion? 4 (No response.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 6 those in favor, say aye. 7 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 9 (No response.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: The code 11 12 currently reads: Number 15: "Annual report forms shall 13 conform with standard time frames. Unit report forms are 14 to be sent to the District Chairman the second Friday in 15 April. District report forms are to be sent by May 1st." 16 If adopted the code will read: "Annual report 17 forms shall conform with standard time frames. Unit 18 report forms are to be sent to the District Chairman the 19 second Friday in April. District report forms are to be 20 sent by May 1st. The completed Patch Program paperwork 21 shall be forwarded to the Department Chairman by May 1st 22 so the patches can be ordered from National." 23 I move for the adoption of this code change. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The motion is for 25 "Annual report forms shall conform with number 15: 26 standard time frames. Unit report forms are to be sent to 27 the District Chairman the second Friday in April. 28 District report forms are to be sent by May 1st. The completed Patch Program paperwork shall be forwarded to 29 30 the Department Chairman by May 1st so the patches can be 31 ordered from National." 32 Any discussion? 33 (No response.) 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 35 those in favor, say aye. 36 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, nay. 38 (No response.) 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carries. 40 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Under 41 Junior Conference, Appendix A. Number 11: "Junior groups 42 will be formed and housed according to age groups, combining large and small communities statewide. Assigned 43 44 Senior Advisors will serve as group counselors and as 45 chaperones on the conference grounds." 46 If adopted the code will read: "Junior groups 47 will be formed and housed according to age groups, 48 combining large and small communities statewide. Assigned 49 Senior Advisors will serve as group counselors and as 50 chaperones on the conference grounds. Senior Advisors

will not have Junior members that are relatives assigned 1 2 to their room, unless there are extenuating circumstances, 3 and it has been approved by the Junior Conference Director 4 and Department President." 5 I move for the adoption of this code change. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Motion on 7 -- oh, okay. Motion for number 11 to be changed to: 8 "Junior groups will be formed and housed according to age 9 groups, combining large and small communities statewide. 10 Assigned Senior Advisors will serve as group counselors 11 and as chaperones on the conference grounds. Senior 12 Advisors will not have Junior members that are relatives 13 assigned to their room, unless there are extenuating 14 circumstances, and it has been approved by the Junior 15 Conference Director and Department President." 16 Any questions? Any further discussion? 17 (No response.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 18 19 favor, say aye. 20 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, nay. 22 (No response.) 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: The code 25 currently reads, number 13: "Eligibility for attendance at the conference shall be limited to Juniors ten to 18 26 27 years of age. If a Junior member is elected to an office 28 or serving as a chairman at any level and attains the age 29 of 18 during her term, she may complete her year in office 30 and attend Junior Conference. In addition to age 31 requirements, she shall have given at least five hours 32 during the current fiscal year to her Unit. If any Unit 33 does not provide the opportunity for the Junior to serve 34 the required hours, five hours of service to a community 35 organization may be substituted." 36 If adopted the code will read number 13: 37 "Eligibility for attendance at the conference shall be 38 limited to Juniors eight to 18 years of age. It is 39 understood that Junior members sent to Junior Conference 40 are comfortable with staying away from home over night and 41 able to enjoy to away from home experience. If a Junior 42 member is elected to an office or serving as a chairman at 43 any level and attains the age of 18 during her term, she 44 may complete her year in office and attend Junior 45 Conference. In addition to age requirements, she shall 46 have given at least five hours during the current fiscal 47 year to her Unit. If any Unit does not provide the 48 opportunity for the Junior to serve the required hours, 49 five hours of service to a community organization may be 50 substituted."

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1 I move for the adoption of this code change. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The motion 3 for number 13 is: "Eligibility for attendance at the 4 conference shall be limited to Juniors eight to 18 years 5 of age. It is understood that Junior members sent to 6 Junior Conference are comfortable with staying away from 7 home over night and able to enjoy to away from home 8 experience. If a Junior member is elected to an office or 9 serving as a chairman at any level and attains the age of 18 during her term, she may complete her year in office 10 11 and attend Junior Conference. In addition to age 12 requirements, she shall have given at least five hours 13 during the current fiscal year to her Unit. If any Unit 14 does not provide the opportunity for the Junior to serve 15 the required hours, five hours of service to a community 16 organization may be substituted." 17 Any questions? 18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda Fercho, 19 Past Department President. I have been to Junior 20 Conference many times and I acted as Junior Conference 21 Director and I love the girls and I love Juniors. And if 22 anyone knows me, they know that's my passion, but I do 23 believe eight-year-olds are a little young. It's hard 24 even working with the ten year olds sometimes. They're so 25 cute and they're so darling and they're so hyper and 26 usually it's an all-night affair sometimes. I know my own granddaughter cried all night and 27 28 Bonnie Christner called my daughter Tracy and said "Jackie 29 is crying." And Tracy gets on the phone and says: "Knock 30 it off and go to bed." Jackie asked: "Can I go horseback riding?" "Not if you don't go to bed." She went to bed. 31 32 And those who have been to Junior Conference know 33 that I would love to see more girls go. I mean, and this 34 would be a way to get more girls to go, but my daughter 35 wouldn't have been ready at eight, I can tell you that. 36 So I just really feel that we need to consider that and 37 get more girls between ten and 18 to go. Thank you very 38 much. 39 (Applause.) 40 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: I 41 understand that a lot of people are thinking that eight is 42 too young and, yeah, it would bring up our numbers, but the main reason for this is I had 15 telephone calls from 43 44 parents whose children have fulfilled all their 45 requirements and when they turn six to ten, they're doing 46 everything that a Junior Auxiliary member does, but 47 they're not getting their reward for it. 48 The little girl that got all the certificates, I 49 can't remember what unit, she's seven years old. She's 50 seven years old. And she did all that work by herself.

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And she went to one of our workshops and she was just 1 2 like: Come on; I want to go. And I think even if we try 3 it for one year, you know. I mean, I got 15 phone calls. 4 That's a lot of phone calls. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Chair 6 recognizes Tracy. 7 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Hi. Good afternoon. I'm Tracy Varnell Fercho, Past District 8 9 President. I have been to Junior Conference. Jackie and 10 I had a great time. Where is she? My girl. I understand 11 about wanting juniors to go; I definitely get that. And 12 yes, they do do a lot, but personally I do have to agree 13 with Linda Fercho. Eight years old does seem a little 14 young to me. 15 And the problem is that if you haven't gone to 16 Junior Conference and you have to deal with that 17 eight-year-old and then you have a big span -- in my 18 opinion a big span between 18 and eight and you have to 19 find different activities. Because eight-year-olds are 20 not going to be dancing like the 16- to 17-year-olds 21 because I personally wouldn't want my eight-year-old to 22 dance like my 16-year-old. 23 So I personally have to agree that eight I feel 24 is a little young just because of the difference of their 25 maturity levels. Thank you. 26 (Applause.) 27 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam 28 President, Anita Biggs, District 23, Unit 252. I've been 29 going to Junior Conference I believe for the last five, six years consistently. And I understand the rationale 30 31 for lowering the age. I kind of don't like the word "understood" because I don't know what that means. 32 Ιt 33 says "understood." I like the word "required" more so only because it would have to be -- "understood" is a good 34 35 word in a way, but a requirement that -- it has to be 36 required that the child understands that they're going to 37 like a camp. It's only a weekend. I'm for the lowering 38 of the age only because I think it would improve and 39 increase the number of girls. The direction of the conference by whomever is in 40 41 charge, that is where the tone is going to be set so that 42 they get enough counselors to monitor these children, the 43 youngsters. You know, I call them youngsters. So as long 44 as they have enough supervision and they're in a situation 45 where they're together, they can comingle with the other 46 girls and it wouldn't be -- it's not a -- it's not --47 there's no dirty dancing done anymore. I mean, maybe when 48 you were there, Tracy, you were dirty dancing. 49 Okay. But I think it is -- I think it would be a 50 good thing to maybe increase our Junior Conference

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1 attendance. I mean Juniors grow up. That's the problem. 2 They grow up and out, and so we just have to keep them and 3 to keep the program alive to keep our Juniors going. This 4 might be an opportunity -- if it doesn't work for -- try 5 it out. If I doesn't work, change the code next year. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 7 DISTRICT DELEGATE GREETI: Madam Department 8 President, Susie Carrow-Greeti. I am a Past Junior

9 President. And I agree with lowering the age for several 10 reasons. One, I think it's great. The younger that we 11 can get our children involved to learn our programs at a 12 younger age, the better we are. It is up to the parents 13 to make sure that their daughters are eligible and 14 understand the validity before allowing them to go.

15 So a parent also has a little more responsibility 16 as well, but to allow these children -- because children 17 are having children and I think as long as the child is 18 willing to do the job and go out and be a part of our 19 family, allow them to do it at the age of eight and older. 20 I enjoyed my time being a Junior. I also enjoyed my time 21 being the Department President as far as the Juniors and I 22 enjoy being involved with my family here. Thank you. 23

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Go ahead.

24 DISTRICT 16 DELEGATE REID: Good afternoon, Madam 25 President. My name is Geneivere Reid and I'm with 26 District 16, Unit 48. I have gone to Junior Conference for the last three years. I am also the mother of three 27 28 daughters and I personally feel that eight-year-olds is 29 too young. We've had -- I have I think eight active Juniors right now and they all want to go to conference, 30 31 but they're just not ready.

I agree maybe lowering it one year would be a 32 33 good start, but I think jumping two years is just going too much for these kids. And unless they're doing other 34 35 activities that are overnight away from their parents 36 first, it's too much.

37 I mean, what are we going to do about counselors 38 with the younger kids? Because they're going to require 39 so much extra attention and care. I think nine years old 40 would be a good place to start, but jumping two years is 41 just too much.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Sharon Moore, 43 District 23, Unit 252. I've been a room mom for the past, 44 45 what, seven, maybe eight years. This was the first year 46 that I did not have kids in my room, but I agree that 47 eight-year-olds -- there are many mature eight-year-olds 48 and it's up to the parents to decide if they're mature 49 enough to say that eight-year-old is okay to go. That's a 50 choice. Okay. That gives us more opportunity to be able

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1 to get more girls out. 2 So if you know your child is not mature enough at 3 eight, then, you know, maybe they can wait until the next 4 year. But I think we should open it up for them to have that opportunity. And I agree with the young lady that 5 6 indicated about teaching them, you know, early on. Junior 7 Conference is a great way to bring them up in the 8 organization. And we need the young folks. Look at our 9 convention here. This is the smallest convention I've ever seen since I've been coming. We need to get these 10 11 young girls started at an early age, as early as we can 12 and it's up to the counselors to choose the age that they want. And we have -- we had so many counselors this year. 13 14 So that's my opinion. Thank you. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 15 16 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Deloris Artis, 17 District 24. I have been a counselor -- a director of the Junior Conference several times through the years and I 18 19 think my opinion is we need to change the program back to 20 when we had younger children and adopt the program. We 21 can't have eight-year-olds if we're having meetings --22 setting meetings all day like they were the last time that 23 I was director. So let's revamp the program and have our 24 eight- and nine-year-olds come because there's so many 25 things we can teach them. 26 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 27 President? Madam President? 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, ma'am. 29 DISTINGUISH GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 30 President, Linda Workman, Past Department President. Т 31 move for the previous question. 32 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a 34 motion on the floor to discontinue the conversation and 35 call for the question. Yes. This is only for to stop 36 talking about it. All those in favor -- or excuse me. 37 Any discussion? 38 (No response.) 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 40 favor, say aye. 41 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 43 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Motion 45 carried to not talk about it anymore. So now we're going 46 to call for the vote. And the vote for the motion is for 47 number 13: "Eligibility for attendance at the conference 48 shall be limited to Juniors eight to 18 years of age. It 49 is understood that Junior members sent to Junior 50 Conference are comfortable with staying away from home

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1 over night and able to enjoy to away from home experience. 2 If a Junior member is elected to an office or serving as a 3 chairman at any level and attains the age of 18 during her 4 term, she may complete her year in office and attend 5 Junior Conference. In addition to age requirements, she 6 shall have given at least five hours during the current 7 fiscal year to her Unit. If any Unit does not provide the 8 opportunity for the Junior to serve the required hours, 9 five hours of service to a community organization may be 10 substituted." 11 All those in favor, say aye. 12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Ave. 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those opposed, 14 say no. 15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No. 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. I think the 17 nays and ayes are too close to count. So could we have 18 all those that agree and say aye stand up, please. Okay. Fine. Sit down. And all those against, please rise. 19 20 Yes, the ayes have it. Motion carried. 21 (Applause.) 22 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Madam President? 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, ma'am. DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: My granddaughter, she 24 25 was a Past Junior Officer and stuff just had a baby girl 26 three weeks ago, and the first thing she said is, "I can't 27 wait until she can go to Junior Conference." 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Well, now she has 29 to wait a few years. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Madam 30 31 President, someone at the podium took the rest of my code 32 changes. I don't have them. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Welcome to the -- okay. Whoever came up --34 35 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Did you 36 want me to stop? Is that it, Anita? Okay. The code currently reads number 27: "The Junior Activities 37 38 Chairman, Junior Conference Director and the Committee 39 will choose two Department Junior representatives to 40 Junior National Convention or Junior Mission Training at 41 Junior Conference. The representatives may or may not be 42 the Honorary Junior Department President or Honorary 43 Junior Department Vice President but must exhibit 44 leadership qualities. If the representative turns 18 prior to or during the Junior National Convention or 45 46 Junior Mission Training, she will be eligible to attend 47 junior National Convention or junior mission training but 48 will not be eligible to hold a National Office." 49 The code change for this is taking out Junior 50 National -- or the Junior National Convention since it has

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1 been discontinued. So the new code if accepted would 2 read: "The Junior Activities Chairman, Junior Conference 3 Director and the Committee will choose two Department Junior representatives to Junior Mission Training at 4 5 Junior Conference. The representatives may or may not be 6 the Honorary Junior Department President or Honorary 7 Junior Department Vice President but must exhibit 8 leadership qualities. If the representative turns 18 9 prior to or during the Junior Mission Training, she will 10 be eligible to Junior Mission Training but will not be 11 eligible to hold a National Office." 12 I move that we accept this code change. 13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The motion 14 for number 27 is: "The Junior Activities Chairman, Junior 15 Conference Director and the Committee will choose two 16 Department Junior representatives to Junior Mission 17 Training at Junior Conference. The representatives may or may not be the Honorary Junior Department President or 18 19 Honorary Junior Department Vice President but must exhibit 20 leadership qualities. If the representative turns 18 21 prior to or during the Junior Mission Training, she will 22 be eligible to Junior Mission Training but will not be 23 eligible to hold a National Office." 24 Any discussion? The chair recognizes Susie 25 Tozier. 26 NEC MEMBER TOZIER: I just have one question. 27 Mission training is open to all Juniors. Does this mean 28 that just those two juniors are going to get a per diem? 29 Is that the only reason for this change --30 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes. 31 NEC MEMBER TOZIER: -- or is it -- I know you're 32 talking about Mission Training. The one that's before us 33 right now says instead of being National Convention, 34 Mission Training. So are these Juniors going to get per 35 diems? 36 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes. 37 NEC MEMBER TOZIER: Okay. That's what I needed. 38 Mission Training is open to any Junior who wishes to 39 attend whether or not -- okay. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We are on 27, and 40 41 the only thing that was being taken out is the National 42 Convention. Correct, ladies? 43 PAST NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAYLOR: Yes. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 44 Okay. Any other 45 discussion? 46 (No response.) 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 48 favor, say aye. 49 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, where's the

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1 question? Oh, okay. I'm sorry. The floor recognizes 2 Linda Dieble. 3 DISTRICT DELEGATE DIEBLE: I just have a 4 question. On the bottom of that you say "National 5 Office." If there's no more National Juniors, why would 6 you have National Office? 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There is a 8 National Office. 9 DISTRICT DELEGATE DIEBLE: There is? Okay. 10 That's fine. 11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Any other 12 questions? 13 (No response.) 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 15 favor, say aye. 16 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Those opposed say 18 nay. 19 (No response.) 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: The code 22 currently reads for number 28: "Airfare, \$100 per diem 23 for two days and the registration fee will be paid for by 24 the Department Office for the first representative to 25 Junior National Convention or Junior Mission Training. 26 Should the first representative not be able to attend, the 27 second representative will move up to first 28 representative. The Department President, Junior 29 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior 30 Conference Committee will select a Junior that attended 31 the current year Junior Conference to attend as the second 32 representative. In the event that both the 33 representatives are unable to attend Junior National 34 Convention or Junior Mission Training, the Department 35 President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior Conference 36 Director and Junior Conference Committee will select two 37 Junior members that attended the current Junior Conference 38 to attend as the first ask second representative." 39 If adopted the code change would read -- it would 40 be taken out, the airfare and per diem, but we heard that 41 they didn't need the airfare anymore so it was reading --42 number 28: "Should the first representative not be able 43 to attend, the second representative will move up to first 44 representative. The Department President, Junior 45 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior 46 Conference Committee will select a Junior that attended 47 the current year Junior Conference to attend as the second 48 representative. In the event that both the 49 representatives are unable to attend Junior Mission 50 Training, the Department President, Junior Activities

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1 Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior Conference 2 Committee will select two Junior members that attended the 3 current Junior Conference to attend as the first ask 4 second representative." 5 I move that we accept this code change. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The motion 7 "Should the first representative not be able is for 28: 8 to attend, the second representative will move up to first 9 representative. The Department President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior 10 Conference Committee will select a Junior that attended 11 12 the current year Junior Conference to attend as the second 13 representative. In the event that both the 14 representatives are unable to attend Junior Mission 15 Training, the Department President, Junior Activities 16 Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior Conference 17 Committee will select two Junior members that attended the current Junior Conference to attend as the first ask 18 second representative." 19 20 Any questions? 21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam 22 President, Anita Biggs, District 23. 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I disagree with 25 airfare allowance. It should be more than that, but that's what we have in the budget for them to go to the 26 27 two days for Mission Training because who's going to pay for them to go? Otherwise they'll have -- there's a 28 29 problem. They were going to National Convention now they 30 have to go to Las Vegas at this point and there is a cost. 31 So I disagree with deleting that line. The only agreement 32 I have is take out anything referencing National 33 Convention. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. 35 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can I move to 36 amend? Can I move to amend to state: "Airfare \$100 per 37 diem for two days and the registration fee will be paid 38 for by the Department Office for the first representative 39 to Junior National Convention" -- excuse me. Strike that. "To Junior Mission Training." Where are we at? So that's 40 41 the first sentence, and then the rest of the code would be 42 the same as read. 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a motion on the floor to amend the motion for number 28 --44 to amend 28 to read: "Airfare, \$100 per diem for two days 45 46 and registration fee will be paid for by the Department 47 Office for the first representative to Junior Mission 48 Should the first representative not" --Training. 49 Okay. That's okay. So we're voting on putting 50 that back into the new code. So any discussion on that?

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1 (No response.) 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Not hearing any, 3 all those in favor, say aye. 4 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 6 (No response.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The motion 8 carries. Now 28 will read -- we'll vote on that. 9 "Airfare, \$100 per diem for two days and the registration 10 fee will be paid for by the Department Office for the 11 first representative to Junior Mission Training. Should 12 the first representative not be able to attend, the second 13 representative will move up to first representative. The 14 Department President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior 15 Conference Director and Junior Conference Committee will 16 select a Junior that attended the current year Junior 17 Conference to attend as the second representative. In the 18 event that both the representatives are unable to attend 19 Junior Mission Training, the Department President, Junior 20 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior 21 Conference Committee will select two Junior members that 22 attended the current Junior Conference to attend as the 23 first ask second representative." 24 Any discussion? 25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Madam 26 President Wendy? 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The chair 28 recognizes Terry. FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Terry 29 30 Mikesell, Finance Chairman. In the budget, line GF62506, 31 National Junior Training, two delegates, they budgeted \$750. So I don't understand this \$100 problem because the 32 33 Junior Conference approved this budget, \$750 for two 34 delegates. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 36 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Any other 37 discussion? Right, right. Okay. All those in favor, say 38 39 aye. 40 ALL PRESENT: Aye. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 41 42 (No response.) 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mission -- motion 44 carried. 45 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: And the 46 last one. 47 (Applause.) 48 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: The code 49 currently reads, 29: "It shall be the responsibility of 50 the Junior Conference Director to contact the

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1 parents/quardian of any Junior member that is selected as 2 a representative to attend the Junior National Convention 3 or Junior Mission Training to ensure they will have a chaperone while traveling to, from and during the Junior 4 5 National Convention or Junior Mission Training. The 6 outgoing director shall coordinate with the Department Secretary to ensure all necessary paperwork is complete 7 8 and forwarded to National."

9 If accepted the new code would read, number 29: "It shall be the responsibility of the Junior Conference 10 Director to contact the parents/guardian of any Junior 11 12 member that is selected as a representative to attend the 13 Junior Mission Training to ensure they will have a 14 chaperone while traveling to, from and during the Junior 15 Mission Training. The outgoing director shall coordinate with the Department Secretary to ensure all necessary 16 17 paperwork is complete and forwarded to National."

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I move that we accept this code change.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. And the 20 motion is for 29: "It shall be the responsibility of the Junior Conference Director to contact the parents/guardian 21 22 of any Junior member that is selected as a representative 23 to attend the Junior Mission Training to ensure they will 24 have a chaperone while traveling to, from and during the 25 Junior Mission Training. The outgoing director shall 26 coordinate with the Department Secretary to ensure all 27 necessary paperwork is complete and forwarded to 28 National."

29 Any discussion? 30 (No response.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all 32 those in favor? 33 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 35 (No response.) 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 37 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Madam 38 Department President, may I continue with my supplemental 39 report? 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Very brief. 41 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Very 42 quickly. While I'm reading this, Juniors if you want to 43 come stand in front so everyone can see you. This has 44 been a great learning experience and this chairman has 45 enjoyed working with the Juniors along with the committee. 46 I'd like to introduce Ann Philcox, the Junior 47 Conference Director, and the Junior Conference Committee 48 members Robin Falkenberg, Susan Romero and Patricia 49 Jackson-Kelly. Thank you to all who have helped in 50 different ways this year. Teamwork made the Junior

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1 program a success. Thank you to the entire Legion Family 2 for your participation with Junior Conference tickets, the 3 Sand Dollar Jars, T-shirts and caps and other fundraising. 4 With tickets and additional fundraising we were able to 5 raise over \$10,000 this year. 6 (Applause.) 7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Exceeding 8 this Chairman's goal. Thank you to all of you for helping 9 make that happen. 10 We held three Junior Leadership workshops in 11 southern, central, and northern California. We appreciate 12 the Department Chairmen and District Chairmen who 13 participated in teaching the girls about our major 14 programs in hands-on learning. And thank you to the units 15 who hosted these workshops. We had a total of 34 girls 16 attend between the three workshops. 17 So many girls earned patches last year. There 18 was over 50. This Chairman only received paperwork for 19 two girls this year. If your Juniors did the work for 20 their patches, please make sure you get the paperwork in 21 so that they are -- they can be awarded their 22 well-deserved Patches. Please continue to encourage your 23 Juniors to continue to work on the Patch Program. 24 I know our are Juniors busy. They had facials 25 and membership parties. They helped with dinners, 26 fundraising with bake sales, parties, placing flags on 27 Memorial Day, and care packages to send overseas. 28 At this time, Madam President, may I proceed with 29 my first place awards and scholarship winner? 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 31 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: First place 32 Unit Supplemental is Palisades Unit 283, District 24. 33 (Applause.) 34 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: First Place District Supplemental goes to Bea Foster from District 29. 35 36 (Applause.) 37 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: We have a Past Department President Junior Scholarship being awarded 38 39 this year to Jabrese Staton for \$1,000. 40 (Applause.) 41 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Jabrese is 42 from Unit 252, District 23. At this time I was going to 43 introduce Ann so she can introduce our Juniors. JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Good 44 45 afternoon, ladies. I'm going to be quick. First of all, 46 would everybody that acted as a counselor at Junior 47 Conference this year please rise. 48 (Applause.) 49 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: This is not 50 everybody. We had 21 counselors this year. Okay. Your

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officers for 2007 were President Jolina Freeman, 2016-'17. 1 2 (Applause.) 3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: I'm sorry. 4 Vice President Le La Dooley. 5 (Applause.) 6 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Secretary 7 Alyssa Hurtado is not here. Chaplain Teresa Pouliot. 8 Historian Asia Williams. Sergeant-At-Arms Aliya Combs. 9 Marshal Amanda Favella. Americanism Aubrey Wardrip. 10 Children & Youth Magenta Stubs. Community Service Desiree 11 Gibbens. Education Taylor Houser. Poppy Erykalynn 12 Santana and VA&R Jabrese Staton. 13 (Applause.) 14 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Now officers 15 for the 2007-'18 team. President Le La Dooley. 16 (Applause.) 17 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Vice 18 President Asia Williams. Secretary Alyssa Hurtado. 19 Chaplain Teresa Pouliot. Historian Aliya. 20 Sergeant-at-Arms Alyssa Hurtado. Marshal Cassandra 21 Cardenaz. Chairmen. Americanism Kaylee Fox. Children & 22 Youth Taylor Sinclair. Education Casey Fox. Poppy Kinzee 23 Davis. VA&R Vanessa. Community Service Raquel Suzette, 24 and Leadership Monica Hernandez. 25 I would also like to thank Sharon Moore for 26 putting together the adult talent show. We had fun. And 27 I would also like to make the statement that no children 28 got hurt, but my beloved assistant fell and broke her 29 ankle. So we don't have to worry about the horses. We 30 just have to worry about high heel shoes and grass. Thank 31 you. 32 (Applause.) 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 34 ladies. 35 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR: Okay. May 36 we approach the podium real quick? 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Really, really 38 fast because we have a quest here so we have to hurry. 39 He's been patiently waiting. 40 (Applause.) 41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Before --42 without further adieu, and I have to give him a lot of kudos for waiting patiently, will the Sergeant-at-Arms and 43 Marshal with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please bring 44 45 to the podium John Ellis from the California American 46 Legion Press Association. 47 (Processional.) 48 C.A.L.P.A. PRESIDENT ELLIS: Well, good 49 afternoon. Well, you probably have seen us out in the 50 expo hallway. My name is John Ellis, United States Marine

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1 Corps veteran. 2 (Applause.) 3 C.A.L.P.A. PRESIDENT ELLIS: Thank you very much. 4 Post 739 in Indio, California. Is our Commander Mary 5 Riser here? How about our District President? That would 6 be Susan Romero from District 21. There she is. 7 (Applause.) C.A.L.P.A. PRESIDENT ELLIS: The California 8 9 American Legion Press Association works with Auxiliaries 10 across the state, Legionnaires, Riders and Sons. And our mission is simple. Our mission is to work with you in 11 12 elevating your program visibility. What we do is we 13 create flyers. Now if you stop down near our booth, you'll see examples of flyers including one that we did 14 for a no bake sale. I don't know what Auxiliary member 15 16 thought that up where you've got to pay money for pie and 17 cake that you never get and can eat, but they raised like 18 700 bucks for that. I created a flyer for that. I could create one for you. And it doesn't cost a dime. 19 We 20 create flyers, we create Facebook pages. We can help you 21 with a press release. We can help you with your website. We can help you with your newsletter. 22 23 And, look, here's what it comes down to. When we 24 can elevate the visibility of The American Legion across 25 every unit, membership increases. Attendance at our 26 events becomes greater because word is getting out. It's 27 getting out in many different forms, you know, in the 28 newspaper, in the media. And when we do that, what's 29 going to happen; right? Membership increases, more 30 fundraising comes in, and greater community recognition 31 occurs. And that is what C.A.L.P.A. does for you at 32 absolutely no cost. Now there's a membership fee. Oh, 33 It's ten bucks a year. That's it, ten bucks a qosh. 34 year. 35 Now you do not have to be a media professional to 36 be a member of C.A.L.P.A. You don't have to be a press 37 member, but what you do get, excuse me, is a press card. 38 You can see that right there. And it shows that you 39 represent the community. And the fact that you are here 40 at this convention sitting in those chairs showing that 41 you care that you represent your individual posts, you 42 represent your district, you represent your area and we 43 want to help you make it even better. 44 Now right now how many of you out there are 45 currently C.A.L.P.A. members? Raise your hand. Okay. 46 This is -- there you go. Now an interesting thing about 47 C.A.L.P.A. is I made a pitch to the Legionnaires at a 48 district meeting and a small number of them joined 49 C.A.L.P.A. That's okay, but the Auxiliary did in mass. 50 The women got it because who are the movers and shakers in

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1 the post? Who gets things done? Who puts the flyers out 2 there; right? 3 (Applause.) 4 C.A.L.P.A. PRESIDENT ELLIS: You know, a little 5 bit of a story. Here's kind of how we work. We had a 6 young man in our community at the local high school from 7 the band, the high school band and he played Taps for the 8 funerals of our veterans. Well, we created a flyer. 9 Actually it was free. It was a certificate of appreciation to present to this young man at his local 10 high school in front of his band members. And he didn't 11 12 know we were coming. The principal was there, his 13 grandparents were there, his mom and dad were there, but 14 we got ABC and CBS television to be there and it was on 15 the local news that evening and the next morning. We can 16 help you do that. 17 Don't think that you can't get that type of publicity for your local post. They will answer if we 18 19 knock, and that's what we're doing. We're helping you to 20 do the knocking. We're here to point the direction. 21 Here's how you get the article in the newspaper. Here's 22 how you get the local TV station to come into your unit. 23 So maybe you don't know how to do it, but we do. We're 24 C.A.L.P.A. We've got a whole group of professionals 25 waiting in the wings just for you. 26 So I would like to invite each and every one of 27 you to join the California American Legion Press 28 Association. Represent your post. Represent your 29 district. Represent your area. And when this convention 30 closes for today, myself and/or some staff members, 31 there's Ryan Bagley, we'll have applications when you file 32 out that door. It's just ten bucks a year. So join with 33 us because we need you just like you need us. And you 34 know why? Because it's for the good of the Legion. Thank 35 you very much. 36 (Applause.) 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Okay. 38 We're now going to hear -- okay. From the Americanism 39 Chairman Kathy Smith and --40 (Processional.) 41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And if the 42 Education Chairman Linda Fariss and Kathie Martinez --Kathie Martinez and Linda Fariss, could please come up and 43 44 be prepared to give your talk? 45 46 AMERICANISM CONVENTION REPORT 47 48 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: There's lipstick on 49 the microphone. Ahoy. The Convention Committee on 50 Americanism met on Thursday, June 22nd, 2017 in the -- in

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1 Raincross C in the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, 2 California. The statistical report of this chairman 3 appears in the Book of Reports on page 46. With the 4 consent of the delegates, Linda Fercho was appointed 5 Secretary, Donna Scott offered prayer, and Joan Cannon was 6 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 21 delegates 7 answered roll call. There were nine visitors present. 8 The code was read and the committee agreed on two 9 housekeeping items that we handled during the committee 10 It was just punctuation. meeting. 11 The delegation asked a question about the 12 increase in the cash award for Group V. With the input of 13 the delegates on the floor, we concluded that this was due 14 to the age of the essay students competing in that 15 category. Many of the Group V students are in the same 16 age bracket as the students in Group IV. 17 It was stressed for the unit and district 18 chairmen to ensure that all information requested in the 19 instructions are provided on the back of the essays. The 20 student addresses were needed when the Department Chairman 21 is processing the awards. 22 100 percent reporting certifications were given 23 to Districts 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 28. 24 Citations were awarded to units and districts. 25 Americanism essay certificates and checks for second and 26 third place awards were announced and presented to the 27 District Chairmen. First place awards will be announced 28 on the convention floor. 29 Two items were discussed as follows: It was 30 noted that a person from another country reciting the 31 Pledge of Allegiance should not salute the flag, but 32 instead stand with their hands at their sides. The second 33 is a remainder that the line, "One nation under God" 34 should not include a pause and that we should train all 35 citizens to recite the pledge correctly. 36 The delegates discussed some of New business. 37 the challenges related to the Americanism titles this 38 year, noting that we need to ensure that each title is 39 phrased correctly with the proper punctuation. Many 40 teachers and chairmen have offered suggestions to 41 alleviate ongoing frustration and streamline the 42 instructions to enhance the Americanism program. The 43 committee would like to recommend that the incoming 44 chairman form a committee to revise the instructions with 45 several past chairmen and bring recommendations to the 46 membership at next year's convention. Meeting closed at 47 10:50 a.m. 48 Madam President, may I continue with my 49 supplemental report and first place awards? 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you can.

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1 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Judy Henderson 2 -- is this on? Judy Henderson, District 2 President. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Chair 4 recognizes Judy. 5 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: I did 6 Americanism last year for Group V and we had an issue with 7 the part about the addresses. Because with special ed, 8 there's a real high confidentiality and with that with the 9 confidentiality issue, you cannot reveal the names and addresses because of the confidentiality thing. 10 My teacher told me that I was not allowed to put the 11 12 addresses of the children's names on it because of the 13 confidentiality issue. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, Judy. It's 15 just a recommendation for next year's chairman. 16 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Well, I'm 17 just --DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So it's a point --18 19 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Well, I'm just 20 mentioning that because she said it's a recommendation and I'm saying that my teacher is well versed --21 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Right, right. 23 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: -- in that issue 24 of confidentiality told me that you cannot -- I personally 25 could not put the addresses on there because of the 26 confidentiality issue with special ed children which is in 27 Group V. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. Thank you 29 very much. Go ahead. AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. 30 Madam 31 President Wendy, your nautical theme brought extraordinary 32 opportunities to strength and patriotism at ports of call 33 from sea to shining sea. Our Manta Ray Patti has grown 34 She's become very mature. I don't know if you saw up. 35 her when she was little at the beginning of the year. And 36 she has become a mom and there are at least 30 babies 37 playing on the decks of the cruise line. Can those babies 38 stand up? Anybody that has babies. That's it. Come on. 39 Where is our babies? 40 Okay. The Americanism Manta Rays have made us 41 very proud and inspired us with many tales of the sea, 42 assisting veterans, military troops, and family. The Manta Rays have been hard at work reminding members and 43 44 the community of proper flag etiquette and demonstrations 45 on the proper way to dispose of the American flag. The 46 American Legion Auxiliary Junior Conference participated 47 in an inspiring flag disposal ceremony led by Kim Vincent. 48 We were amazed by the reactions and the questions from the Junior members. Over one hundred pocket flags were folded 49 50 to be sent to active duty military. The ALA members are

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1 doing a great job grooming our future leaders. 2 Members continue to pass out flag etiquette 3 brochures, sharing personal feelings of patriotism, and 4 participating in legislation to ensure that we maintain 5 the laws that protect our veterans. 6 Chairmen reported the efforts made on Get Out the 7 Many members led campaigns to get citizens Vote. 8 registered to vote, worked at the polls, and walked 9 precincts. One of the essays stated that they had 10 participated with grandparents in working the polls. 11 Patriotic holidays are celebrated sharing food, 12 participating in parades, and honoring veterans by all 13 ports of call across the state. Members continue to watch 14 the condition of flags to ensure that worn and tattered 15 flags are replaced when needed, sponsor Stand Downs, hold 16 job fairs for events and provide support for community and 17 children and youth. 18 The Americanism Essay Contest was a great success 19 and it was enlightening to read the profound ideas that 20 the students shared in their grade levels. It is a great 21 exercise to help children think about American ideals and 22 in honing writing skills and the ability to follow 23 instructions. The essays clearly show that the students 24 have great understanding of patriotism and the pride and 25 benefits of being an American. Their insights are 26 profound. They really love helping veterans and one 27 student stated he really likes helping old people over the 28 age of 50. 29 Members decorate military and veteran-based facilities at holiday time, sponsor bingo, make cards and 30 31 spend time reading them with veterans in the hospital. One unit supports a local Fisher House providing meals and 32 33 support for families experiencing catastrophic illnesses. 34 One unit had kids participate in a scavenger hunt looking 35 for patriotic icons and symbols in and around the post. 36 Units present Blue Star Banners to local families, present 37 patches to the children scripted with, "We honor those who 38 served." 39 There is never a shortage of patriotic pride 40 among ALA members. We love to show our spirit by supporting our red, white, and blue, our pins and 41 42 patriotic gear. Members also take every opportunity to 43 share the importance of our mission within their 44 communities. ALA members are proud to belong to the 45 world's largest women's patriotic organization, participating in local city government meetings, speaking 46 47 at community events, taking every opportunity to share the importance of caring for our veterans and reminding them 48 49 of the ultimate sacrifice that was made for our freedom. 50 Participation in the promotion of The American

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1 Legion Americanism programs includes the Oratorical 2 Contest and supporting American Legion Baseball. 3 Total dollars reportedly spent by the Department of California members was \$17,207. I'm sure that we 4 didn't get all the costs in there. And total volunteer 5 6 hours donated, 141,383. This Chairman is honored to 7 report to you the wonderful activities and accomplishments 8 of the Manta Rays throughout the 2016-2017 year in order 9 to fulfill our mission to service veterans, active duty service members, their families, and the children and 10 11 youth in our communities. 12 In closing I offer a quote from one of the 13 District Chairmen: "Americanism isn't a pill that someone 14 can take and suddenly become filled with patriotism. It 15 is a seed that needs to be planted early in a child's 16 life." 17 Over the past year as the Americanism Chairman, I 18 have seen the efforts that The American Legion Auxiliary 19 makes to ensure that seeds are planted. We are developing 20 the future leaders of America through units, districts, 21 Girls State, Junior Conference, and in our daily lives. 22 When my granddaughter and I left Junior Conference, she was inspired stating, "I want to distribute Poppies and 23 help veterans." She said, "I know I did that in the past, 24 25 but I thought it was because I was cute, but now I 26 understand the real meaning." 27 When I dropped her off, she went to her room and made a poster with all the things she collected at Junior 28 29 Conference. It said, "I am proud to be an American." She sent me a picture on my phone before I even had time to 30 31 drive home. 32 I witnessed the meaning of proud to be an 33 American as we worked to promote Americanism this year. 34 ALA members truly exude pride and show love for our 35 country, veterans and communities. 36 Now for my first place awards. Okay. These are 37 the essay awards. First Place, Mary Powers, Group IV 38 Veronica Spence of Unit 249, District 11. 39 (Applause.) 40 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: I forgot the most 41 important thing, the money. How could I have forgot that? 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Kathy, was that 43 the Veronica Spence Award? 44 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mary Powers. Did I 45 say that? 46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah, I think you 47 did. 48 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. First place 49 in Group I, Grades 4 and 5, go to Georgia Sinicar, Unit 50 221, District 29.

(Applause.) 1 2 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: First place in Group 3 II, Grades 6 and 7, goes to Riley Argularias, Unit 118, 4 District 27. 5 (Applause.) 6 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: First place in Group 7 III, Grades 8 and 9 goes to Dylan Jagaliski. Okay. Unit 8 475, District 18. 9 (Applause.) 10 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: First place in Group 11 IV, Grades 10, 11, and 12 goes to Christina Corles, 12 District 14. And I didn't have your unit number. Oh, 13 it's you, Gloria. 14 (Applause.) 15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: Congratulations. 16 First place in Group V, children with exceptional needs, 17 goes to Thomas Walker, Unit 118, District 27. 18 (Applause.) 19 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: And now for my unit 20 and district supplementals. First Place Best Overall Unit 21 Supplemental goes to Hollywood Unit 43, District 24. 22 (Applause.) 23 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: First Place District 24 Best Overall District Supplemental goes to District 24, 25 Martha Romano. 26 (Applause.) 27 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: All winners will be posted in the Department Convention office. Madam 28 29 President Wendy, thank you for this appointment. I am 30 honored to serve you and the Department of California. 31 Madam Department President, this concludes my report. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 33 (Applause.) 34 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: May I approach? 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Really quickly. 36 We'll set it up here with all of the other creatures. 37 Okay. Next we will hear from Linda Fariss, 38 Education. 39 40 EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT 41 42 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: I always follow tall people. Can everyone hear me? I've got the mic right? 43 44 The Convention Committee on Education met on June 22nd, 2017 in room Raincross E at the Riverside Convention 45 46 Center, Riverside, California. The statisti- -- the 47 numbers report of this chairman appears on page 51 in the Book of Reports. Gigi Manno was appointed Secretary, 48 Christine Williams offered prayer, and we had a wonderful 49 50 Sergeant-at-Arms and I couldn't read their name. Is the

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1 person who acted as Sergeant-at-Arms at the preconvention 2 committee here? She was very good. 3 A total of 19 district delegates answered roll 4 call and there were 14 visitors present. The committee 5 agreed to the following report: Basically that we would 6 like to see the Children of Warriors award be awarded \$500 7 scholarship if they do not receive the National. I think 8 this is just because this is a fairly new scholarship, 9 National scholarship that it was not incorporated into our programs. So when I'm not -- anything that has to be 10 voted on, I am just going to suggest to the next Education 11 12 Chairman that she look into making this a part of the 13 department code. 14 We discussed Veterans in the Classroom, Welcome 15 Home For Vietnam Veterans, and units that offer 16 scholarships. Delegates were urged to encourage donations 17 to Department Education Program and purchase Poppy Seals. 18 The meeting adjourned at 12:02. 19 Madam President, may I continue with my 20 supplemental? 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: And I want to say I 23 choose School of Tuna for the name of our education 24 program because it takes a lot of people to get us 25 educated. It takes a lot of us working with our young 26 ones that we have to protect and keep around, keep them 27 toward the middle of the pack. And so we are proud to say 28 that we've been doing that. 29 From the information provided by 19 districts, 30 California accomplished a great deal this past year. We 31 provided scholarships at the unit, district, and 32 department levels. We donated generously to the 33 department scholarship program both through monetary 34 donations as well as the Poppy Seals program. In fact, it 35 was gratifying to see reports come to me with Poppy Seals 36 on the envelopes. I'm one of those that buys the Poppy 37 Seals, puts them away and forgets to put them on anything. 38 Many of us participated in a Give 10 to Education 39 benefiting numerous schools that needed supplies. We 40 honored our teachers, educators, and staff with school 41 supplies, refreshments, Girl Scout cookies, thank you 42 cards and certificates during National Education Week and 43 among other forms of recognition. One unit held a paint and sip party for the teachers of a local school. 44 Thev 45 were sipping tea. That's what their report said. 46 Our most recent program of Veterans in the 47 Classroom is growing in popularity as more units and more 48 veterans are embracing the method of reaching out to our 49 children. As veterans related their experiences in the 50 military, all could see how favorably the students

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1 reacted. The children were so thrilled that they asked 2 the veteran how to join the service after graduation. 3 We were able to reach children in kindergarten 4 through sixth grade, eighth grade, and 11th grade. 5 Earlier in the school year one unit provided meals at a 6 local junior college with a large veteran enrollment. At 7 the request of the school they are now donating \$50 a 8 month to the food pantry. One of our units has an annual 9 fundraising event where they sell meat pies. They raised enough for four \$1,000 scholarships at this four-day 10 11 festival. Pretty neat to do all your fundraising in four 12 days. 13 We had volunteers who read to children, mentored 14 those children who were below the level they should be. One member works with the learning dynamics reading 15 16 system. Another unit provided two ladies to read to six 17 children of four mothers whose first language is not 18 English. 19 We were pleased to report that The American 20 Legion Auxiliary joined with other organizations in Read 21 Across America and 211 Call to Courage that works with 22 wounded military personnel that want to further their 23 education. The volunteers work to find community 24 colleges, trade schools, and adult schools that can fill 25 the needs of the veterans. 26 We continue to collect Box Tops and Campbells 27 labels. Many units made direct donations to local schools 28 in addition to the Give 10 Program. A couple of units 29 donations -- a couple of the unit donations were 30 particularly interesting. Remembering those in need --31 what did I write? Remembering those most in need, one 32 unit donated \$400 to a class for autistic children and 33 another made a large donation to a local school district 34 to purchase backpacks, sweaters, umbrellas, and school 35 supplies for the homeless students that live in the 36 district's junior high and high school areas. 37 It is fascinating to learn of all the different 38 ways that our members further the education program, such 39 as one unit adopted a teacher to whom they presented 40 school supplies and a stipend. A luncheon was held for a 41 Head Start Program. Donations to Junior ROTC and 15 42 backpacks were filled with school supplies for a dual language class. Many of our members volunteered in 43 44 classrooms and as playground monitors. We distributed 45 literature regarding some of our other programs: I Pledge 46 Allegiance, Light of Liberty, Our Country's Veterans, and 47 Say No to Drugs. 48 One of those units who hoped to keep our children 49 from trying drugs gave out antidrug literature as well as 50 100 book -- 100 bookmarks at the Mule Day Parade, an

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1 important event that draws people from long distances. 2 Our department is large and varied. Some units 3 are in tall mountains, others are below sea level. Some 4 are near sunny beaches, while others are in desolate 5 deserts. No offense. We have units in bustling urban 6 areas and peaceful farmland. However, all are interested 7 in the education of our children and youth. We all know 8 that only through better education can we assure better 9 lives for our next generation. 10 The recipient of the Education Assistant 11 Scholarship is James Ziebell --12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ziebell. 13 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: I got confused. 14 James Ziebell sponsored by Monterey Cypress 694, District 15 28. He received \$2,000. 16 (Applause.) 17 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: And the recipient of 18 the Connie Settles Re-entry or Continuing Education 19 Scholarship is Beatrice (Bea) Jansen sponsored by Cecil M. 20 Anderson Unit 589, District 28 for \$5,000. 21 (Applause.) 22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: Madam President, may 23 I present my first and -- first place winners? That's 24 what they are. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 25 26 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: That's what they are. I learned so much. I learned so much from being the 27 28 Education Chairman. I'm especially proud of \$50,000 in 29 total amount that we Californians presented in 30 scholarships. 31 (Applause.) 32 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: Give yourself a big 33 hand. At the president level, at the unit level, up to 34 the department level. I have first place certificates for 35 these folks. And I made two copies because if they're 36 like my president, they always try to take my certificate. 37 So I made a plain one to give to them and a fancy one for 38 you to keep for yourself. For you to keep for yourself. 39 Okay. I have a special award for Molly Smith, District 40 28, Education Chairman. 41 (Applause.) 42 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: For the district at 43 the most scholarships won in the Education program. 44 (Applause.) 45 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: She was so great 46 because she was afraid that James' scholarship wouldn't 47 get to me in time, so she scanned it and emailed it and 48 then mailed it and she wanted to make sure that he had an 49 opportunity. 50 The First Place Education Program at the unit

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1 level is presented to Chula Vista Unit 434, Chairman. Т 2 love this. The unit members, everyone pitched in and 3 worked on the Education. 4 (Applause.) 5 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: Presented to District 6 22 Gigi Manno, Department -- from the Department Education Chairman First Place for District Education and 7 8 scholarship program with a supplemental. 9 (Applause.) 10 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN FARISS: Madam President, that 11 is my presentation. 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 13 much, Linda. I appreciate it. 14 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Next we're going 15 16 to hear from our Children & Youth Chairman Kathie 17 Martinez. And she is going to speed right threw it, I'm sure of it. 18 19 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: You betcha. 20 Yeah, it's getting late, ladies. 21 22 CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT 23 24 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good 25 afternoon, ladies. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good afternoon. 26 27 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: We've got to 28 get the paperwork done. Half a second here. The 29 Convention Committee on Children & Youth met on June 22nd, 30 2017 in the Raincross C room of the Riverside Convention 31 Center, Riverside, California. The statistical report of 32 this Chairman appears on page 49 of the Book of Reports. 33 C.J. Reyes, District 19, was appointed Secretary. Gloria Williams, District 23 offered prayer, and Dee Ann Graham, 34 35 District 15 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 20 36 district delegates answered roll call. There were seven 37 visitors and one junior present. 38 Meeting opened according to ritual. The code was 39 read, and with the exception of a minor housekeeping change to Code 14, there were no changes to the code. 40 41 (Applause.) 42 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good job. 43 There was discussion on the purpose of the Children & 44 Youth with questions being answered by this chairman and 45 delegates in attendance. Certificates for second and 46 third place unit and district supplemental reports and for 47 the 100 percent reporting were presented, along with a 48 token of appreciation to all delegates from this chairman. 49 This concludes my committee report. May I 50 continue with my supplemental and first place awards?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 2 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam 3 President, as we strive to serve our veterans from sea to 4 shining sea, I am amazed at the work our units and 5 districts have done during this past year. The Angel Fish 6 truly showed their dedication to the Children & Youth of 7 our military families and those of non-military but still 8 in need. Units work as a family with their post, 9 squadrons, and Riders and also reached into their communities for the partnership -- for partnership from 10 11 other philanthropic and community organizations to meet 12 the needs within their areas.

Most units sponsored Halloween parties, Christmas parties, Thanksgiving dinners, Easter parties, but it was the uniqueness of some of them that made them special. Realizing there are many needs within a community and putting into practice our mission is what makes our members.

Many of the units reached out to their local fire, police, and community resource centers to find those families that were in need of our assistance. One such family was a victim of a tragic auto accident which took the lives of a mother and two daughters. The unit hosted a car wash and raised \$150 to help with final expenses.

Another unit has committed to buying groceries year-round to help the families in their community. Units partnered with their local schools hosting spaghetti dinners, Texas Hold-em tournaments to raise funds for the band, and cheerleading uniforms as the school district did not have a budget for these items.

31 Stuff a Stocking, six-foot stocking, was a big 32 fundraising partnership for one unit. Unit members along 33 with other groups donated many gifts and sold tickets for 34 their stocking. The winner of the stocking was a female veteran with two children, and upon winning the stocking 35 36 this family took one gift each for the children and then 37 took the remaining gifts to their local fire department 38 for their Toys-for-Tots events and helped pass out their 39 remaining gifts along with other gifts and toys that had 40 been donated to the families in the community.

41 Backpacks were filled by many of our units, some 42 for school, where they were stuffed with necessary items 43 for the upcoming year. One unit was made aware that many of the children in the schools received free breakfast and 44 45 lunch, but had nothing to eat when they got home, so there 46 were backpacks filled with snacks to send home. Another 47 unit filled backpacks with clothes, pajamas, and robes to 48 be given to foster children. A total of 800 backpacks 49 were filled and distributed.

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Education of our children was a very -- was very

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evident as units gave and gave and gave to their local schools. School supplies, art supplies, and four \$1,000 scholarships were given by one unit. Another unit recognized the teachers by having goodie packs which were presented to their local teachers in teacher appreciation night.

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7 Units are promoting Veterans in the Classroom, 8 and as a result of that many of the children made thank 9 you cards to be sent to those serving in other countries as well as those in the local -- as well as those in the 10 local veteran facilities. Operation Valentine found unit 11 12 members back in the classroom with K through 2 students 13 making Valentine's cards to send to those serving 14 overseas.

The U.S. Vets Long Beach Cabrillo, a transition facility for female veterans with children, has become the main focus for one unit. Donations of clothes, household items and other essentials are made on a monthly basis. Children there were treated to a special carnival in addition to other holiday parties and festivals.

21 Day of the Child Program held by one unit 22 operated a booth handing out pamphlets on child safety, 23 drug and alcohol abuse and suicide prevention. Crayons 24 and pictures of the flag and Liberty Bell were handed out. 25 McGriff Child Safety materials were utilized at elementary 26 school assemblies by this same unit. Mini workshops were 27 held with and for our Juniors promoting Star Spangled 28 Kids. Units celebrated Constitution Day by promoting and 29 providing information on our constitution and how our 30 democracy works. Make-A-Difference Day saw our Senior and 31 Junior members placing over 300 yellow ribbons in the 32 windows of merchant stores in their community.

33 Children & Youth celebrations in the month of April showed just how dedicated our units are in their 34 35 communities for both military and non-military children. 36 Units held outings in the park where children were treated 37 to ice cream social, triathlons were held for the kids, 38 ducky pond races. Foster children were the quest of honor 39 at luncheons, Easter egg decorating, ducky pond races. 40 All participants in every event were awarded prizes --41 excuse me -- and no child went home without a gift.

42 Josh Dogs were purchased by one unit and donated to their local children's hospital to help those in need. 43 44 There were 18 Youth Good Deed awards presented by the 45 units in California. These young citizens worked in a 46 variety of areas from erecting a wall for fallen K-9 47 officers, slowing down traffic in their residential 48 streets, painting Legion halls, assisting in fire evacuations, donating to Locks of Love, rescuing lost 49 50 animals, assisting with house/yard work for senior

1 citizens, transporting veterans when called upon, 2 promoting, organizing, and working food banks for their 3 community. 4 Temporary financial assistance was stretched to 5 the max. A total of six families needed our assistance 6 this past year cases for a total of -- cases for a total of \$7,900. And I am proud to say that no request went 7 8 unanswered. Thank you, ladies. Thank you, Finance 9 Committee. 10 (Applause.) CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Many units 11 12 stepped up and made sure groceries were purchased, 13 utilities remained on, cars were repaired, in addition to 14 many other needs were met. Thank you all for your 15 generosity. 16 The units with the help of the Post, Squadron, 17 Riders, and community organization volunteered over 44,000 18 hours utilizing 1800 volunteers, collected over \$90,000 19 and \$35,000 in in-kind donation to help over 20,000 20 children and their families throughout the year. 21 Madam President, may I present my first place 22 awards? 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 24 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. 25 First Place Unit Supplemental Children & Youth presented 26 to John M. Armitage Unit 684, LuAnn Capazzi, Chairman. 27 (Applause.) 28 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. 29 First Place District Children & Youth Supplemental 30 presented to Ann Marie Brown, District 22. 31 (Applause.) 32 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: In closing I 33 can only restate a line from one of the reports I received. "The Children & Youth program encompasses the 34 35 true meaning of the Legion Family and community working 36 together jointly to promote programs to protect, care for 37 and support children and youth, especially those of our 38 military veterans." 39 Madam President, thank you for this appointment. 40 It was an honor to serve. This concludes my report. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 41 42 Kathie. 43 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 44 We'll now hear 45 from the Membership Chairman Loretta Marsh. 46 47 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT 48 49 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. The convention 50 committee on Membership met on June 22nd in room Raincross

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1 D in the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, 2 California. The statistical report of this chairman 3 appears on page 55 of the Book of Reports. 4 Ann Philcox was appointed secretary, Pat 5 Sinibaldi offered prayer, and Maureen Guacalone was 6 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16 district 7 delegates answered roll call. There were 14 visitors 8 present. 9 The committee agreed upon the following report. 10 Code was read and no changes were made. Awards were 11 presented for 14 -- March 14th goal accomplishment date, 12 100 percent goal, 100 percent reporting, Recruit 1, Rejoin 13 1, and second and third place supplementals. Floor opened 14 to a productive discussion time. Meeting adjourned at 15 11:15 a.m. Madam President, this completes the report of the 16 17 committee. May I continue with my report? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 18 Yes. 19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam Department 20 President Wendy, the Auxiliary Sea Turtles, as the 21 membership team was called this year, has worked very hard 22 from hatching after last year's convention and making 23 their way to the ocean representing their ultimate goal of 24 100 percent. Some made it with great speed and 25 determination, some a little slower but with great 26 determination, and others are still struggling to get 27 there before the close of books for Nationals in July. 28 Some are so close that their feet are getting wet, so just 29 a little push or one more step will get them there. You 30 can still do it. After all, turtles rule. 31 In spite of the outstanding work of many units, I 32 have a little gloom to add to my report. The Department 33 Membership statistics showed us at 94.89 percent on June 34 14th. One may think that almost 95 percent doesn't sound 35 all that bad, but that is a loss of 853 members for one 36 year. This week that went down to 124. So we did gain. 37 This is as of June 14th. 38 One may -- oh, this trend has been ongoing for a 39 few years now. The impact of this is far reaching. Not 40 only does it diminish our influence over congressional 41 issues for veterans, it is detriment tremendously to the 42 health and vitality of our units and has a tremendous 43 financial impact from the unit all the way to the National 44 coffers. Based on \$25 per year dues, loss of 853 members 45 represents a \$6,824 financial loss to the units and also 46 to the department annually. Multiply that over five years 47 and you have over \$34,000 lost of funding to the units and 48 the department. 49 And of course on the National level, the loss is 50 even more significant because they've got so many --

1 they've got the whole nation. So there is much to 2 motivate us to bring in new members and find ways to 3 overcome negative attitude and apathy to renewing 4 memberships. 5 Enough negative stuff. Let's talk about Okay. 6 the praises the units have deserved. Units have worked very hard. And we realize some units do not have the 7 8 resources others do. They have worked many tools to bring 9 in new members. Free breakfasts, lunches, teas and 10 dinners have been offers to stimulate dues payments. Letters, cards, phone calls and social media have been 11 12 utilized. Graduation and free dues for a year have been 13 given to juniors to keep them interested in staying 14 involved. Women veterans are still offered the first year 15 of membership for year. Members are involving their 16 Legion members by encouraging them to help them recruit 17 their wives, daughters, and granddaughters as members. 18 Units are initiating new members and preparing new member 19 packets. 20 District 29 Chairman reported a new member 21 suggested that new member packets should include a summary 22 of what a new member can expect when she attends her first 23 meeting so she is aware of protocol and expectations to 24 make getting acquainted with the Auxiliary a more 25 comfortable experience. 26 Social functions such as community events and 27 fairs, various holiday observances and parades and joining 28 with other organizations in their functions are all being 29 used to promote membership. And hard work has produced results. A total of 486 citations were presented for 30 31 reaching goal on the first three comparison dates. One hundred citations were given for 100 percent of their 32 33 goal. Of those 23 were over 110 percent. Four were over 34 120 percent. San Luis Obispo, Unit 66 District 16 reached 35 130.99 percent. 36 (Applause.) 37 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Herman Granados Unit 38 739, District 21 reached 131.82 percent. 39 (Applause.) 40 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Richard M. Nixon Unit 41 679, District 29 reached 161.54 percent. 42 (Applause.) MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: And Hoopa Unit 415 in 43 44 District 1 reached 166.67 percent. 45 (Applause.) 46 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Congratulations, 47 ladies. Well done. Sixty units earned the Josie Melgard 48 Congratulations, ladies. Well done. award. 49 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I 50 continue with my awards?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you. Awards 3 for second and third place district and unit supplemental 4 reports were presented in committee. Third Place District 5 Supplemental went to District 18, Betty Ramos, Chairman. 6 (Applause.) 7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Second Place District Supplemental was awarded to District 29, Carol 8 9 Goss Holmes, Chairman. Third Place Unit Supplemental was awarded to Colton Unit 155, District 25, Donna Michnowicz, 10 11 Chairman. I almost just called her Donna so I didn't have 12 to try to say the name because I can't. 13 Second Place Unit Supplemental was awarded to 14 Glacier Unit 457, Judy Castleberry, Chairman. The first 15 place district supplemental goes to District 21, Cathaleen 16 McCoy, Chairman. 17 (Applause.) 18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: First Place Unit 19 Supplemental goes to Jackie Robinson Unit 252, District 20 23, Ellah Wallace, Chairman. 21 (Applause.) 22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: And we have the Ethel 23 Flynn award that goes to the unit with the greatest 24 numerical increase. It's not the percentage, but the 25 greatest numerical increase from the previous year's close 26 of books from this year's close of books. The Ethel Flynn 27 Award this year goes to East Pasadena Unit 280, District 28 18. 29 (Applause.) MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: And the Estella 30 31 Hannell Memorial Award is presented to the district with 32 the largest numerical increase from the close of books 33 last year to this year, and that is being presented to 34 District 13. 35 (Applause.) 36 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: For a gain of 35. 37 Okay. Now we're going to do the Josie Melgard awards. 38 And Josie's daughters are here to help us with that. This 39 year I have some districts and I have asked the district 40 president to just come up and pick up the awards for the district so that we don't have 60 people parading through. 41 42 So I'll read them off and they're here to hand them to 43 you. District 1, Seguoia Unit 96, Willits Unit 174, 44 45 Hoopa Unit 415. And these are goal plus two in case you 46 don't know what that Josie Melgard is. I have dyslexia. 47 District 2, Glen L. Wilson Sr. Seawolf Unit 746. 48 District 4, Mount Lassen Unit 167. District 5, Mare 49 Island Navy Yard Unit 550. District 6, Citrus Heights 50 Unit 637. District 7, Stella Van Dyke Johnson Unit 795.

1 District 11, Calaveras Unit 376. District 12, James V. 2 Pernetti Unit 66. District 13, Willow Glen Unit 318 and 3 Santa Clara Unit 419. 4 District 14, Kingsburg Unit 191. District 15, 5 Tehachapi Unit 221. District 16, Corporal Marshal M. 6 Braden Unit 56, San Luis Obispo Unit 66, Vandenberg Unit 7 125, Arroyo Grande Unit 136, Ventura Unit 339, Cambria 8 Unit 432. 9 District 18 Pasadena Unit 13, Canyon City Unit 180, East Pasadena Unit 280. District 19, South Bay Unit 10 184. District 20, Palmdale Unit 348, Newhall-Saugas Unit 11 12 507, Panorama City Unit 817. District 21, Mira Loma Unit 13 500. Morrison Memoria Unit 574. Perris Unit 595. Herman 14 Granados Unit 7 39. 15 District 22, Dewitt C. Mitchell Unit 201, La Mesa 16 Unit 282, Alvin Myo Dunn Unit 365, Albert J. Hickman Unit 17 460, Lincoln Deming Unit 468, Pacific Beach Unit 552, Larry E. Holmberg Unit 731. 18 19 District 24, Palisades Unit 283. District 25, 20 Redlands Unit 106, Stella Van Dyke Johnson Unit 795, 21 Richard Arnold Griffith Unit 324, Yucaipa Valley Unit 426, Paul F. Diekmann Unit 466, Steele-Towne Incorporated Unit 22 23 772. District 26, Coastside Unit 474. District 27, Boron 24 Unit 636. District 28, Carmel Unit 512, Cecil M. Anderson 25 Unit 589, Prunedale Unit 593. 26 District 29, Orange Unit 132, Huntington Beach 27 Unit 133, Mayhew-Vincent White Cane Unit 266, Placentia 28 Unit 136, Leisure World Unit 327, Albert E. Schwab Unit 29 555, Richard M. Nixon Unit 679. And District 30, 30 Calipatria Unit 135, Bradley-Keffer Unit 138, and Quechan 31 Unit 802. 32 That's 60 Josie Melgard awards. I have -- oh, I 33 want to introduce the membership team. I was hoping they 34 would come up. You're here. Carol Fuqua, Area 5. Area 6 35 -- what's her name over there? Doreen Adams. Area 1 is 36 Terry Mikesell. Area 2 is Michelle Soares. I don't 37 remember if I get all these right throughout my list. Т 38 can't remember without it written in front of me. Area 3 39 was Diana Livas and Area 4 was Vella Meyers. 40 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: No. Three 41 was Vella Myers. 42 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Three was Vella 43 Meyers. 44 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: I got it turned 45 around? 46 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes. 47 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: I knew I would do 48 that. Thank you very much for all of your help. 49 (Applause.) 50 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you. And we

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1 have a couple more things to go through. We'll do them 2 really, really guick. 3 MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE: The 5th Area has a 4 special presentation they wanted to do very quickly. Ι 5 would like to have all of Area 5 to stand up. District 6 21, District 22, 25, 29 and 30. President Wendy touched 7 over a little bit on our 5th Area gathering when she 8 attended in Brawley. So let me tell you just a little bit 9 about her. Our Auxiliary members get together at our 5th 10 Area members when the Legionnaires are busy discussing 11 their items and we talk about membership. We bring 12 suggestions to one another how to do something, maybe we 13 do something better, maybe they have a better idea. And 14 it has really paid off. Not to mention the camaraderie we 15 have when we come to convention. 16 Anyway, the funds this year were won by District 17 30. 18 (Applause.) 19 MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE: We have an 20 opportunity drawing at each one of our meetings and we 21 have a little bit of money and she gets to make the 22 And that will be to Pat. presentation. 23 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SINBALDI: We want to give 24 this check to TFA Children & Youth. I usually talk pretty 25 TFA Children & Youth for \$384. loud for everybody. 26 (Applause.) 27 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: One more item. You 28 remember at the beginning of the year I said every time 29 you met your goal your unit would go in a drawing. So this box is full of all of the year every time you reached 30 31 goal, it went in here or every unit that reached a goal. 32 And the unit gets \$100 and the chairman gets 50. Now I 33 don't know who the chairmen are. I'll have to look that 34 So pick one that I can find the chairman for. Okay. up. 35 Downey Unit 270, District 19. 36 (Applause.) 37 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: This will be \$100 and 38 whoever the chairman is can find it out. Okay. Madam 39 President, that concludes my report. 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 41 Loretta. Congratulations all of you. 42 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 43 Secretary Ruby, do 44 we have any communications or messages? SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department 45 46 President, for my phone going off -- it was an emergency; 47 I want you to know. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: It has a nice 48 49 tune. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here's 20 bucks

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1 for your special project. 2 (Applause.) 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Linda's Rodeo 4 Queens will meet at closed of session today, Friday. Also 5 the Department Gophers meeting is at 5:30 tonight at the 6 Marriott lobby for dinner at Post 79. 7 Would the Past Department Presidents please meet 8 with -- in the Department President's room at 6:00 p.m., 9 Room 1228. 10 Department Secretary, please make an announcement for all district presidents to meet in front of the stage. 11 12 (Singing.) 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Danielle White. 14 All the District Presidents -- now this is your Okay. 15 punishment. Now you have to meet with Danielle at 7:00 16 a.m. in the morning. That's to go over the district 17 delegates, so you better be there. 18 A message from the Royal Turtles of Treasures, 19 aka Ways & Means. Please have all your white raffle 20 tickets and green 50/50 tickets turned in by close of 21 Saturday session, but they will still be selling more if 22 you want more. Winners will be notified Sunday morning. 23 Harriet's Quilters will meet in Room 202 in the 24 Marriott hotel tomorrow, Saturday, at 7:00 a.m. Pajamas 25 are okay. 26 Bev's Stars, Madeline Love Princesses, Norma's 27 Birds of Paradise will meet today after close of session 28 in the area next to the Poppy displays. Sue's 29 Lighthouses, Melanie's Balloon Pilots and LuAnn's Ship Captains will meet for lunch Saturday noon in the Marriott 30 31 hotel restaurant. 32 Bonnie's Prom Princesses and Sandy's Colonels 33 will meet in Room 415 here for lunch on Saturday. Please RSVP to Bonnie in District 20 or Sandy in District 13. 34 35 Anita's Team Captains will meet for breakfast 36 Saturday, June 24th at 7:00 a.m. at the Marriott 37 restaurant. Please send a note if you can or cannot 38 attend. 39 Peachy Performers and -- who's the Penguins? Oh, 40 Classy Penguins. Thank you, Odette. Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will meet for lunch at the Saturday 41 42 noon break at the Marriott in Room 921. 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The session is not 44 over yet, ladies. 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Goldie's Golden 46 Links, Geri's cards, Ruby's All Stars, Margaret's Dream 47 Catchers, Shelby's Actresses, and Pilar's Musicians will 48 meet in the Marriott for lunch Saturday in Room 612. 49 There has been a change for the banquet. The 50 banquet is now in the Ballroom A and B.

Susie's Farmers, please meet at the stage following the adjournment for lunch Saturday. 624. And I believe that is all your communication. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. Okay. The session is in recess and we'll reconvene -- I'm so sorry. DISTRICT DELEGATE: The district presidents meet at 7:00 a.m. where? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: When is it going to be? SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: In front of the stage at 7:00 a.m. Saturday to go over the district delegates. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Nothing else? All right. We're in recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow. (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.) 

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0 7 8	CALL TO ORDER
9	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: This convention
10	session is reconvened. Sharon Moore, our Department
11	Chaplain, will offer the invocation.
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15	DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: Dear Heavenly Father.
16	Thank you for this meeting and for the officers and
17	chairmen. I ask that you continue to keep our president
18	in your loving arms and that we have a successful meeting
19	and election today for our future officers. In his name I
20 21	pray, amen. ALL PRESENT: Amen.
22	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay.
23	(Processional.)
24	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Big round of
25	applause to the pirates. So I'm going to have to get an
26	official reading on this. We're not supposed to take
27	pictures with booze in front of them, ladies. We might
28	want to hide them bottles.
29	PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. Pirate's
30	life.
31	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, dear. I'm so
32 33	sorry. Man, you guys are good. And it does say rap once to let them sit down. The Department Secretary Ruby
34 34	Kapsalis will call the roll of officers, chairmen, and
35	district president, please.
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37	ROLL CALL
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39	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning,
40	ladies.
41	AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.
42	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Is it
43 44	Saturday? AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes.
44 45	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department
45 46	President Wendy O'Brien.
47	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning.
48	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department Vice
49	President Loretta Marsh.
50	DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: I am here.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 2 Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis. She's almost here. 3 NEC Susie Tozier. 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I haven't heard 5 from her so I don't know where she's at. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chaplain Susan 7 Moore. 8 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MOORE: I'm here. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Historian Dolly 10 Rios. DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN RIOS: Here. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Parliamentarian 13 Diane DeLashmit. 14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: (Sounds horn.) 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, good. 16 Musician Joyce Patton. 17 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN PATON: (Singing.) SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sergeant-at-Arms 18 19 Liz Doidge. 20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE: Here. 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal Susan 22 Morgan. 23 MARSHAL MORGAN: I've got my tail. 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 25 Chairman Terry Mikesell. 26 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: North. 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 28 Senior Member Linda Hayes. 29 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER HAYES: South. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance Committee 30 31 Junior Member Brenda Preston. 32 JUNIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESTON: Ahoy, 33 Matey. 34 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Chairman 35 Anita Biggs. 36 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning from the 37 north. 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Pilar 39 Reyes. 40 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REYES: Good morning from the 41 south. 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory LuAnn 43 Capazzi. 44 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAPAZZI: Good morning from 45 the east. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory Committee 47 Linda Fercho. 48 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: Good morning from the 49 west is the best. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past National

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1 President Nancy Brown-Park. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Americanism Kathy 4 Smith. 5 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SMITH: Good morning, Ruby. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 7 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Ellen McClurg. 8 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Good morning. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 10 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: I'm here. 11 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Children & Youth 12 Kathie Martinez. 13 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good 14 morning, Ruby. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 16 Community Service Dee Ann Graham. 17 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 18 19 Constitution & Bylaws Tamra Duron. 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's here 21 somewhere. Tamra? 22 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAW CHAIRMAN DURON: Here. 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, she's here. 24 Convention Estella Avina. 25 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AVINA: Still upright. 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention 27 Commission Genieca Risner. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 28 29 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Credentials Danielle White. She's been working her little booty off 30 31 all morning. Distinguished Guest Linda Workman. 32 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I'm here. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor Estella 34 Avina. 35 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Still upright. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Education Linda 37 Fariss. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's working out 39 at the desk. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 40 41 Elections Jackie Cleveland. 42 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CLEVELAND: Good morning. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Girls State Chairman Elissa Kirkland. She's excused. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I think she's 45 46 excused. I think she's left for Girls State. 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Got it. Girls 48 State Director Rhodona Enright. 49 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR ENRIGHT: Are you from Girls 50 State?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah. 1 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior Activities 3 Mindy Sinclair. Mindy Sinclair. 4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's on her way. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's on her way 6 they say. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior Conference 8 Director Ann Philcox. 9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR PHILCOX: I'm here. 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leadership Gloria 11 Williams. 12 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good morning. 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 14 Legislative Susie Tozier. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's missing. 15 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's doing the 17 banquet. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I think she's 18 19 working on the banquet so she is excused. 20 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Membership 21 Loretta Marsh. 22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here. 23 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: National Security 24 Tracy Varnell. 25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: The Sea 26 Horses are now limping to the finish line. 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past President 28 Parley Anita Biggs. 29 PPP CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning, Ruby. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 30 31 Poppy Kim Vincent. 32 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Present. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Public relations 34 Jennifer Bieger. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's excused. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Resolutions 37 Madeline Lee. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's here I 39 think. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Rules Glenda 41 Schultz. 42 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Present. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Veterans Affairs & 44 Rehabilitation Joan Cannon. VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present. 45 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ways & Means Jean 47 Cooley-Desmeules. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's out there 49 working. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Excuse me?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's working out 2 there. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. District Presidents. District 1, Marialice Canclini. 4 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's absent. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 2 Judy 7 Henderson. 8 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Present. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3 Lola 10 Ramey. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4 Geri 13 Fitzpatrick. 14 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Here. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5 Sandy 16 Paxton. 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6 Glenda 19 Schultz. District 7 --20 DISTRICT 6: Aloha. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: How about -- do 22 it, girls. Do it. 23 DISTRICT 6: My Wendy lies over the ocean. Μv 24 Wendy lies over the sea. And when this convention is 25 over, please send back my Wendy to me. 26 (Applause.) 27 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 28 District 7 Linda Harmon. 29 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT HARMON: Aloha. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Aloha. District 8 30 31 Tammy Manini. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9 Dolly 34 Rios. 35 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 10 Liz 37 Parshal. 38 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. 39 Anchors away. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 40 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 11 Marcia 42 Munroe. 43 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Present. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 12 Ann 44 45 Kelley. 46 DISTRICT 12: (Inaudible) Wishing Wendy smooth 47 sailing to the finish line. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Good 49 morning. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 13 CeCe

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1 Harvey. 2 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 14 Gloria 4 Sinopoli. 5 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Good morning, 6 Ruby. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 8 District 15 Zana Chaney. 9 DISTRICT 15: Good morning. 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 16 Terry 11 Oclaray. 12 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Captain Wendy. The 13 Sweet 16 coastal breeze is still heading for the final 14 port of call. 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 16 (Applause.) 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17 Rachel 18 Wang-Yee. 19 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: Good morning, 20 Ruby. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning, 21 22 Rachel. District 18 Gail Pouliot. 23 DISTRICT 18: Sailing, sailing from sea to 24 shining sea. District 18 is here to say aloha Captain 25 Wendy. Sailing, sailing over the deep blue sea to help 26 our vets continually from sea to shining sea. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19 Becky 29 Bullard. 30 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, President Wendy. 31 Cruising the coast still homeward down. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 32 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20 Nancy 33 34 Heinisch. 35 DISTRICT 20: Ahoy, Madam President, cruise ship 36 District 20 has all hands on deck and down the port. 37 Clear skies and smooth sailing ahead. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning, 39 ladies. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21 Susan Romero. 41 42 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Captain Wendy. Our 43 ship has sailed from the USS Riverside. We're here to 44 rock. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 45 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22 Donna 47 Smith. 48 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President. 49 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23 50 Patricia Patrick.

1 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The 2 23rd District USS Mohammed Ali has declared you a 3 knockout. Thank you for sailing with us. 4 (Applause.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 7 Deloris Artis. 8 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. We 9 love, Wendy. Oh, yes, it's true. And now we thank you for all you do, but time is all but through and now we 10 must say adieu to you and you and you. 11 12 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning, 13 14 ladies. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25 Maria 16 Granado. 17 DISTRICT 25: See Turtles worked our membership, 18 (inaudible) has kept us right on track right from the very 19 start. Our captain gave us good advice, our first mate 20 did the same. Our foghorn kept us legal protecting our 21 good name. Good morning, Department President Wendy. 22 (Applause.) 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning, 24 ladies. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I sure will be glad when that horn is gone. District 26 Louann Johnston. 26 27 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Ahoy. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 27 Vicky 29 Goodchild. 30 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Good morning. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. 31 32 District 28 Karol Adams. 33 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President. 34 District 28 USS Majestic cruising on for our veterans. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29 Carol 37 Borgman. 38 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Fireball for 39 everybody. 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 41 Yeah, we're going to need it. 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30 Kim 43 Vincent. 44 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Present. 45 ALL PRESENT: Good morning to you. Good morning 46 to you. We're all in our places with smiles on our faces, 47 good morning to you. Good morning to you. Good morning 48 good morning. Good morning to you. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hospital Reps.

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1 Fort Miley, Lorraine Sullivan. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leticia O'Quinn, 4 Sacramento. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She is excused. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Central California 7 Fresno Sandy Dowell. 8 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE DOWELL: Here. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Palo Alto Connie 10 Raya. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE RAYA: Present. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Livermore Grace 13 Huston. 14 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HUSTON: Present. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma Linda Jerry 16 L. Pettis. 17 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE KANKA: Here. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Long Beach 19 Pat Alvarez. 20 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ: Good morning, 21 Ruby. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning, Pat. 23 Greater LA Earlean Paige. 24 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE PAIGE: Good morning, 25 Ruby. 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good morning. San 27 Diego Susie Tozier. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's working. 29 She's here. 30 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's still lost 31 at sea. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, yes. 32 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Barstow Evangeline 34 Acosta. 35 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA: I'm here. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chula Vista Lois 37 Cornish. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE CORNISH: I'm here 38 39 instead of there. 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno Veterans 41 Rosalie Taylor. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lancaster Linda 44 Hayes. 45 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HAYES: Present. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding Vets Home 47 Terry Mikesell. 48 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE MIKESELL: I'm still in 49 the north. 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura, Madeline

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1 Lee. 2 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE LEE: Still here. 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA, Ruth 4 Hackney. 5 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HACKNEY: Here. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And Yountville 7 Peggy Grabski. 8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Absent. 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That concludes 10 your roll call, Madam President. 11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 12 much, Ruby. I know you had a rough night last night, you 13 and the girls. We will resume the Department Chairmen's 14 reports, so first up will be Tracy Varnell Fercho for 15 National Security. And then Estella Avina, if you could give your 16 17 Editor's Report. And if we could have Joan Cannon and 18 Ellen McClurg ready to give their reports, please. And 19 hopefully you ladies have notified everyone who is getting 20 an award to be up front to receive their awards so we can 21 snap to this day, get this day going. 22 23 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT 24 25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Good 26 morning, everyone. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning. 28 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: This old Sea 29 Horse is limping now. We're kind of tired. Before I get 30 started, where are all my Sea Horses? Where are all my 31 Sea Horses? This one is lumpy. Some of them are a little 32 lumpy, but that's okay. It's first thing in the morning, 33 what do you expect? 34 Good morning. The Convention Committee on 35 National Security met on June 23rd, 2013 in the Raincross 36 Room A at 11:02 a.m. You will find the statistical 37 information on page 55 of the Book of Reports. 38 Yvonne Wright-Scott was appointed secretary, Unit 39 125, District 16. Mindy Sinclair offered prayer, Unit 40 247, District 18, and Sandra Marsteller was appointed 41 Sergeant-At-Arms, Unit 377, District 18. A total of 18 42 delegates answered roll call and there were four visitors. 43 There was no code changes, no recommendations and 44 no resolutions. All the awards except for first place 45 were handed out and a list has been given to the 46 Department Office. In our meeting it was just more of an 47 open forum where people were just kind of talking about 48 different ideas and things to do for National Security and 49 come up with some good ideas. It was over and adjourned 50 at 11:55. That concludes my report.

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1 Madam President, may I continue with my 2 supplemental? 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 4 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Thank you. 5 The Department of California is very fortunate to have a 6 lot of military bases. I would venture to say we have 7 more than other states. We have so many enormous opportunities to interact with military families. 8 9 California also has a lot of potential for disasters such 10 as fire -- fires, floods, earthquakes, et cetera. 11 This year the members of the Department of 12 California prepared. As you will look at this report, 13 other than local emergencies, we were blessed not to have 14 any severe natural disasters as were experienced in other 15 states. We have several certified trained members who 16 trained in their units. Several units had the Red Cross 17 come to their post homes and demonstrate life-saving 18 techniques. The units also hosted blood drives. Our 19 Juniors actually held a membership workshop to learn more 20 about disaster preparedness at home and at school. 21 The members of California continue to present the 22 Blue Star Banners at their meetings to new members. 23 Having such a large population of military members and 24 their loved ones being deployed, they also had special 25 ceremonies. They invited the entire family to come. They 26 all received a Blue Star Banner. Following the ceremony 27 there were lunches and dinners offered. 28 We did have one unit present a Gold Star Banner to a mother who had lost her son. It was a beautiful 29 ceremony giving the respect and dignity to that veteran 30 31 and their family well deserved. Following the 32 presentation there was a dinner in his honor. 33 At our Girls State program, they have promoted a 34 group called the Blue Star Banner Girls. This is comprised of girls that have loved ones that are serving. 35 36 It is a great opportunity for these girls to share their 37 feelings with others that truly understand. They all 38 received a Blue Star Banner along with a pin. 39 This Chairman was not advised of any MIA remains 40 being found and returned this year, but we do have a 41 beautiful ceremony that's done every year during the 42 POW/MIA Remembrance Week. At this ceremony a 43 representative from the POW/MIA organization always does a 44 presentation on the remains that have been found. Thev 45 have who they are and they will be returned to their loved 46 ones. 47 One unit did a beautiful POW/MIA remembrance 48 table. It was dedicated to a World War II pilot who has 49 never been found. The entire family was invited to share 50 their stories and take pictures with their loved one.

1 California has several ways that they have honored members 2 coming home and deploying. Service members coming home 3 and deploying. California American Legion Riders go out 4 in mass to meet and greet soldiers that are coming home or 5 deploying. And sometimes, unfortunately, they are called 6 to escort servicemen who have given the ultimate sacrifice 7 to their country. They have a calling tree, and it 8 doesn't matter what time day or night, if they get the 9 call, they all meet to ride.

10 Several units reported also greeting soldiers and 11 giving welcome back home packs filled with socks, 12 underwear, toilets -- can I say underwear? Toilets, snack 13 bars, fruit, candies and water to get them through when 14 they actually get back home. Many soldiers have nothing 15 except what they have on and in their duffle bag. When 16 they get back to bases sometimes in the middle of the 17 night, there is nothing open for them to get a snack or 18 water or anything, so these backpacks are greatly 19 appreciated.

20 Units reported working with other post families 21 offering barbecues, to serve in events such as welcoming 22 home soldiers. They also did the same for those who were 23 deploying. They make sure that they have membership 24 tables at all of these events so they can talk about who 25 we are and what we do to help them and their families. 26 During these conversations they mention that they will be 27 shipping off -- if they mention they'll be shipping off to 28 the location, we are prepared to tell them about the 29 benefits of joining and being able to transfer when they 30 get started, when they get settled in their new area.

31 Units reported that they found out about soldiers 32 deploying and seeking out those families involved. 33 Support networks of family readiness groups and to offer 34 while their loved one is deployed. These ladies offer to 35 baby sit so that the moms can go to school at night or the 36 dads, take care of their animals if they're gone or 37 anything that happens, help that loved one who is at home 38 to feel that there is someone out there who still cares.

39 Coupon clipping is huge. I mean huge in California. We had clipping over \$895,483.50. 40 They have 41 been sent to commissaries all over the world. One unit 42 felt very special when they received notes and thank yous 43 from the Netherlands and also from South Korea.

44 Units reported that they donated to local food 45 pantries where they can go on exclusive days reserved for 46 them to get help to get the food they don't have. The 47 ROTC program is very active in California with 27 units 48 participating and 84 members volunteering over 597 hours 49 and donating over 2,810 towards the program. 50

Madam President, this concludes my report. Can I

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1 go on with my first place awards? 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 3 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Great. 4 Thank you. I did send out my notes yesterday, but I don't 5 see them, so -- well, they're way over there. Come over 6 here. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You can come over. 8 Ladies, when you're standing waiting, you can come by the 9 flags. 10 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Okay. So 11 this certificate is presented to -- for the unit -- First 12 Place Unit National Security Supplemental goes to Trish Boyd in 684, District 27. 13 14 (Applause.) 15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: This unit --16 I mean this award goes for -- the Best District 17 Supplemental goes to Becky Bullard, District 19. 18 (Applause.) 19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Thank you 20 very much. And all other awards were given out at my meeting. And this was an honor, Wendy. Thank you so, so 21 22 Thank you. It was fun being a Sea Horse this year. much. 23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 24 I think you did an outstanding job. Don't you, ladies? 25 (Applause.) 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We will now 27 hear from -- okay. Let's hear from Ellen McClurg, and then we were going to have Estella. 28 29 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Here I am. 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you, 31 Estella. 32 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Well, that will wake 33 you up this morning. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah. 35 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Okay. Are we good? 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We're good. 37 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: We're good. 38 39 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT 40 41 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: All right. As you know 42 we voted last year not to participate in articles in the Legionnaire for 2017. We have voted to check on other 43 44 avenues to lower the cost. After DEC per the Department 45 Commander, I was to call the Adjutant to see why the high 46 cost for the Auxiliary part of the Legionnaire. The call 47 didn't really do anything for us. The answers to my 48 questions were your postage, your postage, you don't pay 49 for any printing. Not true. After a conversation with 50 the previous adjunct, we pay for every printing for every

1 article in the newspaper. 2 Now once again we are in a standstill. I have 3 reached out for suggestions and received some interesting 4 ones, as you can imagine. That wasn't nice. That's okay. Anyway, I had I came across one of my papers from Dave 5 6 Levee when he was the editor. And it says here you have 7 two pages in every issue and at -- and at no cost to the 8 Auxiliary. If you do not want to have a copy in the 9 issue, please let me know 15 days prior to, blah, blah. 10 But it said -- get to the part where it says -- okay. This one I knew because I read for what we paid for it was 11 12 pretty much everything, every submission, every printing, 13 every mailing and everything. 14 So it continues to be bottom line our mail, our 15 postage. That is what is so high. And, you know, we 16 do -- I don't know whether you want this in a vote. Do we 17 continue to just look at finding a cheaper way to do it. 18 Do we just find a way to do something in our own office in 19 membership. Because I did get a card from somebody 20 actually who came up and gave me her card and said that 21 she does her thing for her unit in the whole -- I guess 22 the whole post and she does her own newsletters and stuff 23 and she would be more than happy to come forward and see 24 if we want to do something through her. So I thought that 25 was interesting. 26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So are we at a 27 standstill? 28 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Oh, I'm sorry. Go like 29 this. Oh, seriously, you can't hear me? I'm sorry. That's the voice that I use for the boys I take care of. 30 31 I'm sorry. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hold on just a 33 moment. 34 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: All right, Linda. Now 35 we have to hear Linda. 36 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Linda 37 My question is do we pay for -- if we have a Workman. 38 dual Legionnaire and Auxiliary member, do we pay for that 39 postage? Because we should only be paying for the ones that don't have a Legionnaire in the household. 40 41 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: But because we have 42 articles in there, they're making us pay for that postage. 43 Not the whole total, I would imagine, but part of. Ruby, is that the way it comes in when you get 44 45 the invoices? When they submit an invoice, do they --46 we're not paying for all the postage in that mailing. We 47 just have our portion. DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: So we only 48 49 pay for those who are our single Auxiliary members with no 50 Legionnaire in the family; correct?

1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department 2 President, since we don't have a firm answer to the -- to 3 resolve the problem, I say we continue the resolution of 4 doing without a paper until such time as we can come up 5 with some better information --6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second. 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- to decide what 8 we're going to do. And I so move. 9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is a 10 11 motion on the floor to continue with the resolution, to 12 not be involved in the Legionnaire, to continue looking 13 for better avenues to get our word out to our members. 14 Any discussion? Oh, until DEC. Oh, I'm sorry. She did 15 not say that. So that is without the DEC. Until we find 16 something. 17 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Harriet, where are you? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Discussion, 18 19 please. 20 Oh, no discussion. DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Is there 22 any other discussion? 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I think 24 what Estella wants me to talk to you about is the cost of 25 printing the newspaper. Eight pages black and white or 26 color is minimal. It would cost us about \$600 an issue. 27 The biggest expense would be the mailing, and going 28 through the mailing house would cost a minimum of \$4,000 29 per issue. Okay. And that is taking into consideration, 30 and this is just for an Auxiliary newspaper, it's just 31 taking into consideration 25 percent of the Auxiliary 32 members don't have access to Internet and would not -- and 33 would want a hard copy. Okay. So that's just 25 percent 34 of our membership and it would cost us that much. 35 So I agree. I believe we should continue and 36 figure out all avenues. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Chair 38 recognizes Anita Biggs. 39 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, 40 Harriet, for stepping aside so I can talk. No, I was just 41 talking to our treasurer and, you know, we are assessed a 42 dollar per member for our newsletter, our newspaper and that's 20 -- however members we have, 21,000 at least. 43 So 44 what Harriet was just stating is less than what we had 45 been paying. So to me it's -- you know, you said 4,000 an 46 issue. We don't have to have an issue a month. We can do 47 it quarterly. You know, that's 16,000. So we have to 48 think about what we've been paying versus what we haven't 49 been paying and haven't been receiving, which is zero last 50 year, and that the money is still being assessed to us

1 through membership to do this. So we need to come up 2 with -- to me, we need to come up with a solution. 3 I'm not against the motion because we do -- but 4 we need to come up with something sooner than later. So 5 that's all I have to say. 6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Wendv? 7 Terry Mikesell, District 2. In 2014-'15 we paid 8 \$13,712.94. In 2015-'16, we paid \$22,816.19. So the 9 problem is communicating with the Legion on how much it 10 will actually cost us. And we did receive one issue last 11 year. DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: And it wasn't -- also 12 13 another problem we have, and someone may want to get to, 14 is the fact that a lot of us that have husbands or sons, 15 somebody else, a Legionnaire in the home, when it comes to 16 our -- the issue that has our articles, we get two. How 17 many of us can we get two to cop out -- yeah, opt out, opt 18 out and decide not to get the paper through the mail. Get 19 online. It's online. Whenever we have articles, it's on 20 the Legion website, the articles, and you can download and 21 read them or whatever. But it makes no sense to get two 22 newspapers when we do our articles. And if you have two 23 Auxiliary members in the home, sometimes they'll send you 24 three which is another reason that we need to kind of --25 we're trying to get away where we can go down the line and 26 see how many of us have husbands, sons, or whatever that 27 are Legionnaires that get a newspaper at the same time we 28 will get a newspaper. Because we don't need two. 29 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 30 President. 31 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Go ahead. Sorry. 32 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE QUECARPRINI: Good morning, 33 ladies, Madam President. Susie Quecarprini, District 18, 34 Unit 830. My recommendation would be for those that have 35 email, whether they have spouses or not is just like 36 anything else. You opt for that. That would save a lot 37 of money. For those that choose to still have hard copies 38 and/or for those that do not have the Internet, those 39 should be the issues that we do pay for. But that would 40 be my recommendation to offset some of the costs and/or --41 thank you. You're giving me the -- thank you. That was 42 just my recommendation because I would be willing for 43 myself, even though my husband is not a Legionnaire 44 because he did not serve, I would still opt for my 45 information to be sent through the Internet because that's 46 the way it is in my world. Right? 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. Thank you. 48 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE QUECARPRINI: And even in my 49 mom's world, she has Internet and so, you know, 50 92-year-old woman Odette can do it, anyone else can do it.

1 But anyway, to keep the story short, thank you for 2 listening, ladies. I appreciate it. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 4 much. Linda Workman. 5 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: In the old 6 days it used to be that the household got one paper. If 7 you had a Legionnaire, it was shared between the Auxiliary 8 member. They used to look at the mailing list and sort it 9 out and it went one to each household. So if they're 10 doing two or three to households, then that's where our 11 problem lies. 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Terry Mikesell. 13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: May I 14 please respond? 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. 16 The 17 problem that we're having is getting a hard number on the Legion on what the costs will be. We did speak with the 18 19 adjunct, so at this time it's really difficult for us to 20 get -- give you a cost. We can give you estimates on what 21 we think, you know, but we just can't get a number --DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 22 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: -- at this 24 point. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Terry Mikesell. 26 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Terry 27 Mikesell, District 2. I call for the question. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now to vote 29 to stop debate. Any discussion? 30 (No response.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 32 favor. 33 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 35 (No response.) 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 37 Now we're going to call for the vote which is to continue 38 with the resolution, as we voted on last convention, to 39 continue looking for the best avenue to for the newspaper; right? Did I say that right? Okay. All those in favor? 40 41 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 43 (No response.) 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 45 Thank you. 46 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Thank you very much. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 48 much, ladies. 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Now we'll go to

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1 Ellen McClurg for her report. 2 3 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT 4 5 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Good morning, Madam 6 President. Good morning, Past Presidents and ladies. On 7 my report for AEF, I was absent on Thursday so, Harriet 8 Clendenin, thank you very much for filling in for me. And 9 I had a -- let's see. We met or they met in the Raincross 10 B room and the reports can be found on page 47 of the Book 11 of Reports. 12 Karen Munch from Unit 56, District 16 was 13 Secretary, Judy Gomez, Unit 277 offered prayer. She's 14 from District 29. And Connie Raya from District 28 filled 15 in as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Total people that attended 16 this meeting was 21 and there were three visitors. 17 The code was read and accepted as it was prepared 18 to them. There was no changes. The meeting came to 19 finish at 12:45 a.m. 20 Madam President, may I go on with my 21 supplemental? 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 23 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Thank you. Thank you for 24 the opportunity to be the Department of California AEF 25 Chairman for 2016-2017. Out of 30 districts only 18 sent 26 in their reports for the end year. Districts received 27 certificates of appreciation for reporting 100 percent 28 were District 6, District 20, District 24 and 29 which I 29 received those yesterday when I got here. 30 I -- my one of my main concerns is I don't 31 understand why the units aren't reporting to the 32 districts. We seem to have a problem with this. It seems 33 like every year at midyear and during when our reports are 34 due, which makes it difficult for a Department Chairmen to 35 be able to compile her reports correctly. We need some 36 answer on this and maybe we get back to our units to find 37 out why. Or maybe we need to do a little more training 38 with them on this. 39 This concludes my report, and may I continue, 40 Madam President, with my awards to the districts? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 41 Yes. 42 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Thank you. District 16, 43 Jackie Thomas, Unit 482 First Place Supplemental. 44 (Applause.) 45 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Genevieve Eastman of 46 District 21, First Place certificate. 47 (Applause.) 48 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: District 24, Lisa Gold, 49 Unit 43, First Place Supplemental. 50 (Applause.)

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1 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: District 29, Angie 2 Castillo, Unit 77, First Place Supplemental. 3 (Applause.) 4 AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Madam President, thank you 5 again for the appointment of the AEF Chairman. 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 7 Ellen. AEF CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Thank you. 8 9 (Applause.) 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Our VA&R 11 Chairman, Joan Cannon, is going to allow us to hear all of 12 the fabulous things we've done for veterans. Before Joan 13 starts, can I have Kim Vincent, Gloria Williams and -- and 14 the Convention Commission. 15 16 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT 17 18 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Madam President, the 19 Convention Committee for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 20 met on June 22nd, 2017 in Raincross B of the Riverside 21 Convention Center in Riverside, California. The 22 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 58 of 23 the Book of Reports. 24 Serving as secretary was Pat Alvarez, District 25 29. Cyd Kintzer, District 25, offered prayer, and Deborah 26 Straight, District 11, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A 27 total of 24 district delegates answered roll call. There 28 were 16 visitors. 29 The committee agreed on the following report. 30 The code was read and the following code changes was voted 31 Page 68, Awards, Rules. Number 5 code now reads: on. 32 "Outstanding qualities your candidate may have should be 33 stated in the entry." 34 The proposed change reads: "Outstanding 35 qualities your candidate may have demonstrated should be 36 stated in the entry." 37 The proposed change added the word 38 "demonstrated." By the direction of the committee I move 39 to make the code change. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is a 40 41 motion -- oh, that's right. That's right. Okay. Page 68 the code reads: "Outstanding" -- where is the old code? 42 "Outstanding qualities your candidate may have should be 43 44 stated in the entry." 45 The change would be the proposed -- which one is 46 it? "Outstanding qualities your candidate may have 47 demonstrated should be stated in the entry." 48 Okay. Any discussion? 49 (No response.) 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hearing none, all

1 those in favor, say aye. 2 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed? 4 (No response.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 6 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: There were several 7 housekeeping changes required that will be given to the 8 Department Secretary/Treasurer. There were no resolutions 9 or recommendations. Presentation of citations and awards 10 for 100 percent reporting, second and third place were 11 handed out. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. 12 Madam Department President Wendy, may I continue 13 with my supplemental? 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 15 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: I am proud to report that 16 the Department of California's Auxiliary members did an 17 outstanding job serving our veterans, military, and their 18 families. I wish to express my gratitude to all, 19 especially the District and Unit Chairman and Hospital 20 Representatives and Deputies for their leadership. 21 I have decided that we know how to throw a party 22 from the many parties we have had throughout our year. 23 From July 4th through Memorial Day we planned and executed 24 parties to support our mission. Many breakfasts, lunches, 25 and dinners -- sorry -- were served to our Legion Family, 26 veterans, military, their families and community members. 27 Some fundraisers were to celebrate a special 28 holiday, and others to celebrate an event or just to say 29 thank you for your service. Behind the scenes are our 30 Auxiliary members working to make each and every event 31 special. One fun party held at Halloween was a reverse 32 trick or treat. The unit's senior and junior members 33 dressed in costume providing treats to veterans. This 34 same unit put on bunny ears and delivered colored eggs and 35 treats. 36 Veterans Day is a day of service for most units 37 serving at ceremonies, parades, hosting veterans for 38 lunch, dinner, or just visiting and listening to the 39 veterans. One unit hosted a meet and greet at a local car wash on Veterans Day. Each veteran or active duty 40 41 military was provided with a free car wash. A great way 42 to say thank you and introducing veterans and military to 43 our Legion Family, potential new members. A post commander and a unit president visit their 44 45 local school to put on a program about Veterans Day 46 helping the units understand why we celebrate and the 47 proper respect for our flag. The Christmas season is an 48 active time for our units. We hold fundraisers for gifts and our sewing and knitting clubs have been hard at work 49 50 creating handmade items.

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1 Our hospital representatives and deputies have 2 been organizing Christmas gifts and parties at our VA 3 medical centers, veterans homes and community living 4 centers as well as some clinics. A truly joyous time for those we serve and our members. 5 6 Our service is amazing. We honor our military 7 when they are being deployed and when they come home, 8 letting them know we are here for your families and we 9 will be here for you when you return. We support Honor 10 Flights for our veterans. We have members that took 11 classes in suicide prevention to support veterans in 12 crisis. We are excellent caregivers to our veterans, 13 cleaning, laundry, cooking, visiting, reading, 14 transportation to and from doctors' appointments and 15 shopping. 16 Auxiliary members find these activities rewarding 17 knowing their support keeps a veteran in their home. An 18 Auxiliary member facilitates writing workshops for 19 veterans. These activities help veterans heal their 20 wounds. To be able to hold the workshop, she wrote and 21 received a grant for the funds. This is just a small 22 sample of what we do to support our veteran's health, 23 happiness, and spirit. I am proud of the Department of 24 California American Legion Auxiliary members. We can do 25 it all. 26 Our hospital reps and deps are on the front lines 27 at our VA hospitals, veterans homes, clinics and community 28 living. The amount of hours and service they provide to 29 the Department of Veterans Affairs is remarkable. 30 With your permission, Madam Department President 31 Wendy, may I have the hospital representatives and 32 deputies escorted to the front of the room? 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Will the 34 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please escort our hospital 35 reps and deps to the front of the room. 36 (Processional.) 37 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: From the Medical Center of 38 San Francisco: Lorraine Sullivan, Rep. June Jackson, Tammy Manini, Deputy. 39 Deputy. 40 From Sierra Nevada Healthcare System: Bonnie Chavoya, Deputy. From Northern VA Health System: 41 Letecia 42 O'Quinn, Mather. She's a representative. 43 Barbara Dailey, Redding OPC. Kelli Germeraad --44 I practiced and I still didn't get it right -- Deputy, 45 Fairfield OPC. 46 From VA Medical Center Fresno: Sandra Dowell, 47 Representative. Gloria Sinopoli, Deputy. Kae Orcutt, 48 Deputy. Ruth Finney, Deputy. Marjorie Boyer, Deputy, 49 Tulare OPC. 50 From VA Palo Alto: Connie Raya, Deputy. Pat

1 Klang, Deputy. Sandy Jacob, Representative. Arlene 2 Muller, Deputy. Michelle Soares, Deputy. 3 From Livermore: Grace Huston, Representative. 4 Ruth Briggs, Deputy. 5 From San Diego Healthcare System: Susie Tozier, 6 Representative. Irma Manthei, Deputy. Barbara Love, 7 Deputy. 8 Lois Cornish, Veterans Home Chula Vista and poppy 9 production manager. 10 (Applause.) 11 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: From Loma Linda VA 12 Healthcare System: Mavis Kanka, Representative. Arlene 13 Barton, Deputy. 14 From Long Beach Healthcare System, which is now 15 Tibor Rubin: Pat Alvarez, Representative and production poppy manager. Becky Bullard, Deputy. Stephanie Janji, 16 17 Deputy. Tamara Bell, Deputy Village of Cabrillo. Debbie Butler, Deputy Whittier/Santa Fe Springs. 18 19 From Los Angeles Healthcare System: Earlean 20 Paige, Representative. Susie Johansen, Deputy. 21 (Applause.) 22 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Vi Walquist, Deputy. 23 Patricia Jackson-Kelly, Deputy LA outpatient clinic. From 24 West LA Ambulatory Care Center: Diana Williams, Deputy. 25 Kathy Harris Richards, Deputy. Pam Hicks, Deputy Downtown 26 Los Angeles. Mary Chaba, Deputy from -- I'm going --27 thank you. 28 Ambulatory Care Center East Los Angeles: Julie 29 Strange, Deputy. From Bakersfield OPC: Dee Ann Graham, 30 Deputy. From Santa Maria Community-based OPC: Dorothy 31 Davis, Deputy. From California Veterans Homes Fresno: 32 Rosalie Taylor. 33 (Applause.) 34 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Lancaster: Linda Hayes, 35 Representative. Redding: Terry Mikesell. 36 (Applause.) 37 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Ventura: Madeline Lee. 38 (Applause.) 39 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: West LA: Ruth Hackney. 40 Yountville: Peggy Grabski, Representative. Melanie Taylor, Deputy and poppy production manager. These are 41 42 your hospital representatives and deputies. 43 (Applause.) 44 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Barstow. 45 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Barstow: Angelina 46 Accosta. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: These ladies do 48 such a great, great job so we want to give them another 49 great big round of applause. 50 (Applause.)

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1 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: And just for a point, if 2 you would like, I would like for all of the reps and deps 3 over by the flags. I would like a picture so I can 4 remember what you all look like because it's so great and 5 I'm so proud of everything you've all done. It's amazing. 6 And I also have a certificate. I don't know, is 7 Pat Klang here? Okay. Well, I know she's moving and 8 she's retiring or moved in June I think, but I wanted to 9 give her a certificate of presentation for her dedicated 10 service, so I'll make sure she receives this in the mail. 11 (Applause.) 12 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Thank you for this, Madam 13 President. Thank you. Madam Department President Wendy, this concludes my report. May I continue with the first 14 15 place awards? 16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 17 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. First Place Best 18 Hospital Program, Pat Alvarez from Tibor Rubin VA Medical 19 Center. 20 (Applause.) 21 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Most Volunteer Hours, Norma Wallace, Fresno VA Medical Center, District 14. 22 23 (Applause.) 24 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: And just so everybody 25 knows she has 2,080 hours. It's like a job. Okay. First 26 Place District Supplemental, Cyd Kintzer. 27 (Applause.) 28 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: District 25. First Place 29 Unit Supplemental, Leilani Squire, Unit 43, District 14. 30 This is a young lady that gives writing workshops not only 31 to vets, but also to their families. 32 (Applause.) 33 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Leilani's report was 34 forwarded to National for further judging. 35 This concludes my report. Thank you, Madam 36 Department President Wendy, for sharing your special year 37 with me. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Joan 39 did an outstanding job. VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: And we have Pat Alvarez 40 41 and the ladies are going to come up. And Grace Huston. 42 They would like to present you something. 43 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ: I would like to represent our Grace Huston because she's a little nervous 44 45 so I get to help her. I'm doing my mentoring again. 46 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE HUSTON: And this is for 47 you. And you will recognize it. There you go. Perfect. 48 It's from all of us. 49 (Applause.) 50 VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Thank you, Representatives

1 and Deputies. And I would like a picture with you all if 2 you don't mind. Thank you all for your time. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 4 Joan, and all our reps and deps. 5 (Applause.) 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We'll now 7 have Gloria Williams, if you can come up on the stage. 8 Kim Vincent, come on the stage and be ready to give your 9 report. Kim Vincent for Poppies. 10 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT 11 12 13 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good morning. The 14 convention on Leadership met on June 23rd, 2017 in the 15 Raincross Room C at the Riverside Convention Center here 16 in Riverside. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. The 17 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 53 of 18 the Book of Reports. 19 Ellen Wallace, District 23, was appointed 20 secretary. C.J. Reyes, District 19, offered prayer. And 21 CeCe Harvey, District 13, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. 22 Meeting opened according to ritual. A total of 22 23 district delegates answered roll call. There were nine 24 visitors present. The code was read and there were no 25 code changes. Awards for 100 percent reporting went to 26 the following districts: 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 27 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29. Α 28 certificate of appreciation and participation and the 29 second place awards were given in this committee. The meeting convened of -- excuse me. It 30 31 adjourned at 10:00 a.m. And this concludes the committee 32 report. And, Madam President, may I continue with my 33 supplemental and first place awards? 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 35 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Captain Wendy, 36 your Professors and Crew have successfully proven their 37 loyalty and shown their enthusiasm and commitment by 38 bringing Leadership training to the units and the 39 districts. Serving our veterans from sea to shining sea 40 while keeping your ship on course was Annapolis Academy's 41 goal. Twenty-two districts reported on Leadership 42 activities and 32 took and passed the National Certified 43 Leadership Test. 44 We chartered our sails to train and inform as 45 many members as possible about the Auxiliary's great 46 programs and how can they incorporate a strategic plan 47 that will allow each member a chance to become 48 knowledgeable leaders in their districts and units. 49 Two department workshops were held in California. 50 The first workshop was held in southern California at the

1 Hollywood Post 43 on October 22nd, 2016 hosted by 2 Districts 23 and 24. There were 58 members present. The 3 second was held in northern California at Post 521, 4 District 6 along with a junior workshop held in a separate 5 room led by Department Junior Activities Chairman. 6 Thank you, Captain Wendy, for sharing your time 7 and expertise with the other presenters at this workshop. 8 There were 60 seniors and seven juniors in attendance. 9 Both workshops provided excellent presenters whom gave 10 instruction about the basic programs: protocol, flag 11 etiquette, parliamentary procedures and civility training. 12 Members worked in groups to settle situations. 13 Fun games such as the Family Feud were a hit with the 14 participants. They answered questions regarding Membership and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation programs. 15 16 Complimentary gifts were given to the participants. 17 Members reported the National and Department bulletins 18 were educational and interesting. Sixteen districts 19 reported holding training for their members and 40 units 20 held training. Several districts reported that many of their 21 22 units held workshops that focused on officers' duties, 23 what makes a good leader, and end of the year reporting. 24 Twelve units have reported having a mentor program. Six 25 units have been reconstructed and saved from losing their 26 charters through the efforts of their districts. Twenty 27 districts held Leadership workshops. Several reported 28 holding small workshops at their unit meetings about the 29 Auxiliary programs and Constitution & Bylaws and civility training and goodwill nurturing. Leadership is about 30 31 working together as a team for our veterans and their families. The Department of California Annapolis Academy 32 33 is proud of the accomplishments of its Auxiliary members. 34 Madam President, may I proceed with my first 35 place awards? 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 37 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I sent out notes 38 vesterday. District 16? District 25? 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They're here. 40 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Here I am. 41 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here you are. Т 42 didn't see you over there. First Place Unit Supplemental 43 is awarded to Linda Fercho, Chairman. 44 (Applause.) 45 LEADERSHIP CHAIR WILLIAMS: This is for you. 46 First Place Supplemental award goes to Tamra Duron. 47 (Applause.) 48 LEADERSHIP CHAIR WILLIAMS: District 25. Madam 49 President Wendy, thank you for this appointment. It has 50 been a wonderful experience.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 2 You did an outstanding job. Thank you. 3 LEADERSHIP CHAIR WILLIAMS: Thank you. 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And I do want to call Tammy Bell up to the podium. She's going to help me 5 6 with a presentation. 7 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Madam Past Department President Susie Tozier, could 8 President. 9 you please come over here? As you ladies all know, with 10 everyone's kind help when we were under Past Department 11 President Susie's tenure, we applied and were given a 12 grant from National for the advancement center at Cabrillo 13 for computers, music, all kinds of stuff. So on behalf of 14 U.S. Vets Cabrillo, I would like to present this trophy to 15 Past President Susie Tozier. 16 (Applause.) 17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you, 18 ladies. HOSPITAL REP BELL: Also, ladies, when we go to 19 20 National Convention in Reno, we will be up on the stage 21 with a presentation about receiving grants and we will 22 then give Past President Sharon Conatser a similar trophy 23 on behalf of the women's advanced program. Thank you. 24 (Applause.) 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Kim, we're going to have to wait. I apologize. We need to take a 26 27 break because we have to have our elections at 10:00 a.m. 28 We'll have a 15-minute recess so the District Presidents 29 can take roll call of their delegates and be ready to 30 report their voting strength. 31 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Wendy? 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hello. Who's 33 talking? 34 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Can I say one thing, 35 ladies? 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Stop just a 37 minute. 38 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Ladies, we have a rule 39 you don't go out, you don't come back in after we start the voting. The Pages, God love these Juniors, we tell 40 them not to let you in or out. So please don't be rude to 41 42 them. Last year we had somebody that was very, very rude 43 and almost come to blows. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Well, can I also 44 45 add yesterday, ladies, they have a job to do. They've 46 been asked not to let people come and go. I guess it has 47 been a free for all over there. So please be kind. There 48 is a reason they're doing the job that they are doing. 49 Oh, yeah. That's right, humble and kind. That's right. 50 So please remember the doors will be closed at

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1 10:00 a.m. and no one will be allowed to enter or leave after they are closed. At this time all delegates should be with their districts. (Recess from 9:42 a.m. to 9:58 a.m.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, the doors will now be closed. This session will come to

doors will now be closed. This session will come to order. Will everyone please be seated in their respective districts. Please remember that only delegates and alternates taking the place of the delegate will be allowed to be in the room during elections.

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Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please see everybody that is in the lobby knows that the doors -- too late. They don't get a chance. We will now proceed. No one will be permitted to enter or leave except in an emergency until the Chair states the elections are concluded.

We will now have the report of the elections chairman, Jackie Cleveland, followed by the reading of the election rules by Glenda Schultz. Jackie Cleveland? Here she comes.

#### ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

24 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CLEVELAND: Good morning. 25 will read the election rules. Number 25: Election of the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, National 26 27 Candidate, Department Delegates and Alternates to the 28 National Convention shall be held on Saturday morning, 29 June 24th, 2017. The doors of the convention shall -shall be closed during the entire election procedure and 30 31 no one shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair 32 states the election is concluded. The exception to this 33 shall be that in an emergency a member may leave, and if 34 her absence accepts the voting strength, the District 35 President shall immediately notify the presiding officer.

Number 27: When there is but one nominee for all 36 37 department officers and but one nominee for Junior Member 38 of Finance, the nominees shall be elected viva voce. 39 (Article V, Section 3 Department Constitution). Upon roll 40 call, the District Presidents shall report the number of 41 units partially or wholly represented by newly elected 42 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the 43 time of the roll call. This is to determine that there is 44 a quorum of units present at the time of election.

Excuse me. Number 28: When there is more than one nominee for the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance or endorsement for National Office, election shall be by written ballot. The District President shall, when they are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their respective delegation to ascertain the total voting

1 strength of their District for the election reporting the 2 same to Chair. 3 Number 29: When there are three or more nominees 4 for office, Junior Member of Finance, or endorsement for 5 National Office, unless one nominee receives a majority 6 vote on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest 7 number of votes shall be automatically dropped before 8 proceeding with the next ballot. 9 Number 30: When there is a candidate or 10 candidates for an endorsement to a National Office a 11 majority vote shall be by ballot. (Constitution Article 12 V, Section 13.) 13 Number 31: Each District President Or District 14 Member of the Election Committee shall distribute and 15 elect the votes cast by the District delegation and 16 deliver them to the Department Chairman of the Elections. 17 Number 32: Department Officers, Chairman, 18 Committee Member, and Past Department President shall vote 19 with their respective district. 20 Number 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to 21 one vote. The vote of an absent unit delegate not 22 represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority 23 of the delegates from the Unit. When two delegates 24 represent three votes, the Chairman of the Unit delegation 25 shall cast the third vote. 26 Number 34: A majority of all votes cast shall 27 elect except that in the election of national delegates or 28 alternates of plurality shall elect. 29 Number 35: These Convention rules may be amended 30 during the Convention by a two-thirds vote. 31 Number 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly 32 Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on all points 33 not covered by these rules, the Department Constitution & Bylaws and Convention mandates. 34 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Jackie. 36 Will the District Presidents please proceed to the 37 microphone and line up in numerical order. Oh, yes. 38 Danielle White, can you please come to the podium. Where are you, Danielle? Here she is. Here she 39 40 Can you give us the latest figures of is. Okay. Okay. 41 the vote, please? 42 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: Of the strength? 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Of the strength, 44 yeah. How many are registered, all of that. 45 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: We have 523. 46 Divided by two is 261. 47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Say that again so 48 everyone can hear you or closer to the mic. 49 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: 522. Right. That's 50 the number of delegates after the changes. So it will

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1 make it 261 for half to elect. 2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 262. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Sergeant-at-Arms 4 and Marshal, are you by the doors? Okay. Ladies, I know 5 you need to be with your districts, but if you could 6 please let your district president know you're here and 7 then be by the doors. We can't have people coming and 8 going, please. 9 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: After the first one, 10 so it's 262 for the strength. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 262 for the 11 strength. Thank you. To elect. Yes, 262 is the 12 13 majority. Okay. Ready? The secretary will call the roll 14 of the districts. Thank you, Jackie. 15 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is this yours? 16 All right. Are we ready? We're going to get 100 percent; 17 right? All right. Let's go for it, ladies. All right. 18 District Number 1. 19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: One. 20 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Did you say 21 one, Terry? 22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am. 23 She's right there. 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, that didn't 25 last long. Okay. We will try again. 26 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: I was under the 27 understanding that I am one of the visitors. 28 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You're a 29 delegate. 30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Could you please 31 come to the microphone because we can't hear you? 32 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: Yes, ma'am. 33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm not sure what 34 you said when you were over there. Could you repeat it? 35 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: I understood that I was 36 only a visitor because I am not properly registered. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, okay. She's 38 not properly registered. 39 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: Yeah, I have a badge on. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Are you 40 41 Joan Dolittle? Okay. Then you have three votes. 42 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: All right. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. You have 44 three votes. 45 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. 46 You're okay. 47 DISTRICT 1 DOOLITTLE: I can go sit down. 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Now we're 49 going to start from scratch again. I hope we don't have 50 to do this too often. District 2.

1	DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Two.
2	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Great. District
3	3, zero. District 4.
4	DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Six.
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	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Six. Thank you.
6	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes.
7	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5.
8	PAST NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAYLOR: Four.
9	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I've got seven.
10	PAST NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAYLOR: Unit 165
11	left, Ruby.
12	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Thank you.
13	District 6.
14	DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: District 6 has 19.
15	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. There
16	we go.
17	(Applause.)
18	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8, zero.
19	District 9.
20	DISCIPCE J. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: What happened to
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	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh.
23	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Are you in a
24	hurry?
25	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, no. They
26	kind of put it at the bottom of the page. So that was my
27	error. I am terribly sorry. District 7, seven.
28	DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT HARMON: 7, seven.
29	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Great.
30	Let me find my place now. Now District 8 is zero.
31	District 9 is five.
32	DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I've got six.
33	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Would you come to
34	the stage, please? District 10.
35	DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT WOODY: Seven.
36	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl.
37	(Applause.)
38	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 11.
39	DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Ten.
40	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl.
41	District 12.
42	DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT KELLEY: Ten.
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<u> </u>	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl.
44	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13.
45	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13.
45 46	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now
45 46 47	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14.
45 46 47 48	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19.
45 46 47 48 49	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
45 46 47 48	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19.
45 46 47 48 49	SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good girl. District 13. DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT McLEOD: 13. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now we're cooking. District 14. DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: 19. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.

DISTRICT 15 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: 1 I'm 2 a bad girl. Actually Brenda Preston, our Junior Member of 3 Finance, was not counted as a delegate in her own right so 4 they should have 11, not ten. Do I have to go over? 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you do. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 16. 7 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARAY: 28. 8 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Look 9 at it here. We're cooking. District 17. 10 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: Three. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 11 12 Where's 17? Oh, down here. Okay. They got me going all 13 over this page here. All right. Three. All right. 14 District 18. DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT POULIOT: 37. 15 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 17 District 19. DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT RAYNER: 18 25. 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 20 District 20. 21 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: 20. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 23 District 21. DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT ROMERO: 46. 24 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 26 District 22. 27 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT SMITH: 43. 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. All 29 right. Twenty-three. 30 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT PATRICK: 20. 31 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh-oh. 32 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT PATRICK: Unit 639 left. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Unit 639 left, so 34 how many is it? 35 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT PATRICK: 20. 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 20. Okay. Thank 37 you, Patricia. 38 (Applause.) 39 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24. DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Nine. 40 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 42 District 25. DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GRANADO: 59. 43 44 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 45 District 26. 46 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: We have eight. 47 Elissa Kirkland is not here. She's in her own right. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Who's not here? 48 49 Elissa Kirkland. 50 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Girls State

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1 Chairman. 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That is correct. 3 District 27. 4 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: 17. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. Now 6 please, Karol, I know you'll get it right. District 28. 7 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT ADAMS: 19. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 8 9 District 29. DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: 10 52. 11 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh-oh. 12 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Do I have to go 13 over there? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah, you have to 14 15 go over there. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30. 16 17 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Nine. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. That's not bad, two out of 30. 19 20 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Ruby, I have a 21 correction for Exhibit 6. We missed one in their own 22 right so we should have 20. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6 has 20. 23 24 District 6 has 20. Okay. District 6 is 20. 25 (Applause.) 26 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 27 District 9. 28 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I was right. It's 29 six. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You got six. All 30 31 right. Okay. We only have one left, District 29. Do you 32 want me to entertain you? 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Where is 34 Madeline? Madeline, get up and entertain us. 35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Come on, Madeline, 36 get up and entertain us. Do I hear a dog barking? 37 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. That's 38 qood. 39 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Sing, 40 Madeline. 41 (Singing.) 42 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you, 43 Madeline. 44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 45 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are they 46 ready? 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We still are 48 counting. 49 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. 50 Madeline is going to entertain us some more.

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(Singing.) 1 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. District 3 29. 4 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: 54. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 54. That 6 concludes your roll call. 7 (Applause.) 8 DEPARTMENT 15: What was 15's count? 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 15, you 10 said 11. DEPARTMENT 15: Correct. 11 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right. 13 (Singing.) 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm trying to count, ladies. Give me a break. 15 16 (Singing.) 17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are we 18 ready? 19 PERSONAL PAGE SANCHEZ: Now we have 95 bottles of 20 beer instead of delegates. 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We should have a 22 computer out here. 23 DELEGATE BEA: Madam Department President. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, ma'am. 25 DELEGATE BEA: Madam Department President and 26 Madam Department Secretary, as an interesting point of 27 information while we're on elections, for those of you who 28 have not yet met my granddaughter who is a unit member, 29 duly elected delegate, she is here from Australia. She is 30 21. She is in her first year of -- first year and a half 31 of four years of college or they call it university for studying to be a primary school teacher. Now very 32 33 interestingly she is an Australian citizen. This is the 34 only time an Australian citizen will be able to vote in an 35 American election. 36 (Applause.) 37 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you, Bea, 38 for that. 39 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: And I thought I was 40 perfect. 515 is your total voting and half is 257 and a 41 half, so it will take 258 to elect. 258. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 43 much. We're now opening the ratification for the election There is -- okay. Of the districts. There 44 of officers. 45 is but one nominee for the office of Department President, 46 Loretta Marsh. All of those in favor of electing Loretta 47 Marsh for the Department President, signify by saying aye. 48 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed say no. 50 (No response.)

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You have elected 1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 2 Loretta Marsh for the Department President for 2017-2018. 3 Congratulations, Loretta. 4 (Applause.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There is 6 but one nominee for the office of Department Vice 7 President, Joan Cannon. All those in favor of electing 8 Joan Cannon for the Department Vice President, please say 9 aye. 10 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Those opposed say 12 no. 13 (No response.) 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You have elected 15 Joan Cannon for the Department Vice President for the year 16 2017-'18. Congratulations, Joan. 17 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There is but one 18 19 nominee for the office of Junior Member of Finance, Martha 20 Romero. All those -- Romano. It does say that. I'm sorry. All those in favor of electing Martha Romero --21 22 Romano. There's an N, not an R. For the Junior Member of 23 Finance, please say aye. 24 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed say no. 26 (No response.) 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You have elected 28 Martha Romano as Junior Member of Finance 2017-'18. 29 Congratulations, Martha. I do know your name. Thank you. 30 (Applause.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now we will 32 have the ratification of the district --33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Officers. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: -- officers. 35 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1, Pat 36 Lindley. District 2, Pat Carey. District 3, Lola Ramey. District 4, Jean Edson. District 5, Sandy Paxton. 37 District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7, Joanne Shope. 38 39 District 8, Tammy Manini. District 9, Helaina Dolly Rios. 40 District 10, Elizabeth Parshal. District 11, Toni Domdon. 41 District 11 -- 12, Lisa Stewart. District 13, CeCe 42 Harvey. District 14, Gloria Jean Sinopoli. District 15, 43 Zana Chaney. District 16, Stephanie Reid. District 17, 44 Yoko Parsons-Crooks. District 18, Betty Ramos. District 45 19, Becky Bullard. District 20, Nancy Heinisch. 46 (Applause.) 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21 Cathy 48 McCoy. 49 (Applause.) 50 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22,

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1 Maureen Giacalone. Is that -- yeah, okay. District 23, 2 Valerie Hill. 3 (Applause.) 4 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24, 5 Deloris Artis. 6 (Applause.) 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25, 8 Patricia Galatioto. 9 (Applause.) 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26, Louann Johnston. District 27, Norma Billings. 11 12 (Applause.) 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 28, Robin 14 Falkenberg. District 29, Carol Borgman. (Applause.) 15 16 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30, Kim 17 Vincent. 18 (Applause.) 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I move the 20 ratification of the election of the District Presidents. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a motion 21 22 to ratify the District Presidents. Any discussion? 23 (No response.) 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 25 favor, say aye. 26 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 28 (No response.) 29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 30 Go ahead and do the First Vice Presidents. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 31 32 District 1, Maribeth Yew. District 2, Nancy Johnson. District 3, Wendy Jacobs. District 4, Sherry Morehouse. 33 District 5, Norma Harrison. District 6, Ann Sanchez. 34 35 District 7, Melise Monroe. District 8, Kathleen Sullivan. 36 District 9, Rosemarie Marino. District 10, Susan Marsh. 37 District 11, Deborah Straight. District 12, Victoria 38 Ferreira-Allen. 39 (Applause.) 40 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That was kind of a dead, dead hooray. District 13, Cheri Whitaker. 41 District 42 14, Geni Lefler. Okay. Whatever. Sorry. District 15, 43 Dee Ann Graham. District 16, Glenda Powell. 44 (Applause.) 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17, 46 Rachel Yee. District 18, Patricia Martinez. 47 (Applause.) 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19, Jean 49 Cooley-Desmeules. 50 (Applause.)

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20, 2 Mahala Beery. 3 (Applause.) 4 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21, Linda 5 Olson. District 22, Susie Tozier. 6 (Applause.) 7 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23, 8 Tampeka Snoball. 9 (Applause.) 10 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 --DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Ruby, I do now have 11 12 a first vice. First name Carla, C-A-R-L-A. 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good. 14 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Last name Shirer, 15 S-H-I-R-E-R. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 16 17 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: From Unit 43. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. District 24, Carla Shirer. 19 20 (Applause.) 21 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25, Cyd 22 Kintzer. 23 (Applause.) 24 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26, 25 Arlene Mueller. District 27, Joyce Curwick. District 28, 26 Molly Smith. 27 (Applause.) 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29, Jean 29 Sudbeck. 30 (Applause.) 31 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And District 30, 32 Pat Sinibaldi. 33 (Applause.) 34 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I move the 35 ratification of the --36 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE: For District 20, First 37 Vice -- for First Vice it's Patty Buchanan. 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She's the second 39 Vice. 40 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE: Second Vice is Sherry 41 Whitaker. 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So we have it 43 flipped around. 44 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. I see what 45 you're saying. 46 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE: Thank you. 47 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'll switch these 48 two. Okay. Thank you very much. I move the ratification 49 for the election of the District First Vice Presidents. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's a motion

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1 on the floor to ratify the District First Vice Presidents 2 for 2017-'18. Any discussion? 3 (No response.) 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 5 favor, say aye. 6 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 8 (No response.) 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 10 Can you go ahead and do the District Second Vice 11 Presidents, please, Ruby. 12 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1, 13 Marialice Canclini. District 2, Anita Ray. District 3, 14 Beverly Hiles. District 4, Judy Bennett. District 5 Wenonah Angier. District 6 -- oh, this is a good one. 15 16 Martha Zendajas. 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Zendajas. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Zendajas. 19 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury. District 8 is Teresa 20 Canonizado. District 8 -- no, I did that. District 9 is 21 Henrrietta Fontes. District 10 is Leonarda Estigoy. 22 District 11 is Grace Huston. District 12, Bonnie Romero. District 13 is Cheri Whitaker. District 14 is Debbie 23 24 Hurtado. District 15 is Barbara Goodflow. District 16 is 25 Tammy Welcoming. District 17, Elas Garcia. District 18 26 is Noreen Takesaco. 27 (Applause.) 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District --29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Great name. 30 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 19 is 31 Rita Lambert. 32 (Applause.) 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 20 is Ela 34 Estrada. 35 (Applause.) 36 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 21 is 37 Kathy Newman. 38 (Applause.) 39 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22 is 40 June Coatney. 41 (Applause.) 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 23 is 43 Patricia Davis. 44 (Applause.) 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24 is 46 Martha Romero. 47 (Applause.) 48 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25 is 49 Judy Samples. 50 (Applause.)

1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26 is 2 Leslie Tozzini. District 27 is Rosemarie Todd. District 3 28 is Denise Clay. 4 (Applause.) 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 29 is Kay 6 Beenbee. 7 (Applause.) 8 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And District 30 is 9 No Second Vice for District 30. I move the blank. ratification of the election of these officers. 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a 11 12 motion to ratify the District Second Vice Presidents. Any 13 questions? 14 (No response.) 15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 16 favor, say aye. 17 ALL PRESENT: Aye. 18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 19 (No response.) 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 21 We will now proceed to the election of delegates and 22 alternates to the National election. The Secretary will 23 now read the nominees for the delegates to National 24 Convention. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7, Linda Harmon. District 10, Gwen 26 27 Woody. District 11, Joan Cannon. District 12, Kathy 28 Smith. District 13, Angel Van Glider. District 14, 29 Gloria Jean Sinopoli. District 15, Dee Ann Graham. 30 District 16, Darlene Duncan. District 18, Pamela Dixon 31 Hicks. District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, 32 Nancy Heinisch. District 21 is Susan Romero. And I 33 believe there is a change there. You'll need to come to 34 the microphone. 35 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT ROMERO: Susan Romero, 36 District 21 District President. I would like to remove 37 myself as delegate and go as a guest. 38 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 40 much. 41 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That means we're 42 still three short, ladies. District 23, Anita Biggs. District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott. 43 District 26, Linda Workman. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi, 44 45 and District 29, Carol Borgman. We have -- so we need to 46 elect 14 -- what? No, no, no. We need to elect 14 47 delegates and we've got 15 on the -- wait a minute. Is 48 that what we --15. 49 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: You have 50 18.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We've got 17 2 delegates listed on the list. 3 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: You've got 4 18. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: One, two, three, 6 four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 7 15, 16, 17. We have 18 delegates on the list and we are 8 going to elect 15 delegates. You cannot elect no more 9 than 15 names on the page that you're going to -- the ballot that you're going to receive and you are to delete 10 11 District 21, Susan Romero, from the ballot because she is 12 on the ballot. So her name will be crossed off. Is 13 everyone clear on that? Okay. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, you 15 should have gotten a packet with the ballots in it. 16 Please count your ballots and make sure that you have an 17 accurate count. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. All the 19 District Presidents have their ballots; right? 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They're counting 21 to make sure they have an accurate number of ballots. 22 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. You're 23 electing 15 delegates and you're crossing off Susan 24 Romero, District 21. You should have the number of 25 ballots that your district is allocated. 26 DELEGATE: Just a clarification, are we supposed 27 to check it off, mark an X, or put yes or no? 28 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam President, 29 do you have any preference on how you want these ballots 30 marked and --DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. 31 Marked. 32 Yes, a checkmark or an X by the person that you are 33 electing. There should be 15 marks on your page; right? 34 Excuse me. Excuse me. Clarification. 35 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: We are electing 15 That does not mean you have to put 15 marks on 36 delegates. 37 there, but do not put more than 15 or that ballot will be 38 scratched. So any -- you can vote for one, you can vote for ten, but no more than 15. 39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Can we have a 40 ballot for the Parliamentarian, please, District 25? 41 42 And, Ruby, do you have a ballot? 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 44 Okay. Thank you. 45 Ladies, has everyone voted that wants to vote? Okay. 46 Yes. 47 DELEGATE: May we have the delegates stand up so 48 we can put a name to a face? I don't expect to get them 49 all together, but if they could stand it it would be very 50 helpful.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 1 Yes. Yes, we can. 2 If they're here. Okay. So, ladies, if everyone can sit 3 down, please. It's been asked that we have the delegates 4 stand up so we can put a name to the face or a face to the 5 name. Okay. Ruby, go ahead. 6 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Excuse me. 7 District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7, Linda Harmon. 8 District 10, Gwen Woody is not here. District 11 is Joan 9 Cannon. District 12 is Kathy Smith. District 13 is Angel 10 Van Glider who is not here. District 14 is Gloria Jean 11 Sinopoli. District 15 is Dee Ann Graham. District 16 is 12 Darlene Duncan. 13 (Applause.) 14 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 18, 15 Pamela Dixon Hicks. District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. 16 District 20, Nancy Heinisch. District 23, Anita Biggs. 17 District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott. District 26, Linda Workman. District 27 LuAnn Capazzi, 18 19 and District 29, Carol Borgman. 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, 21 we've got a few more minutes and then we're going to pick 22 up the ballots. I'd like you to fold it in half and then 23 in half again. Sorry. Each person should put their own 24 ballot in the envelope. Yes, ladies. Yes, ladies, we're 25 jumping the gun. I know it's been a long time since we 26 did this, but there's a process, so don't mess up. 27 Okay. Ladies, District Presidents, your 28 responsibility is to make sure that you have the correct 29 amount of ballots in your envelope and then you will be bringing them up and dropping them off yourself with the 30 31 Elections Chairman. Yes. Or the Elections Committee. 32 Yes. So are we all ready? 33 DISTRICT 20 ESTES: Excuse me. Hello. Hello. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Just a second. 35 Yes, ma'am. 36 DISTRICT 20 ESTES: Bobby Estes. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Ladies, ladies, 38 please. 39 DISTRICT 20 ESTES: Bobby Estes, Unit 507. Nancy 40 Heinisch has her district wrong. It has 2 instead of 20. 41 I don't know if that matters. 42 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, it does not 43 matter. Okay. We're calling them backwards; right? DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. All right. 44 Wait. You'll be called -- we're going to reverse order. 45 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 30 --47 okay. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The Elections 48 49 Chairman and the District President come together. So who 50 are they?

1 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Not all districts 2 have Elections Chairmen. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Go ahead, Linda 4 Workman. Ladies, ladies, please. 5 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: If the 6 Elections Chairman is going to be counting ballots, make 7 sure you bring your personal items with you because you 8 will be leaving right now to count ballots. 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Right. Okay. 10 Ladies, you guys are -- hold on just a minute. You're 11 scrunching in at the microphone, so can you wait until the 12 secretary calls your name and district, please. 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 17. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Come on. Please 15 separate so that the one with the least amount of votes is 16 going to come first. 17 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 17 is here. 18 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: They've just 19 20 turned it in. District 3, no one here. District 9. District 1. No one. Oh, yeah. Well, there is -- one 21 22 minute. Oh, I'm sorry. District 10. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 23 District 10. 24 Okay. Has District 10 -- oh, I see. Thank you. 25 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 24. 26 District 12. District 13. District 4. District 7. 27 District 26. 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Wait, wait. Where 29 is District 4? Did you put yours in? She called you. 30 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: Oh, I'm sorry. 31 I didn't hear her answer. 32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. All right. 33 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Geri, are you 35 taking your stuff with you to count ballots? 36 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK: I have to go 37 count? 38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, yes. Ladies, 39 if your district -- if your district does not have a Elections Chairman, the District President has to go count 40 41 the ballots or assign somebody to be your Elections 42 Chairman. 43 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 26. 44 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thev 45 already did. 46 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, they did. 47 District 2. District 30. District 15. District 14. District 20. District 23. District 27. District 5. 48 49 District 6. 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: District 5. Where

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1 is District 5? 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Five is Melanie. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, here she 4 comes. Here she comes. 5 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You've got to stop 6 talking. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh-oh. You're getting the stink eye. 8 9 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6. 10 District 11. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: District 11. 11 12 Wait. Who is your Elections? 13 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 18. 14 District 19. District 16. District 21. District 25. 15 District 22. And roll out the band, ladies. District 29. 16 (Applause.) 17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 22 come on. Come 18 on. 19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 22, let's 20 go. 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: It looks like we 22 have an issue. Do we have an issue? Oh-oh. Anita Biggs. 23 Anita Biggs, will you please come forward, please? 24 Pending the outcome of this -- the vote being counted, 25 these elections are finished so that we can open the doors 26 and allow people to come in the door. 27 (Applause.) 28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Can we have 29 District 29's president and 629's members please come up. 30 679, excuse me. Ann and Zana, you can come back. 31 Okay. Ladies, it is with great honor that I 32 introduce you to a new unit in District 29. 33 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Unit 679 Richard 34 M. Nixon. Congratulations, ladies. 35 36 (Applause.) 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. We're going to continue with the chairmen reports. 38 Can I have Kim 39 Vincent, the Poppy Chairman, Jennifer Bieger -- excuse me -- the Public Relations Chairman. 40 41 Okay. Go ahead, Kim. 42 43 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT 44 45 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Greetings. The 46 Convention Committee meeting on Poppy met on Thursday, 47 June 22nd, 2017 in Raincross D Room of the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California. 48 The 49 statistical report of the Chair appears in the Book of 50 Reports on page 56. Ruth Hackney, District 24, was

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1 appointed Secretary. Vella Myers, District 27, offered 2 prayer, and Sherry Watson, District --3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Six. 4 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: -- 6, thank you, was 5 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 23 district 6 delegates answered roll call and there were eight visitors 7 present. 8 The code was read and the following was 9 recommended: Number 11. "The original Unit Poppy 10 Financial Report, along with the checks, shall be sent 11 immediately to the Department Office, but not later than 12 the fourth Friday of May and a copy shall be sent to the 13 Department Chairman and District Chairman. Unit and 14 District report deadlines will be determined annually by 15 the Department Chairman with enough time to adhere to 16 National's deadline. 2010." 17 If adopted the code change will read, number 11: 18 "The original Unit Poppy Financial Report, along with the 19 checks, shall be sent immediately to the Department Office 20 postmarked no later than June 1. A copy shall be sent to 21 the Department Chairman and District Chairman. Unit and 22 District report deadlines will be determined annually by 23 the Department Chairman with enough time to adhere to 24 National's deadline. 2010." 25 By direction of the committee I move to accept 26 the code change. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. There's a 28 motion. Number 11: "The original Unit Poppy Financial 29 Report, along with the checks, shall be sent immediately to the Department Office postmarked no later than June 1. 30 31 A copy shall be sent to the Department Chairman and 32 District Chairman. Unit and District report deadlines 33 will be determined annually by the Department Chairman 34 with enough time to adhere to National's deadline. 2010." 35 Any discussion? 36 (No response.) 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: All those in 38 favor, say aye. ALL PRESENT: Aye. 39 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Opposed, no. 41 (No response.) 42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Motion carried. 43 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank you. 100 percent reporting certificates were given to District 4, 5, 6, 10, 44 45 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 27, 28, and 29. Citations were 46 awarded to units and districts. Closing prayer was given. 47 Meeting closed just before 11:00 a.m. 48 May I give my supplemental report and first place 49 awards? 50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You may.

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1 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank you. In keeping with Madam President's theme, "Serving Our Veterans From 3 Sea to Shining Sea," we completed the year with 23 district reports including 13 with 100 percent reporting. Districts reported on several activities. Members continue to educate other members and the public on Poppy 7 opportunities, reaching new goals and soaring to new heights.

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9 Department of California members were in full 10 swing during Poppy Month, May, keeping with the traditions 11 of this great organization. Units continue to use the 12 image and story of The Flanders Field Poppy to educate 13 people about the sacrifices our veterans made, helping us 14 raise awareness of the Legion Family and link us to our 15 mission in the eyes of the public. Strategic Goal No. 5.

16 Units are reportedly participating in the 17 Roadhouse Restaurant Poppy distribution and participating in the Poppy Poster Contest including posters completed at 18 19 the Junior Conference in April. Forty-eight disabled or 20 hospitalized veterans were tasked with producing Poppies 21 under the direction of three Poppy production managers 22 across the state, reporting a total dollar amount paid of 23 \$26,490 to our veterans.

24 Members are seeking donations as well as giving 25 Poppies to raise awareness. Many opportunities to 26 increase Poppy revenue include donation request letters mailed to Auxiliary and Legionnaire members, community 27 partners, and neighbors. Members solicited donations 28 29 around their community by setting up tables at local 30 storefronts, in restaurants, at their posts, and community 31 events. Units invited board of supervisors, city mayors 32 and councilmembers to proclaim the month of May as Poppy 33 Month to bring further awareness to the community.

34 There were many opportunities to recognize those 35 who made the ultimate sacrifice. Poppies were given to 36 those attending events such as Memorial Day ceremonies, 37 funerals of veterans, or Honor Flight World War II 38 veterans. They were given Poppies upon their return from 39 a visit to the memorial in Washington D.C. Poppies are 40 included in sympathy, birthday, and get well cards and 41 being wrapped around silverware at dinners and being tied 42 around goodie bags.

43 Several units promoted the Poppy program in 44 schools by reading the Poppy story to students and giving 45 them a copy of In Flanders Field written by Lieutenant 46 Colonel John McCrae along with a handmade Poppy. Members 47 attend patriotic programs in schools where they learn 48 about the history of the Poppy or a 4-H club member 49 creating a Poppy poster and reading In Flanders Field to 50 fellow club members. Districts hold Poppy trainings

1 within their districts to continue to raise awareness. 2 There were many opportunities for units to raise 3 awareness and educate their communities on the history of 4 the Poppy. There was a small increase in the number of 5 Poppy makers in our department. In addition to Poppy 6 orders in the Department of California, Poppy orders were received from the departments of Idaho, New Mexico, and 7 8 Oklahoma. Unit increases are up 1,865. Total dollars 9 reportedly spent by the Department of California members 10 was \$32,811 and total volunteer hours donated was 597,441. 11 (Applause.) 12 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Units seek Poppy 13 donations through request letters sent with a Poppy and 14 Poppy Seals to community members. Oh, sorry. Sorry. Let 15 me go here. 16 Okay. And Poppy Seals to community members and 17 retailers, setting baskets full of Poppies near the Post 18 sign-in book and preparing Poppy memorial wreaths, units 19 create poster boards with the history and significance of 20 the Poppy. Corsages, center pieces and Christmas wreaths 21 are on display at posts, and distribution of Poppies and 22 bookmarkers with In Flanders Fields are given during 23 membership initiation ceremonies. Poppies are used at 24 funeral settings and in memory of deceased veterans. And 25 one member even used fresh Poppies in her wedding in 26 memory of her grandfather who passed days prior. The 27 Sunday -- they were from my unit so it was a little extra 28 special. 29 The Sunday before Memorial Day one unit reads In Flanders Fields to the congregation and presents all 30 veterans and active duty service members with a poppy 31 corsage. Then they take a group picture for public 32 33 relations opportunities following the service. 34 Poppy donations are reportedly being used for the 35 VA&R Fund, Patient Remembrance at the VAMC for holiday 36 gifts for veterans and their families, adoption of a 37 military family, infant layettes for active duty service 38 members at two military installations, and clothes, 39 toiletries and snack items for veterans who reside at 40 assisted living homes. 41 One member wears a Poppy when she gathers with a 42 group of veterans in her line of work. Another member puts a few Poppies on the local children dogs' collars 43 44 while sharing the Poppy story. The children leave happy 45 and shortly thereafter parents stop by and give donations 46 and thank the member for being so kind to their children. 47 A National challenge was put out to members and 48 chairmen to make and mail Poppy corsages to President Donald Trump. So I never saw him wearing any on Memorial 49 50 Day or Poppy Day but, you know, hopefully he's learning

1 more about our organization through our efforts to educate 2 him. 3 There are endless opportunities to promote Poppy 4 revenue and raise awareness on the Memorial Flower of The 5 American Legion. This chairman is pleased to report to 6 you the wonderful activities that the Sea Flowers in 7 Department of California members have participated in 8 throughout 2016-2017. 9 One more accomplishment, and I can't remember the 10 unit name or number or district, but there is almost a 90-year-old member up there and her -- she had been ill 11 12 for the last couple of years, couldn't push Poppies. She 13 ordered -- she wanted a thousand this year, so she pushed 14 the thousand out with donations. Is that you guys? I 15 knew you guys were over there somewhere. 377 in District 16 20. And then she ordered another \$1500. Her goal was to 17 make, what, 3,000 -- \$7,000. She made 3,000 and then she just finished the year with just under \$8,000. 18 So 19 congratulations. 20 (Applause.) 21 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Happy to have her back. 22 And I know the unit is very blessed to have her. So I am 23 proud of all the accomplishments for our veterans, active 24 duty service members, and their families. Promoting pride 25 and belonging to the world's largest women patriotic 26 organization begins right here with our own units. 27 Okay. Now for my first place awards. Best 28 Overall Unit Supplemental, Judy Samples, Unit 256, 29 District 25. (Applause.) 30 31 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Best Overall District 32 Supplemental, Dolly K. Smith from District 28. 33 (Applause.) 34 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. Let's see. For 35 the Poppy displays at the back, I have already put 36 everything except for the first place awards on them, but 37 the first place for the President's theme is Michelle 38 Banks, Unit 751, District 25. 39 (Applause.) 40 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: And the Freestyle Based 41 on Creativity and Originality, Karl Ross Unit 15, District 42 11. (Applause.) 43 44 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. The President's 45 Choice. And I don't know. Do I have my Poppy production 46 managers out there? I sent notes. If you're out here, 47 Pat Alvarez, Lois Cornish. 48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They're counting. 49 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Can I present them their 50 awards later? These are really nice. Well, they're

1 really nice though. I wanted to -- oh, anyway. Okay. 2 I'll show you guys, but don't tell them. 3 Okay. And then the President's Choice, Madam 4 President's favorite was Michelle Banks, Designer, Unit 5 751, District 25. 6 (Applause.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'd like to have 8 pictures of all of them. 9 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. Oh, you know 10 what. I forgot to give them all the supplementals, so stay over there. I'll be right down. Poppy poster 11 12 contest. So we did this at the Junior Conference. I know 13 that there were a lot of posters that were brought in by 14 convention, but I needed them by the district reporting so 15 I could submit to Nationals, so -- I submitted to National 16 by June 1st. So the winners for the Best Overall Class 17 III, Grades 6 and 7, District 4, Andres Cervantes. 18 (Applause.) 19 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: And they do receive a 20 \$20 check as well. Thank you, Geri. And also for Best 21 Overall Class VI, Grades 8 and 9, I have Asia Williams for District 233, District 6. 22 23 (Applause.) 24 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. And all winners 25 are posted -- will be posted right after this in the 26 Department Convention Office. Madam Department President 27 Wendy, thank you for this appointment. I have had a 28 wonderful year and I'm honored to serve you and the 29 Department of California. This concludes my report, Madam 30 President. May this Chairman approach the podium? 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 32 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Here you go. So my 33 husband and I traveled across nine countries around 34 Thanksgiving. And I was at this antique store. And I 35 love antiques. I found treasures. And I found this 36 amazing set of Poppy cups, teacups. And I purchased like 37 I bought them all. But so all the gift bags do have 16. 38 one included. I broke up the set. So I do have one as 39 well so you can recall remember this year with Poppies. And also -- oops, I grabbed the wrong bag. Did I give 40 41 somebody a bag that has Lois' note on it? Oh, it's that 42 one right there, the big one. Yes. Can you trade that 43 for that one there? Sorry. So I wanted to recognize my Poppy 44 Okay. 45 production people. And I'm sorry they're not here, but we 46 purchased some plaques for them with the department 47 emblem. Well, kind of Poppy emblem. And it says: "Presented to Pat Alvarez, 2016-2017 Poppy Production 48 49 Manager VA Medical Center Long Beach." These three women 50 were amazing to work with, especially my two that have

1 been doing it for years. Any time I needed something, 2 they educated me. So it was an amazing experience. And 3 taking on the other states, they were able to help out, 4 step up and just do their part. So be sure to thank Lois 5 Cornish from the WAVE Clinic. 6 (Applause.) 7 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: San Diego WAVE Clinic, 8 Pat Alvarez from the VA Medical Center in Long Beach. And 9 where is she at? The Yountville Veterans Home. Thank you 10 very much. 11 (Applause.) 12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 13 much, Kim. We appreciate all your hard work. 14 (Applause.) 15 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Oh, wait. I have one 16 more thing. I found a check for \$25 from Imperial Beach 17 California Unit 820 that never got cashed from 2014. So 18 if you'd like to rewrite an updated check. It's for the 19 Poppy donation. It just never got cashed three years ago, 20 so we took a loss. If you would like to rewrite that, 21 I'll swap you checks. 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Kim. 23 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank you. 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Now we're 25 going the hear from -- bless you. Public Relations 26 Chairman Jennifer Bieger. 27 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT 28 29 30 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Good morning, 31 Madam President. Good morning. I guess it's good afternoon now. This Chairman is happy to report that the 32 33 PR committee meeting was held on June 22nd, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Ballroom A of the Riverside Convention Center. 34 35 The statistical report for Public Relations appears on 36 page 57 of the Book of Reports. 37 During our committee meeting we had 18 delegates 38 present and two quests. The awards for second and third 39 place for best report for both district and units were 40 announced. Congrats to District 16's Marion Rocha for her 41 second place award and to District 28's Sue Baker for her 42 third place award. Also big congrats to Rose Ann Ladre of Unit 170 with District 19 for her second place award and 43 Ellen Hartle of Unit 289 with District 21 for her third 44 45 place award. 46 Our appointed Sergeant-at-Arms was Leslie Vondra. 47 Our secretary was LuAnn Capazzi, and our Chaplain was 48 Marion Rocha. This Chairman is happy to report our 49 committee meeting went great. It was fantastic to see the 50 amazing participation for all those who attended.

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1 Madam President, that concludes my committee 2 report. May I continue with my first awards and 3 supplemental report? 4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 5 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR BIEGER: Where are my 6 Starfish? Boy, ladies, it's a good thing we're under the 7 sea because otherwise we might melt out there. Nothing 8 like having convention at 109 degrees. So sorry. 9 This year has been an exciting journey. While we 10 have been out at sea, we have been working our magic to get the word out with Public Relations. The Starfish all 11 12 over the sea throughout the State of California have been 13 working tirelessly with their Chamber of Commerce, local 14 radio stations, local newspapers, officials, and first 15 responders. They have been posting on Facebook, Twitter, 16 Instagram, et cetera. I have to say, Madam President, I 17 cannot wait for you to read your Public Relations book. 18 I want to thank everyone who mailed me articles, newspaper clippings, flyers, postcards, and most 19 20 importantly, their reports. With your help we will pass a 21 great PR book full of memories to our beloved Madam 22 President Wendy. She has done such a fantastic job this 23 year and this is our way to show her just how much the 24 American Legion Auxiliary promotes our mission. 25 Madam President, your theme and slogan of 26 "Serving Veterans From Sea to Shining Sea" was 27 well-received. Mission accomplished, and your voyage will 28 soon come to an end. I wish you the very best remainder of your convention. It was my great honor to serve as 29 30 your Department Public Relations Chairman and I thank you 31 for this appointment. 32 If it's okay with you, I'd like to continue with 33 my first place awards. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 35 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Okay. 36 Hopefully everybody got my notes. Okay. So I would like 37 to continue with the First Place for Unit goes to Sue 38 Pascoe, Unit 283, District 24. 39 (Applause.) 40 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Okay. Sue, 41 that's a Starfish lunch bag so you'll think of us every 42 time you pack your lunch. And then the First Place for 43 Best PR report for district goes to Cindy Rogers with 44 District 25. 45 (Applause.) 46 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: And that's a 47 Starfish bag so she can go to the beach and think of us 48 too. Okay. So just to close, have a great rest of your 49 convention. If you haven't already liked our department 50 Facebook page, the address is @ALA.CaliConnection. Keep

1 up the good work in Public Relations and thank you very 2 much. 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. 4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: May I approach 5 you? 6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. Oh, my 7 goodness. Look at this. It's a photo album with a 8 compass. It's leather. Oh, my gosh. It's beautiful. 9 Stand over here. I love jewels. Oh, it's an anchor. Thank you so much. That's great. 10 Beautiful. Thank you 11 so much. 12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: It has so much 13 in it. 14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you very 15 much. Thank you. Look at how gorgeous this is. This is 16 all the information that you sent to Jennifer to put in 17 our PR book. Didn't she do a wonderful job on this? 18 (Applause.) 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And, Jennifer, I 20 thank you very much. I know also your husband had a lot 21 of issues, so I appreciate you being here and I thank you 22 for everything you've done. 23 (Applause.) 24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you. Okay. 25 We're going to now hear from our Convention Commission. 26 Genieca Risner is not available to be with us today so we 27 are going to hear from her side kick, Anita Biggs. 28 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And Bev Sparks. 29 She said she's going to stand up here and just go "nah, 30 nah, nah." 31 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARK: She didn't send 32 me a note. 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I spoke to you 34 in person, young lady. That's better than a note. 35 36 CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT 37 38 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We've had kind 39 of a sketchy year because our Chairman Genieca has not 40 been available to meet with the Legion Commission. So we 41 -- Bev and I, we've just been trying to wing it. As being 42 part of the Advisory, the President had been receiving 43 information -- thank you, Bev -- receiving information 44 from The American Legion with regard to our upcoming 45 conventions. So we'll give you a little report. Sorry I 46 don't have it in writing because it really -- this all 47 happened this weekend basically. 48 So the Convention Commission did meet with the 49 Advisory Committee, which the Convention Committee is me 50 and the Advisory Committee is me. She's going to get in

1 her -- I'm going to tell the truth. Along with the 2 Parliamentarian, the Department President, First Vice 3 President met with the American Legion Commander Leach and 4 Adjunct John Bart. That was on Wednesday, this past 5 Wednesday, to discuss the 2018 convention and going 6 forward. And it was determined that the department 7 American Legion is in the process of establishing a 8 convention corporation. Because in the past they've been 9 doing district corporations to put on the convention. 10 It's convoluted and we were like our heads were 11 spinning. But we want to -- they want to do something 12 that's going to be easier for all of us to communicate and 13 for future conventions. 14 Next year's Convention Commission Committee, led 15 by our esteemed Bev Sparks here, will make contact with 16 John Bart so that we can meet at the Legion's DEC upcoming 17 in August so we can get a head start to try to pull 18 everything together. They agree we need to communicate 19 better so we can understand what the real costs are that 20 are of our Auxiliary's costs. Because frankly we've been 21 paying and budgeted to pay \$2,500 and that's it for conventions for the longest. And, you know, I know you're 22 23 looking like, you know, that's all? And that is all. And 24 they said that's all that we've been contracted to pay and 25 that is how it is. 26 The finance -- you'll hear more about the Finance 27 Committee in the upcoming budget so I won't go into that. 28 Next year's convention will be held -- 2018 will 29 be held in Sacramento. 30 (Applause.) 31 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We are looking 32 forward to that. I know they have a location for the 33 convention, but housing is still being ironed out. Plus 34 the contract has not been signed yet, so we have to get 35 the contract. 36 2019 will be held in Ontario. That is the 100th 37 year. They did win the bid. And 18 and 25 will be 38 hosting the convention in Ontario. We don't have any 39 locations going past that date and we are going to be, of course, looking for locations, you know, both houses. 40 We'll be looking for locations upcoming. And we did 41 42 request that we attempt to have at least five years in advance notice on convention locations like we used to 43 44 have in the past. 45 Did you want to add anything, Beverly? 46 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARK: No, no. Thank 47 you. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Next time I'll 48 49 send you a note along with talking to you in person. 50 Thank you all so much. Thank you, Madam

1 President. 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, ladies. 3 Thank you very much. I know it's been a struggle this year with the communication, but hopefully we've bridged 4 5 that gap and we can get this taken care of. So thank you 6 very much. 7 Well, when we break for lunch -- yeah, Okay. 8 they may have to -- it looks like they're getting food. 9 So when you come back from lunch, we will be strolling the 10 promenade deck and visiting with each other this 11 afternoon. Please be prepared to join us with your cruise 12 wear on immediately after the stroll. 13 I would like the Finance Committee, Advisory 14 Committee, and Distinguished Guest Chairman to be on stage 15 to be ready to give their reports. 16 It is a little early, but we are out of here. So 17 we're adjourned. We are adjourned until -- excuse me. I 18 am sorry. Our distinguished Octopus needs to talk to you. 19 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. The Girls 20 State 75th Anniversary Committee selected the design for 21 jewelry submitted by Roseanne Vicky Bean, District 9, Unit 22 161. As the winner we will give Vicky a set of earrings, 23 necklace, and pin. The committee thanks all those who 24 submitted designs. 25 Dorothy Castillo, District 10, Unit 68 needs two 26 tickets for the banquet. 27 District 6 has three tickets for the banquet. Glenda, see Dorothy Castillo. 28 29 I'm interested in being a Page for -- oh, okay. 30 All those that have sent me notes about being a Page at 31 National Convention, I will be in touch with you after I 32 get in touch with Nevada. Okay? I will email you. 33 Mention to the ladies they need to pick up their 34 books in the back. Their history books need to be picked 35 up in the back. 36 There has been a change in the banquet. The 37 banquet is now in the Ballroom A and B. Yes, in the 38 convention center. 39 Susie's Farmers, please meet at the stage following the adjournment for lunch Saturday 6/24. Sue's 40 41 Lighthouses, Melanie's Balloon Pilots, LuAnn's Ship 42 Captains will meet for lunch Saturday at noon in the 43 Marriott Hotel restaurant. 44 Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will meet 45 at lunch on Saturday noon break at the Marriott Room 921. 46 Bonnie's Prom Princesses and Sandy's Colonels 47 will meet in Room 415 here for lunch on Saturday. Please 48 RSVP -- well, it's a little too late to RSVP. 49 Goldie's Golden Links, Geri's Cards, Margaret's 50 Dream Catchers, and Pilar's Musicians will meet in the

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Marriott for lunch on Saturday in Room 612. A message from the Royal Turtles. Turtles of Treasures, please have all your white raffle tickets and green 50/50 tickets turned in by close of Saturday session. But they still will be selling more. All of those districts can pick up their membership cards during the lunch hour break in the office here behind the stage. Pardon me. Right. Well, I'm sure they'll be finished here pretty soon. Well, never mind about lunch. You can pick them up at the close of business today, your membership cards today. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They have them over at the table. If you bring them over here, I'll bring them right there. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We'll do it over here at the finance table. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes. SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And all of those who are going to National Convention, you have packets to pick up. There are deadlines that you need to adhere to by the 17th of July to get your housing and everything in That concludes all those things. to convention. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, this session is now in recess for lunch until 1:30. Be back right at 1:30, please. (Lunch recess.) (Time noted: 11:44 a.m.) 

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:33 P.M. 1 2 3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: This convention session is reconvened. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms and 4 5 Marshal please get everyone out of their chairs and take a 6 stroll around the promenade deck to visit every person in 7 the room and to take in some fresh sea air. Up you go, 8 ladies. 9 (Parade.) 10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, we 11 will now hear from our Distinguished Guest Chairman, Ms. 12 Linda Workman. 13 (Applause.) 14 15 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT 16 17 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam President, thank you for allowing me to act as your Social 18 19 Cruise Director this year. I've really missed the back of 20 the room action and I'm glad to be back there again. It 21 was an honor for me to escort you as you took the office 22 of Department President and led this department with humor 23 and grace that we have all enjoyed so very much. 24 The mid-year meeting was a little short on seats, 25 but we all seemed to work it out anyway. It was an honor 26 to assist you hosting the National President Mary Davis. 27 And I really want to thank Deloris Artis. There she is. 28 For taking my place in the south during the visit. You 29 did an outstanding job. Thank you very much. 30 I am looking forward to assisting you in hosting 31 the banquet this evening and I know that everyone will 32 have a great time. It will be bittersweet to escort you 33 from the state -- it will be bittersweet to escort you 34 from the stage on Sunday, but I'm glad that you will be 35 joining the ranks of PDP, you little winch. Okay. Yeah, 36 winch, not witch. Either way it works. 37 Okay. Okay. So now enough of the sappy stuff. 38 You guys want to hear the cruise messages; right? Well, 39 an old lady was standing on the railing of a cruise ship 40 holding onto her hat so tight as the wind was blowing. A 41 gentleman approached her and says: "Pardon me, madam. Ι 42 do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your 43 dress is blowing up in the wind?" "Yes, I know," said the lady. I need to hold 44 45 onto my hat." 46 "But, madam, you must know that your privates are 47 exposed," the gentleman said. 48 And the old lady looked back at him and said: 49 "Sir, what you see down there is 85 years old. I just 50 bought this hat yesterday."

(Applause.) 1 2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: That could 3 probably be me in a few years. But I better be careful. This next guy sounds a lot like Lyle. 4 5 An elderly couple was on a cruise and it was 6 really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat 7 watching the moon and a wave came up and washed the old 8 lady overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find 9 her, so the captain sent the old man home and he promised 10 that he would notify him as soon as he found out 11 something. Three weeks later finally the old man got a 12 fax from the ship, and it said: "Sorry, sir, to inform 13 you we found your wife. She died in the ocean. We hauled 14 her up on the deck and found an oyster attached to her 15 butt. Inside was a pearl worth \$50,000. Please advise." 16 The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and 17 re-bait the hook." 18 (Applause.) 19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam 20 President, this does conclude my platform remarks, but may 21 I take a point of personal privilege? 22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, you may. 23 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I want to 24 thank all of the members for the cards and the flowers and 25 the prayers and thoughtful gifts at the loss of my 26 granddaughter. I was overwhelmed by the support. We've 27 always talked about being family and I never realized what 28 a real family that I have the privilege to have. I love 29 Thank you. you all. 30 (Applause.) 31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Love you too. Can 32 I have my Compasses Anita Biggs, Pilar Reyes, LuAnn 33 Capazzi, Linda Fercho please come to the stage. Come on 34 up, Compasses. 35 36 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 37 38 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: All right. We're the 39 Advisory Committee for Madam President Wendy. And, Madam 40 President Wendy --41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. 42 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: -- since our midyear 43 meeting, our great USO show -- how many got to come to the 44 USO show? 45 (Applause.) 46 ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those of you 47 who did had a wonderful time. Your Compasses have kept your ship on course. We have weathered any storms that 48 49 blew our way. They didn't have a chance against us because we were full of hot air. We were able to conduct 50

1 a successful conference call to handle any questions. 2 With that said, you have done a great job and we were 3 happy to assist you in any way we could. We wish for you 4 a continued successful convention as has been already with 5 smooth seas and calm winds ahead. We thank you so much 6 for this appointment. 7 And would any of these directional functioning or 8 dysfunctional Compasses like to offer any information? 9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And you're kind of 10 wondering how I got through the year. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REYES: Madam President, I 11 12 would like to thank you for this appointment. And it is 13 an utter pleasure to be at your service at any time, but 14 you made it easy for us. And for most of all, we would like to congratulate you for a very outstanding service 15 16 you have done for our department as our President. 17 Congratulations. 18 (Applause.) PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And I want to 19 20 give a shout out to LuAnn Capazzi who made our beautiful 21 vests which I received so many compliments on. 22 (Applause.) 23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Madam 24 President, we have a little gift for you. This one we're 25 going to pull out and let everybody read. "Work like a 26 captain, party like a pirate." Or a winch, in your case. 27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: A winch in my 28 case. Thank you very much, ladies. 29 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And a personal point of privilege. I want to thank everyone for all the 30 31 cards and prayers that I have received this year having my 32 breast cancer come back after 20 years. But doing 33 excellent, doing well, having a great time. So I guess 34 the Dear Lord said you haven't made Dennis miserable 35 enough yet. You have to stay there, lady. 36 (Applause.) 37 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: It's been a 38 great year, Madam President. We've had fun sailing over 39 smooth sails and some not so. But, you know, that's the 40 way it goes. We wish for you a great day, a great 41 evening, and tomorrow there you will be. That's the hard 42 point going down that aisle on your way out the door. But 43 we love you. 44 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Sometimes it's 45 a gift. 46 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Yes. On one 47 side of you is yes. The other side is awe, okay. We love 48 you and we were so happy to be here for you all year. 49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much. 50 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She needs to get 2 to a chair. Okay. I can't do this next one because this 3 voting situation -- this voting situation has sort of 4 thrown a kink in our -- yes, so I'm going to do some 5 citations now. 6 Can I have Jennifer Bieger come up to the stage, 7 please? I'm sorry? Okay. So for all of you that don't 8 know, Jennifer Bieger's husband is ill again. She has 9 really struggled this year with him and his health, which 10 I fully understand. So this is a certification of 11 appreciation. It's awarded to Jennifer Bieger, 12 Department -- what is she? Yeah, Public Relations, that's 13 it. I didn't know what "PR" stood for. In recognition 14 for devoted service to God and country and in sincere 15 appreciation for reporting at midyear The American Legion 16 Auxiliary Public Relations Program. And this is the 17 National Public Relations Committee. So that's a very nice award for her. 18 19 (Applause.) 20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I will make sure that she gets this. And then we have District 20, Nancy 21 22 Heinisch. Could you please come up front? Are you here? This 23 This is a certification of appreciation. 24 certification is gratefully presented to Nancy Heinisch, 25 Western Division Public Relations Chairman, in recognition 26 for devoted service for God and country and sincere 27 appreciation for reporting at end year to the American 28 Legion Public Relations Program. And this is from the 29 National Public Relations Committee. Congratulations. (Applause.) 30 31 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President 32 Wendy? Excuse me. I have a message. District 25, they 33 need lunch and purse for Terri Granado. 34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm sorry? 35 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Terri Granado. We 36 need her purse and lunch for Terri Granado, District 25. 37 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE: We have her purse, but not 38 her lunch. 39 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: All right. That will 40 do. She needs her medication. 41 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE: I'm going to check outside 42 if her husband is there with her lunch. 43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you 44 very much. Okay. I'm going to have Terry Mikesell come 45 up. 46 And, Diane, are you able to come up or -- okay. 47 She's going to represent the Constitution & Bylaws Ad Hoc 48 Committee and give us -- and Melanie Taylor. I'm sorry. 49 She's here so those are the three. Diane won't be because 50 she's in taking care of the voting.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Our Chairman 2 Diane DeLashmit wrote this, but I will read it. 3 4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 5 6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Madam 7 President Wendy, I present the members of this committee, 8 Terry Mikesell and Melanie Taylor. It was this 9 committee's intent to have the New Department Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules ready to be voted 10 on at this meeting. Unfortunately, that has not happened. 11 12 Due to my illness, I realize that I was not able to make 13 the April deadline for Constitution & Bylaws changes to be 14 submitted to the Department Office. In addition, there 15 are a few items that need to be further researched before 16 we can move forward. 17 Our goal is to have a draft of the Constitution, 18 Bylaws and Standing Rules ready for the DEC in January to 19 be distributed for review and then voted on at the 20 convention in Sacramento. 21 If anyone is thinking of making any changes to 22 any existing documents, please advise us so we can work 23 them into the new documents. One possible change is to 24 make Second Vice President in the unit an optional office 25 as many of the small units are having trouble getting 26 enough officers to fill all the positions, especially 27 since an officer can only hold one elected office at a 28 time. A change for district officers not to be restricted 29 to only holding one office whether elected or appointed is 30 being considered, and the term of office of the National 31 Executive Committeewoman is being discussed. 32 This is a very tedious process, so please let us know by November 1st of any other changes you might want 33 34 to consider. We will be putting our full effort into 35 getting this done by January. 36 Madam President, this concludes our report. 37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you so much, 38 ladies. 39 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Well, we're 40 41 just speeding right along. Now we weren't going to do the 42 Finance today, however, at this point we cannot do that 43 until members that are in counting the ballots are out 44 here to be able to vote on the budget. 45 So yes, at this point we're going to have a recess here in the room. So, ladies, please stay in the 46 47 room. I thought we danced enough. We might need to dance a little more, but we're hoping -- we've got to check and 48 49 see how long they're going to be and then we can do the 50 Finance. So we are really, really early to flock. I must

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1 be a speed demon here. Come on; get it done. So enjoy 2 talking to your neighbors and we'll get back to you as 3 soon as we can. 4 (Recess.) 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Could I ask that 6 we have a volunteer to work the doors, to be at the doors. 7 I would like Gwen to take a break and eat her meal, so can 8 somebody stand there? Thank you so much. I'd like you to 9 sit down. Thank you. Thank you very much. 10 (Recess.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, I 11 12 don't know if there's any Juniors in here. Okay. I see 13 some. They need to be dismissed. I just told they've got 14 to go. So, Juniors, thank you for coming, but you must go 15 now so that you can be ready for the bus and all that. So 16 have a good time. Be safe. Represent us good. 17 (Applause.) 18 (Recess.) 19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ladies, all 20 right. We're going to reconvene because this is -- the ballot reading is taking longer, so we're going to have 21 22 Terry Mikesell come up and give her committee report for 23 Finance. This is not the budget. This is just her 24 budget. We're going to do the budget in the morning. I'm 25 so sorry, but -- the tail of the whale is coming. We have 26 Brenda Preston, Linda Hayes, and Terry Mikesell. 27 28 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT 29 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: The Finance 30 met on June 22nd, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Raincross A of 31 32 Riverside Convention Center. I should have changed that 33 to 9:00 a.m. because we met early. 34 Linda Hayes was appointed Secretary, Brenda 35 Preston offered prayer, and Linda Workman was appointed 36 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 17 district delegates answered roll call. There were three visitors present. 37 38 The committee agreed upon the following report: The code 39 was read with no changes. 40 Madam Department President, by direction of the 41 committee, I move adoption of nothing. Thank you. That 42 concludes my report. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Ruby, do 43 44 you have any communications? 45 SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: None. 46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, yeah, none. 47 Susie? PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Because we 48 49 moved the banquet downstairs, anybody with a table number 50 higher than 15, you're sitting in a new place because I

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1 only have 15 tables down there and that's why I've been up 2 here. My eyes are tired trying to figure out where to put 3 people. But I do have lists of where you're going to be 4 seated. Come look for me, but don't find me. And if I 5 forget to turn the lights on a table display, will you 6 turn them on for me, please? Thank you. 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you, Susie. 8 Also we will be retiring the district colors tomorrow 9 instead of today because we don't have to today. All right. Now I am going to adjourn this --10 Susie wants to bring some information from 11 okay. 12 National. 13 NEC MEMBER TOZIER: Ladies, it's going to be 14 Ruby brought it up in her -- someone did in addressed. 15 her presentation that they're talking about a rate 16 increase of three cents. \$3. I'm sorry. I'll take the 17 three cents. I'll take the three cents. No, \$3, and that 18 will raise your dues. You'll have to send \$20 to 19 Department and they'll take their share and National will 20 take theirs. 21 I wanted to feedback from you because those of 22 you who are going to be voting at convention. Personally 23 I don't want it. The problem is membership is going down. They have -- they want to keep their existing staff so the 24 25 costs are -- you know, they have their fixed costs and 26 stuff like that. So as membership goes down, the costs 27 are going to be still there. You're going to have to pay 28 for it someway or another and that's how they're doing it 29 is through the dues, so --30 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Madam 31 President, Bonnie Christner, Past Department President. I 32 don't know about you, ladies. I just -- because my 33 membership is going down and we cannot survive on the 34 money that we were making. I've already lost some of my 35 ladies, older time ladies that have been members for years 36 because I raised the dues \$5 in our unit. Now what's 37 going to happen? Now at this rate they're going to raise 38 our dues, and then I'm going to be in the same boat as I 39 was before. 40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Madam Vice 41 President Loretta Marsh, could you please take the 42 station? 43 Okay. Ladies, I had a nice long weekend with our 44 National President and we spoke about the dues increase. 45 And really truly part of the issue, and I'm going to be 46 frank with all of you, part of the issue is National wants 47 to pay people to do what we are forced to have volunteers 48 do. 49 I personally have told the National President 50 that I do not think that this is good for our units. Our

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1 units are struggling, our units have to get up and do all 2 of the work that needs to be done. We collect all the 3 money, we do all the things. Why can't National have 4 volunteers come and take care of what they need to get 5 done. 6 (Applause.) 7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And I am very 8 happy to tell you the National President feels the same 9 way. 10 (Applause.) DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So I know that she 11 12 has talked to lots of NEC asking them to really consider 13 what is best. And then when we go, have an open mind to 14 listen to what they have to say, but then know what's best And I -- because I'm standing over here, I 15 for our units. 16 can say I personally do not think they need any more money 17 at this time. Start getting volunteers to do what needs 18 to be done. That is my personal opinion, and I'll share it with anybody that asks me. So anyway --19 20 (Applause.) 21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Does anybody 22 else have any comments? I'm voting no. I know I'm voting 23 I admit we have \$1 left from our dues and we raise no. 24 our money by doing food for the bingos. That's how we 25 raise our money. You know, so if that means we would have 26 to raise our dues \$5 to cover that dues increase, I can't afford it. I'm like a lot of you. I'm on a fixed income 27 28 and I pay several dues. It's awfully expensive, but we 29 have to get the word out to the other delegates. And, you 30 know, it's very hard. Everybody has to trim down, you 31 know, and use the volunteers. 32 Our hospitals use volunteers. If they price the 33 cost of the volunteers, just like they do the VA hospital, 34 take all the hours and they price it out so they show the 35 cost savings for the volunteers. So yeah, you are a very, 36 very important person. You save the VA and the government 37 a lot of money. So why can't National do that. 38 (Applause.) 39 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Are there --40 yes. 41 POPPY CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. I just want to 42 say something. I was going to raise our dues to 25 and my 43 unit decided, no, we're going to have another fundraiser 44 to raise the money, that difference so we don't have to 45 raise our dues. So that's what we did. We had another 46 fundraiser that year and every year thereafter. 47 But also I wanted to say we're losing members no 48 matter what. I mean, we're going to lose them if we raise 49 the per capita or we're going to lose them if we don't. 50 Yeah, we've all got to work. We've all got to work to

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1 renew our members and -- yeah. Thank you. 2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Are there any 3 other comments? 4 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE COPEN: Madam President, Pat 5 Copen, incoming President of Unit 497, 25th District. 6 This year I lost my husband. When I lost my husband, I 7 lost \$1800 a month. Our organization is filled with 8 volunteer senior citizens who are on fixed incomes, and 9 when your spouse dies, you lose part of that income, yet 10 every year they're raising everything: utilities, water, 11 gas. This is a volunteer organization and it should be 12 volunteer from the bottom to the top. 13 (Applause.) 14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. 15 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE STEWART: Hi there. Rebecca 16 Stewart, District 24, Unit 43. This is an observation on 17 National. When we get the Auxiliary News magazine, 18 beginning -- they usually show all the officers and 19 workers that are hired in National. And I don't know if 20 anyone's noticed it, but some of those individuals who are 21 workers, who are directors have an assistant. And the 22 assistant has an assistant. And the assistant has an 23 assistant. 24 Now National says they need people. They need 25 the funds to help pay. They're paying for their office staff, for their workers, whichever they may want to call. 26 27 And I would like to know when the National Executive 28 Committeewomen from each state meet with the National 29 office, do they ever make this observation to the board? 30 And if so, it would be nice to say maybe if you let some 31 of your workers, reduce your workers, it would help. And 32 then to also understand that if, as you said, we are 33 volunteers. They should have in their office volunteers 34 as well. Observation. 35 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. 36 (Applause.) 37 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: If the 38 discussion is closed, no one else wants to speak. 39 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE DESTRANGIO: I have a 40 question. 41 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Sure. 42 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE DESTRANGIO: Hi. Sandy 43 Destrangio, District 13, Post 318. So I know if I were a coach and I had an assistant, I get paid for them. 44 Okay. 45 Can everyone hear me? Okay. So should I repeat 46 everything I said? 47 Hi. I'm Sandy Destrangio from District 13, Post 318. I know if I were a coach, if I had an assistant I 48 49 would pay for them out of my wages. Does National do that 50 with their assistants?

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: No. 2 DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE DESTRANGIO: So I feel like 3 that's something that should also be brought up. 4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Usually corporations have budgets per departments and each 5 6 department is only allotted so much money to spend and 7 they have to decide -- you know, they have their wish list 8 and you decide what you can have and what you can't have. 9 Susie Tozier. The court reporter is way over there and 10 she can't see me. 11 In regards to -- I heard rumors in February that 12 they were thinking about doing this. The first time I 13 really heard of it was when Ruby announced if the -- when 14 they went to the leadership workshop, her and Loretta. So 15 that was the first I ever heard about, you know, it was 16 going to come out. 17 But basically in any organization as far as I'm 18 concerned, business or otherwise, because I worked -- I 19 started out as a small company, you know how they buy and 20 buy and buy and then they split, split, split and then 21 they go away. Well, as work goes away or things start 22 trimming down, you have to trim down your budgets to 23 figure out how to do things smoother. And I don't know. 24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Bonnie 25 Christner, District 27, Past Department President. If we 26 don't have so much membership and that's why they're 27 saying that they need to raise our dues to pay the people 28 that are working in their offices, if they don't have that 29 much membership to process, why do they need more people 30 to process it? 31 (Applause.) 32 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I mean it 33 doesn't make sense to me. I mean, I do all the stuff in 34 my unit and it doesn't take me long now because my membership is lower than it was a few years ago. So, you 35 36 know, I could log my hours and pay myself, but, you know, 37 that's not going to work either. So we don't have that 38 many members. Why is it taking more people and more money 39 to process our membership. 40 (Applause.) 41 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Any 42 further discussion? VA&R CHAIRMAN CANNON: Yes, over here. Yes. 43 44 Joan Cannon, VA&R Chairman. I was also with Ruby and 45 Loretta. And in my past life I worked for the federal 46 government. We did a lot of work putting in computer 47 systems. I was a systems analyst and we had a lot of 48 consultants. While I was there at the leadership conference in May, I lost count of how many consultants 49 50 gave us, you know, a little talk on different subjects.

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1 And I know from my past work life before I retired, 2 consultants are very, very expensive. 3 So, you know, maybe that little assistant is not 4 making that much, but those consultants are making a lot 5 of money. And maybe we even need to talk about rethinking 6 the consultants, and that would probably get rid of two 7 consultants and we probably don't have to worry about membership raises for many, many years. Thank you. 8 9 (Applause.) 10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Louann Johnston, 11 12 26th District President. I move that our California 13 delegation vote against the dues increase. 14 (Applause.) 15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Loretta, can 16 I say something? 17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been 18 moved and seconded. 19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Can I say 20 something? 21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: We need to --22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Loretta? 23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. 24 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE SQUIRE: Thank you. Leilani 25 Squire, District 24, Unit 43. I would rather -- I would 26 be a cheap consultant; you can hire me. Anyway, sorry, I 27 would be very discouraged because I work hard as a 28 volunteer and I know many ladies do. It would be 29 discouraging to me personally to know that the money that I have to pay goes to something else that could be done 30 31 perhaps by a volunteer. And so I don't think it's a good 32 idea. And also we are the voices of the people, so our 33 voice is very important to say what we believe. That's 34 what I think. 35 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: That's why you 36 get a vote when you go. And we can --37 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Madam 38 President? 39 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I think it's 40 41 inappropriate for us to vote on this motion at this time 42 because our delegates and alternates are not chosen yet 43 and so they wouldn't have any clue that we had already 44 Thank you. done this. 45 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. At this 46 time a vote is out of order. So any other -- if not, 47 Wendy, do you have -- President, do you have anything more 48 you have to say before you have to shut up about it? 49 (Applause.) 50 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: I said that

1 because she kept saying --2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: May I, Madam Vice 3 President? 4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. 5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I will let you 6 ladies know that last night I joined the Past Presidents 7 Parley group. Mean, mean women. They will suffer when it's her turn. She will suffer. 8 9 One last thing. I don't think it's fair to force 10 somebody to vote on something; however, I do think that the delegates and alternates that go to National represent 11 12 all of us. It is our jobs to tell our delegates how we 13 feel so that they know when they're voting, they're 14 representing what we want. Not just themselves, but what we, California, wants. So it doesn't really need to take 15 a vote. They should hear by your applause or your 16 17 comments how you feel. So if you're not sure, talk to 18 your delegates. Tell them how you feel about the 19 situation. 20 (Applause.) 21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The 22 conversation is over. I was on a break time back there, 23 but you will suffer. 24 Okay. Ladies, it looks like this is -- it looks 25 like this is going to take a few more minutes. So we've 26 sat here long enough and I believe that we should recess this meeting until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow. I hope to see you 27 28 all at the banquet tonight. No host cocktails will be at 29 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00. The Convention 30 Committee has prepared great entertainment for us, so I 31 hope you are all going to see that. See you tomorrow 32 morning. 33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Madam 34 President, ladies, bring your budget back tomorrow. You 35 will not get another copy. 36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, yes, please. 37 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention 38 was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.) 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

) SS. COUNTY OF STANISLAUS ) I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California 98th Annual Convention was taken Sunday, June 24, 2017, at the time and place set forth on the first page hereof. That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California 96th Annual Convention members were written down by me in stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California 98th Annual Convention members. I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof. Dated this 6th day of July, 2017, at Modesto, California. Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919 

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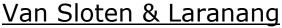
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Board of Directors American Legion Auxiliary

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Legion Auxiliary (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Basis for Qualfied Opinion**

No accounting controls are exercised over cash contributions received from members, units and general public prior to the inital entry of such contributions in the accounting records. We were unable to obtain suffcient appropriate audit evidence about the cash contributions collected by American Legion Auxiliary for the year ended June 30, 2017, because there were no accounting controls. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to those amounts were necessary.

#### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects of any adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the collections of cash contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph been susceptible to satisfactory audit tests, financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Legion Auxiliary as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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# Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2017

#### ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note A (10))	\$ 843,711
Inventories (Note A (9))	6,470
Total Current Assets	850,181
Investment in certificates of deposits (Note H)	532,531
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and equipment	32,897
Accumulated depreciation	(32,897)
Net Fixed Assets	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,382,711
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 3,114
Sales tax payable	2,195
Scholarship payable	7,000
Credit card payable	3,008
Total Current Liabilities	15,317
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 15,317
NET ASSETS	
Designated for equipment replacement	6,000
Other unrestricted	1,039,231
Total Unrestricted	1,045,231
Temporarily restricted (Note K)	322,163
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1,382,711

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support from Members/Units			1000
Membership dues	\$ 366,571		\$ 366,571
Poppies Distribution	\$ 500,571	74,813	<sup>3</sup> 500,571 74,813
Donations and Poppy Contributions	42,617	/4,813	42,617
Girls State Session enrollment fees	42,017	187,300	187,300
Girls State Session application fees		40,150	40,150
Girls State Session Airport transportation		2,387	2,387
Girls State Donations and other income	-	17,513	17,513
Convention fees	20,805	17,515	20,805
VAR TFA	20,803 905		20,805 905
Fidelity bond	1,835		1,835
Jr Activities income	18,286		18,286
Ways and means	7,872		7,872
CA Disaster Fund	4,646		4,646
Department president pins	5,850		5,850
Girls State store sales	26,882		26,882
Live units	1,705		1,705
Postage income	2,567		2,567
Interest income	10,775		10,775
Department banquet, luncheon and meals reimbursement, net	14,229		10,773
Special projects	23,307		23,307
Welfare Funds / PP Parley	29,029		29,029
-			
Sweepstakes share from American Legion Other income	4,243		4,243
	60,495		60,495
Subtotal	642,619	322,163	964,782
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 8)			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	684,365	(684,365)	
Total Support and Revenue	1,326,984	(362,202)	964,782
EXPENSES			
Program services			
Poppy Production	50,037	-	50,037
Welfare	66,368	-	66,368
Girls State	225,768	-	225,768
Special Restricted	-	-	-
Management and general	409,653		409,653
Total Expenses	751,826		751,826
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	575,158	(362,202)	212,956
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	470,073	684,365	1,154,438
Prior period adjustment			
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 1,045,231	\$ 322,163	\$ 1,367,394

#### SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Statement of Cash Flow

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Change in net assets	\$ 212,956
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used by) operating activities:	
(Increase) - Decrease in;	
Inventories	2,981
Increase - (Decrease) in;	
Accounts payable	(5,921)
Scholarship payable	(14,895)
Sales tax payable	1,177
Accrued sick payable	(813)
Credit Card payable	 (6,525)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	 188,960
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Maturity of CDs	 6,830
Net cash (used in) investing activities	 6,830
Cash Flows from Financing Activites	
Designation of unrestricted fund adjustment	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	_
Net increase (decrease) in cash and	
cash equivalents	 195,790
Cash and cash equilvalents at beg. of year	 647,921
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	 843,711

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#### American Legion Auxiliary Department of California Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

EXPENSES	Program Poppy <u>Production</u>	<u>Welfare</u>	Girls <u>State</u>	Special <u>Restricted</u>	Support Services Management <u>and General</u>	Total Functional <u>Expenses</u>
Accounting and Audit	\$ -	\$-	s -	\$ -	\$ 10,680	\$ 10,680
Administrative expenses	φ = -	J -	ф —	φ - -	14,034	14,034
Advertising Job	-	_	_	_	207	207
ALWMC	-	-	-	-	2,400	2,400
Americanism Scholarships	-	-	-	-	3,950	3,950
Committee and chair allowances	-	-	-	-	2,025	2,025
Computer and Office Equipment	-	_	_	-	971	971
Department President Pins				-	1,545	1,545
Department President Special Projects	-	-	_		6,332	6,332
Equipment rental and maintenace	_			_	21,617	21,617
Insurance	_				10,973	10,973
Licenses, permits and fees	-	_	_	_	540	540
Membership PUFL	_	_	-	-	2,292	2,292
Live Units	-	-	-	-	2,035	2,035
Online Dues	_	_	-	-	28,073	28,073
National dues	-	-	-	-	164,736	164,736
Payroll taxes	-	-	-	-	6,128	6,128
Payroll Service Fee	-	-	-	-	1,968	1,968
Relocation expenses	-	-	-	-	593	593
Salaries	-	-	-	-	44,540	44,540
Telephone, computer supplies and internet	-	-	-	-	4,109	4,109
Travel and transporation	-	-	-	-	1,177	1,177
Ways and means	-	-	-	-	49	49
Executive Expense	-	-	-	-	34,911	34,911
Convention Expense	-	-	-	-	19,933	19,933
Committee Expense	-	-	-	-	3,425	3,425
Jr. Activities Expense	-	-	-	-	11,477	11,477
Girls State Expenses	-	-	225,768	-	-	225,768
Poppy Production Expenses	50,037	-	-	-	-	50,037
Welfare Fund Expense /VAR	-	32,900	-	-	-	32,900
Welfare Fund Expense C & Y	-	10,800	-	-	-	10,800
Welfare Fund Expense / Education	-	13,893	-	-	-	13,893
Welfare Fund / Past Pres Parley	-	8,775	-	-	-	8,775
Miscellaneous					8,933	8,933
Sub-total	50,037	66,368	225,768		409,653	751,826
Administrative fee charged to programs					<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenses	\$ 50,037	\$ 66,368	\$ 225,768	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 409,653	\$ 751,826

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Notes To Financial Statements

June 30, 2017

#### (A) - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (1) Organization

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of California (the Department) was incorporated 1947 and is a member of American Legion Auxiliary, a national organization that was formed to aid the American Legion in carrying out its Americanism and welfare programs. Membership in the Departmetn is limited to women who have served in the Armed Forces or are family members of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces during certain major wars. Upon establishment of eligibility, such women may become members of a local unit. A member of a localunit is also a member of the Department and the national organization. Currently, there approximately 273 local units organized in 29 local districts in the Department with approximately 25,000 member.

Most of the Department's support comes from membership dues and contributions received from the offering of poppies to the public through its local units. In addition, its local units sponsor and pay for the enrollment fees for eligible selected students attending its annual Girls State session with contributions received through special fund raising events.

The Department has four major programs: Poppy Production, Welfare, Girls State and Special Restricted. The Poppy Production program is for the welfare and rehabilitation of hospitalized servicemen by engaging them to produce poppies, which distributions are to promote public awareness of disable veterans. The Welfare program provides welfare assistance and services to the needy children, students and veterans with the public contributions received from poppy offerings. The Girls State program provides a session during the summer to promote Americanism and citizenship to participants selected from various schools in California. The Special Restricted program reflects special contributions received from members with instructions to disburse the funds for certain special purposes. Contributions and fundraising from members and units for these four programs are restricted for their own program use only; other use requires members' approval

#### (2) <u>Funds</u>

In accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under this method of accounting, resources for various purposes are classified into funds that are in accordance with activities or objectives. The organization reports information regarding its net assets and activities as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted, depending on the existence and/or nature of any external restrictions in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) topic 958. Support received and revenue earned without any restrictions imposed by external sources is reported as an increase to unrestricted net assets that are available to the Association for day-to-day activities.

Support received that is restricted either by use or time is reported as an increase in temporarily restricted net assets. When a donor restriction expires (i.e. time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as support released from restrictions.

#### American Legion Auxiliary Department of California Notes To Financial Statements June 30, 2017

#### (A) - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-Continued

#### (2) Funds-Continued

Permanently restricted net assets represent contributions that the donor has stipulated be held in perpetuity. At June 30, 2017, the organization did not have a permanently restricted net assets.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### (3) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of financial instruments, including cash, certificates of deposit, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their fair value due to the short term maturities of these instruments.

#### (4) <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (5) <u>Contributions</u>

American Legion Auxiliary (the Department) accounts for contributions in accordance with recommendations of Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) topic 958, contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions.

All donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires(that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### (6) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are reported at the outstanding balance amounts. Interest is not accrued on overdue accounts receivable. An allowance for bad debts will not be recorded as of June 30, 2017.

#### (7) Investments

Investments are composed of certificates of deposits and is carried at fair value.

#### (8) Interest Income

Interests earned from the funds from Poppy Production, Welfare and Girls State programs unrestricted and have been transferred to the general operating account for management and general uses.

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#### (A) - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-Continued

#### (9) Inventories

Inventories are carried at lower of cost or market. The cost is determined on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

#### (10) Cash and Cash Equivalents

American Legion Auxiliary (the Department) considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents for purposes of the statement of cash flows exclude permanently restricted cash and cash equivalents.

#### (11) Capitalization Policy and Depreciation

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is generally provided for in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated service lives using the straight-line method. Maintenance and repairs, which do not materially add to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong its life are charged to expense as incurred. Donated equipment is recorded at fair market value at the date of receipt. The Department's capitalization policy is set at \$500.

#### (12) Donated Services

The Department receives various volunteet services throughout the year. No amount has been recognized in the statement of activities because the criteria for recognition have not been met.

#### (13) Concentration of Support and Revenue

During the year ended June 30, 2017, American Legion Auxiliary (the Department) received approximately 39% of its support from membership dues, 8% Poppy production, and 26% Girls State session. It is possible that, in the near term, either of these programs may reduce, which the Department will raise additional funds to offset the reduction. The Department does not expect the support from these agencies to be lost in the near term.

#### (B) - GIRLS STATES SESSION

The annual Girls State session is usually held in the last week of June each year. The 2017 Girls State session was held from June 24 to June 30, 2017 and the result of the 2017 Girls State session is reported in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

#### (C) - CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

Contributed services are provided by the volunteers. These services are significant part of the Organization's activities and would have to be performed by a salaried personnel if the services were not contributed. The agency maintains record of these services and estimates their value based on the cost of comparable services. No amounts have been recognized in the statement of activities because of the criteria for recognition under FASB ASC 958 has not been satisfied.

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#### (D) - **DONATED FACILITIES**

American Legion Auxiliary (the Department) occupy an office space in the War Memorial Building. The rent is \$2,400 per year, which is significantly lower than fair market value. The Department has designated \$6,000 for equipment replacement as of June 30, 2017. In-kind donated facilities are recognized in the financial statements. Donated equipment is included in revenue and expenditures at their estimated values at date of receipt.

#### (E) - INCOME TAXES

American Legion Auxiliary (the Department), has been granted the status of an exempt status under the Internal Revenue Service code section 501 (C) (19) and section 23701 (D) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The Department is required to file annual informational returns with the Internal Revenue Services and the California Franchise Tax Board. Management believes that there are no uncertain tax positions because all tax positions taken are well supported. The tax returns are subject to examination by the taxing authorities generally for three years and four years for federal and state, respectively, starting with the date of filing or the due date of the tax returns whichever is later.

#### (F) - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of the transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Such events have been evaluated through December 31, 2017, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### (G) - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

American Legion Auxiliary (the Department) maintains cash accounts of different programs at several banks. Cash account at each bank is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The cash balance in the accounts might exceed the limit at during the fiscal year.

American Legion Auxiliary (the Department) has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant risk on cash.

#### (H) - INVESTMENTS IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS

Investments in certificates of deposit is held by TD Ameritrade and carry various interest rates and maturity dates. Since the investment is not widely traded, its fair market value is based on the market value provided by TD Ameritrade as the best information available, which is level 2 input (input other than quoted prices in active market) of fair value heierarchy established by Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820. The total fair value of the investment in in securities at June 30, 2017 is \$532,531.

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#### (I) - CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

The cash equivalents and investment balance as of June 30, 2017 consisted of:

Cash held in bank Cash held in investment bank	\$	843,711 532,531
Total	<u>\$</u>	1,376,242

The cash and investment balances by programs as of June 30, 2017 were as follows:

Poppy Production program	\$	123,235
Welfare program		428,815
Girls State program		211,905
General program		612,287
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,376,242</u>

#### (J) - <u>LEASE COMMITMENTS</u>

In 2017, the Department negotiated a new lease agreement to replace the old copier effective July 1, 2017 for a term of five years. The minimum monthly lease payment is \$989 plus sales tax and excess copying charges at \$.0090 per copy in excess of 51,000 copies per quarter. Total copy machine expenses for the year ending June 30, 2017 is \$19,076.

The Department also has a 63-month lease agreement for a postage meter and scale machine effective October 2012 with quarterly lease payments of \$870, plus tax and fee.

The future minimum rental payments for the above leases as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Copier	Postage	Total
2018	\$ 11,868	\$ 3,480	\$ 15,348
2019	11,868	3,480	15,348

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#### (K) - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net Assets are released from donor and program restrictions by satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors. The net assets released from restrictions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

Satisfaction of program restrictions: Poppy Production program	\$	100,417
Welfare program Girls State program		419,611 164,337
Total	<u>\$</u>	684,365

As of June 30, 2017, the temporarily restricted net assets consisted of:

Poppy Production program Girls State program	\$	74,813 247,350
Total	<u>\$</u>	322,163

	2015-2016	]		Proposed
	Proposed/		7/1/15-7/2/16	7-1-16/7-1-17
	Approved 1/16	Comments	Actual	BUDGET
GS43500 · Girls State Income				
<b>GS43509 - Donated Enrollment Fees</b>	1,000.00			1,000.00
GS43510 · Girls State Store Sales	14,000.00		23,861.08	14,000.00
GS43511 · CD Income				
GS43512 · Photo Income	4,900.00		3,860.00	4,900.00
GS43513 · Misc/Interest Income Restricted	50.00		63.07	50.00
GS43515 · GS Donations	3,500.00		5,177.00	3,500.00
GS43516 · GS Drawing			-	
GS43517 · GS Enrollment Fee	175,000.00	\$350 per student	181,300.00	175,000.00
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GS43518 · GS Registration Fee	37,500.00	/ per school list	38,300.00	37,500.00
GS43519 · GS Airport Transportation	2,200.00		1,800.00	2,000.00
GS43520 - GS Unit Appreciation			10.00	
GS43521 - GS Misc. Income			48.00	
Total GS43500 · Girls State Income	238,150.00		254,409.15	237,950.00
GS63500 · Girl State Expenses				
GS63501 · GS Office/Consumable Supplies	1,500.00		942.51	2,000.00
GS63502 · GS Resale Items	11,000.00		7,798.00	14,000.00
GS63506 · GS Postage	-		-	-
GS63507 · GS Counselors/Nurse Stipends	-		-	-
GS63508 · GS Committee Meeting	1,000.00		643.83	1,000.00
GS63509 · GS Director's Conference	1,000.00		956.40	1,000.00
GS63510 · GS Promotion	-		_	
GS63511 · GS Photo/CD Photographer			-	

GS63512 · GS Handbook	2,000.00	PRINTING	181.20	2,000.00
GS63513 · GS Transportation Local	1,300.00		1,388.00	1,500.00
GS63514 · GS Food	82,500.00	Based on \$30 per day**	84,098.50	87,000.00
GS63515 · GS Housing	128,000.00	Based on \$40 per day**	102,000.00	110,000.00
		Will be done via		
GS63516 · GS Registration Packets	-	email no cost to Dept	-	-
GS63517 · GS Registr Fees/Girls Nation	350.00		350.00	350.00
GS63518 · GS Campus - Petty Cash	500.00		-	500.00
GS63519 · GS Director's Allowance	300.00		300.00	300.00
GS63520 · GS Printing	2,000.00	COPY MACHINE	2,734.00	1,000.00
GS63521 · GS Sales Tax	2,100.00		1,124.99	2,100.00
GS63522 · GS Storage	875.00		794.76	800.00
GS63523 · GS Nurse Supplies	75.00		-	75.00
GS63524 · GS Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00	300.00
GS63525 · GS Photographer Expense	1,700.00	Incl. fee & photos	2,577.50	2,500.00
GS63526 · GS Insurance	1,000.00	REQUIRED	1,092.00	1,100.00
GS63527 · GS Administrative Fee	-		-	-
GS63528 · GS Website/VOTING				
GS63529 - GS Bank Fees/Service Charges	50.00		15.00	50.00
GS 63530 - GS Misc. Charges		Incl. mtg. rooms	6,100.00	6,100.00
Total GS63500 · Girl State Expenses	237,550.00		213,396.69	233,675.00
Total Income and Expense (Net) +/_	600.00		24,153.31	4,275.00

**Reserves:** Girls State

10,565.70

\*\*Calculated on 550 participants