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4 SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019; 8:39 A.M.

5 ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

6  
7 CALL TO ORDER

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning. Our  
10 Chaplain Donna Smith will offer prayer.

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12 INVOCATION

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14 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Let us pray. Lord,  
15 we thank you for the American Legion Auxiliary and the  
16 blessings it provides. May you watch over us this day and  
17 keep us safe from harm. Grant us the ambition to work  
18 hard and give us strength to finish what we have started.  
19 May our hands always be prepared to have lightened  
20 another's load. And finally, Lord, remind us that the  
21 quality of our work is a reflection of each of those  
22 around us. Bless our efforts to succeed and make  
23 excellence and professionalism what we desire. We ask  
24 these things in your name. Amen.

25 DELEGATES: Amen.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Harriet, our  
2 Department Secretary, will call the roll call of the  
3 District Presidents and Officers.  
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5 ROLL CALL  
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7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: President Joan  
8 Cannon.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Vice President  
11 Kathie Martinez.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The Sunshine  
13 has come.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Secretary  
15 Harriet. Treasurer Ruby.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: NEC Loretta  
18 Marsh.

19 NEC WOMAN MARSH: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Past National  
21 President Nancy Brown-Park. Absent. Chaplain Donna  
22 Smith.

23 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Historian Jean  
25 Cooley-Desmeules.

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1 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Here.  
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. She's  
3 here. I did see her. Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.  
4 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Here.  
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Sergeant-at-Arms  
6 Rosemary Weber.  
7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WEBER: Present.  
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Assistant  
9 Sergeant-at-Arms Cecilia Harvey.  
10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's a  
11 District President.  
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance  
13 Committee Chairman Brenda Preston.  
14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Present.  
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance  
16 Committee Martha Romano.  
17 FINANCE COMMITTEE 1Y ROMANO: Present.  
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance  
19 Committee 2 Kae Orcutt.  
20 FINANCE COMMITTEE 2Y ORCUTT: Here.  
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Advisory  
22 Committee Chairman Anita Biggs.  
23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,  
24 Harriet.  
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

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1 Committee Member Linda Fercho.

2 COMMITTEE MEMBER FERCHO: Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

4 Committee Member Terry Mikesell.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Americanism Tami

7 Bell.

8 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Keep flying your  
9 flags.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Auxiliary

11 Emergency Fund Linda Hayes.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She's gone.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Children & Youth

14 Gloria Williams.

15 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I'm here in  
16 the back row.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Community  
18 Service Glenda Schultz.

19 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Good  
20 morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

22 Convention Commission Chairman Anita Biggs.

23 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'm still  
24 here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Two Year Wendy

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1 O'Brien.

2 CONVENTION COMMISSION 2Y O'BRIEN: Hey, girls.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Three Year Linda  
4 Fercho.

5 CONVENTION COMMISSION 3Y FERCHO: Me? Oh, yes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Constitution &  
7 Bylaws Kim Vincent.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Present.  
9 Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

11 Credentials Sharon Moore. She's probably outside.

12 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.

13 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Only three  
14 days until taco Tuesday.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: But who's  
16 counting. Editor Geni Lefler.

17 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Education Tamara  
19 Duron.

20 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

22 Elections Rachel Carnelison-Baltad.

23 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CARNELISON-BALTAD: Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Girls State  
25 Chairman Tammy Sollazzo. She's at Girls State. Girls

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1 State Director Elissa Kirkland. Junior Activities Maureen  
2 O'Brien-Sacco.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
4 Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Junior  
6 Conference Director Malinda Sinclair.

7 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Leadership LuAnn  
9 Capazzi.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: I'm here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Legislative  
12 Loretta Marsh.

13 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Membership  
15 Kathie Martinez.

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Adjustments are  
17 moving.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 1  
19 Terry Mikesell.

20 SUPPORT AREA 1 MIKESELL: Here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 2  
22 Dolly Rios.

23 SUPPORT AREA 2 RIOS: Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 3  
25 Deborah Straight. She might be out. Support Area 4 Becky



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1 Bullard.

2 SUPPORT AREA 4 BULLARD: Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

4 Support Area 5 Debbie Fletcher.

5 SUPPORT AREA 5 FLETCHER: Good morning, Harriet.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

7 Support Area 6 Jeri Adams.

8 SUPPORT AREA 6 ADAMS: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Music Nancy

10 Heinisch.

11 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: National

13 Security Ann Philcox is excused. Past Presidents Parley

14 Susie Tozier.

15 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Snap,

16 snap, present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Poppy Tracy

18 Varnell-Fercho, birthday girl.

19 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Public Relations

21 Deloris Artis.

22 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: I'm here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Resolutions

24 Melanie Taylor.

25 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Your Violet girl is

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1 in the house.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Rules Donna  
3 Scott.

4 RULES CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Follow the rules.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: VA&R Dee Ann  
6 Graham.

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Ways & Means  
9 Marion Rocha-Carlos.

10 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: Present.  
11 Still working.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Committee Jeri  
13 Johnson.

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER JOHNSON: We're still back here  
15 waiting for your money.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Committee Leslie  
17 Vondra.

18 COMMITTEE MEMBER VONDRA: We're here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. Personal  
20 Page Marcia Munroe.

21 PERSONAL PAGE MUNROE: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Personal Page  
23 Grace Huston.

24 PERSONAL PAGE HUSTON: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District

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1 Presidents. District 1 is excused. District 2 is  
2 excused. District 3 Lola Ramey.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Possibly in the lobby. All the  
4 presidents are.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 4 Jean  
6 Edson. She's probably in the lobby. I saw her. District  
7 5 Lynn Jewell is there. District 6 Glenda Schultz.

8 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President. The  
9 sensational District 6 is here to brighten your day.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 7  
12 Joanne Shope.

13 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Madam President.  
14 We've come from California's Gold Hills to add sparkle and  
15 glitter to your life.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
18 District 8 Teresa Canonizado.

19 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
20 Good morning, Madam President. District 8 and I am proud  
21 to be part of this and I know we're going to have a great  
22 convention today.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you. Good  
24 morning. District 9 Dolly Rios.

25 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 10 Liz  
2 Parshall.

3 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. You  
4 are the sunshine that makes us grow.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
6 District 11 Deborah Straight.

7 DISTRICT 11: Good morning, Madam President.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 12  
10 Victoria Ferreira-Allen.

11 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President and  
12 Harriet.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
14 District 13 Cece Harvey. She's outside.

15 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President. Our  
16 flowers are wilting.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Oh, good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 14 Geni  
19 Lefler.

20 DISTRICT 14: Each of us is a flower growing in  
21 Joan's garden. Each of us is a flower, we need your sun  
22 and your rain.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
25 District 15 Dee Ann Graham.

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1 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Madam President.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 16  
4 Glenda Powell.

5 DISTRICT 16: Good morning. Our blooms have  
6 sprouted and then we shouted hooray.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 17  
9 Yvonne Sarcedo.

10 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDO: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
13 District 18 Patricia Martinez.

14 DISTRICT 18: Good morning. District 18 is  
15 planted in their seats, Madam President.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Well, thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 19 Jean  
18 Cooley-Desmeules.

19 DISTRICT 19: Good morning. The 19th District is  
20 in the house.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
22 District 20 Mahala Beery.

23 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President  
24 District 20's garden is looking forward to more blooms.  
25 We're tiptoeing through the tulips with care. We wish you

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1 well and may freedom bloom everywhere.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 21  
4 Cathy McCoy.

5 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 22  
8 Susie Tozier.

9 DISTRICT 22: District 22 sunflowers are growing.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 23  
12 Valerie Hill.

13 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. We  
14 are blooming.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Good  
16 morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 24  
18 Deloris Artis.

19 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 25 Cyd  
22 Kintzer.

23 DISTRICT 25: [Inaudible] and veterans were  
24 served. We give our very best to give them all that they  
25 deserve. Wherever duty calls us, that's where we plan to

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1 be as we support our veterans to keep our country free.

2 Good morning, Madam President.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 26 is  
5 excused. District 27 is -- no. Sorry. I'm sorry.

6 District 26, did you want to --

7 DISTRICT 26: District 26 is all salutes to our  
8 veterans. District 26, there's nothing we can't fix.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
11 District 27. All right. District 28 Molly Smith.

12 DISTRICT 28: We do work for our veterans, with  
13 our programs District 28 has tiptoed through the poppies  
14 for you. Good morning, Madam President.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 29  
17 Carol Borgman.

18 DISTRICT 29: We love you, Joan, oh, yes, we do,  
19 and now you're leaving us and we are blue. Our garden is  
20 growing now thanks to you, oh, Joan, we'll miss you.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. I'll  
23 miss you too.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 30 Kim  
25 Vincent.

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1 DISTRICT 30: Good morning, Madam President.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. The depts  
4 and reps. Sorry. Reps. Fresno VA Sandra Dowell.

5 HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
7 Livermore Grace Huston.

8 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Loma Linda Mavis  
10 Kanka. Long Beach Pat Alvarez.

11 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Los Angeles  
13 Earlean Paige.

14 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Mather Jennifer  
16 Turner.

17 HOSPITAL REP TURNER: Good morning, Harriet.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Palo Alto Connie  
19 Raya.

20 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Present.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: San Diego Susie  
22 Tozier. She's here. Fort Miley is Laurie Sullivan. And  
23 the Cal Vet Homes. Barstow Angie Acosta.

24 HOSPITAL REP ACOSTA: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Fresno Cal Vet



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1 home Rosalie Taylor.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She's excused.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. Thank  
4 you. Lancaster Linda Hayes. Terry Mikesell Redding.

5 HOSPITAL REP MIKESELL: She's still here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Ventura Madeline  
7 Lee.

8 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: West LA Deloris  
10 Artis.

11 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Serving the residents is  
12 what I do.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yountville Peggy  
14 Grabski is excused. Chula Vista Lois Cornish.

15 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Madam President,  
17 that is your roll call.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you very  
19 much. We have a special presentation today and I  
20 apologize to him for making him wait so long. Will the  
21 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the  
22 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort Adjutant Jim  
23 Higuera to the station.

24 (Processional.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Even though we made

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1 him wait, he got to see the show.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's quite a  
3 show.

4 TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: Good morning,  
5 ladies. You know it's been a number of years since I've  
6 addressed the American Legion Auxiliary Department of  
7 California, and believe me, I am so happy to be here. I  
8 mean, I -- my goodness. I've never seen so many beautiful  
9 ladies all gathered in one place. Well, maybe I did the  
10 last time I was here, but anyway, it's great to be here.

11 Madam President, thank you for allowing me to  
12 have this opportunity to make a presentation today.

13 As some of you may know, I am the chairman of the  
14 Department's Ritual Commission and there's been a lot of  
15 changes in reference to educating our American  
16 Legionnaires in reference to using the guidebook as a  
17 reference in order to conduct a proper meeting. But let  
18 me tell you, every time I go to an Auxiliary meeting, you  
19 know, throughout the country and right here at home in  
20 California, you ladies do it right.

21 (Applause.)

22 TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: And I'll tell  
23 you if we had -- if we had half of the reports turned in,  
24 we would be doing darn good. And I don't know what it is,  
25 but we need to take a lesson from our spouses, our ladies

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1 in reference to how to get jobs done. But anyway, let's  
2 get on to the presentation. Yesterday and also at our  
3 100th Anniversary Convention in Sacramento, California, we  
4 opened up the competition to the Color Guard for our  
5 American Legion Family which was the American Legion, of  
6 course, the Sons of the American Legion, the American  
7 Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion Riders. This  
8 year we were fortunate to have three of our family members  
9 compete in the competition. Two of those groups went  
10 National and are National champions, which we are very  
11 proud of.

12 (Applause.)

13 TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: 291 and the  
14 12th District Sons of the American Legion which are  
15 already in their 11th consecutive year of being National  
16 champions. And there will be more.

17 (Applause.)

18 TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: We are here  
19 today to present to a unit from the 23rd District.

20 (Applause.)

21 TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: Let me tell  
22 you. They were -- they have the ability. And Anita --  
23 where is Anita Biggs?

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right behind  
25 you.

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1           TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: If you will  
2 step forward. You know, I talked to Anita last year and I  
3 said, you know, Anita, get four of your girls and a team  
4 together and come to the competition, please, so we can  
5 have some sort of motivation with other units. And this  
6 year Anita came to the group, she brought some of her  
7 ladies to us, and I'd like to announce that they are  
8 officially the American Legion Auxiliary Department  
9 Champions for 2018-2019.

10           (Applause.)

11           TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: The American  
12 Legion Color Guard Champions competition was held in  
13 Ontario, California and the award was presented yesterday,  
14 but I told Anita, I said, you know, we need to let the  
15 rest of the Department know that we have one fantastic  
16 team right here. And I would like to present you with  
17 this.

18           (Applause.)

19           TAL DISTRICT 19 ADJUTANT HIGUERA: Thank you.  
20 You're welcome. Once again thank you so much for allowing  
21 me to come and speak to you this morning. And I want to  
22 say good morning to our unit, the Noisy 19.

23           I know you're a couple miles from the Double  
24 Tree, but if you wish to have some really outstanding  
25 hospitality, please join us in Room 3345 any time after

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1 5:00 o'clock this evening. You're going to have a grand  
2 time. All right.

3 Madam President, thank you so much. God bless  
4 you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Could the  
7 Sergeant-at-Arms with the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and  
8 the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort Jim  
9 Higuera.

10 (Processional.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. First up  
12 we're going to have our Junior Conference Director Malinda  
13 Sinclair and then Junior Activities Chairman Maureen  
14 O'Brien-Sacco give their reports. I'm asking all chairmen  
15 to renew your time limits and please not go over,  
16 especially today. And next we'll have Membership and then  
17 the Editor. So be please by the stage, please.

18  
19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT  
20

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good  
22 morning. The convention committee on Junior Activities  
23 met on June 27th in Room Maple of the Ontario Airport  
24 Convention Center, Ontario, California. The statistical  
25 report of this Chairman appears on page 27 of the Book of

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1 Reports.

2 Jackie Cleveland was appointed secretary, Linda  
3 Fercho offered prayer, and Marcia Munroe was appointed  
4 sergeant-at-arms. A total of 15 district delegates  
5 answered roll call. There were five visitors present.

6 Excuse me.

7 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
8 The code was read with one suggested code change, and that  
9 was approved by the committee. Madam President, may I  
10 read the code change?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: So  
13 number 8 of the Junior Activities Department Code states:  
14 "The Department Chairman shall be responsible for the  
15 promotion of the Junior Conference and all fundraising  
16 efforts in support of the Conference. All funds and  
17 ticket stubs will be sent to the Junior Activities  
18 Chairman, earmarked Junior Conference and made payable to  
19 the Department of California ALA. The Department Chairman  
20 will keep an account of all funds and Junior Conference  
21 tickets. The Department Chairman shall forward to the  
22 Department Secretary/Treasurer all funds promptly."

23 The proposed change is: "The Department Junior  
24 Activities Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion  
25 of the Junior Conference and all fundraising efforts to

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1 support the conference. All funds and ticket stubs will  
2 be sent to the Department Office earmarked Junior  
3 Conference and made payable to the Department of  
4 California ALA. The Department Secretary will keep an  
5 account of the funds and Junior Conference tickets. The  
6 Department Secretary will provide the Junior Activities  
7 Chairman a report on the collected funds monthly."

8 I move to accept the proposed change.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I have a small  
10 problem. I didn't follow the change.

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Number  
12 8.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah, so I was  
14 wondering if I was not on the correct page.

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Number  
16 8 on the first page. So basically the only change is it's  
17 basically taking the money from the Junior Activities  
18 Chairman directly to the Department.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm sorry. I  
20 didn't have this page.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Madam  
22 President, Bonnie Christner, Past Department President,  
23 District 20. Am I to understand then that Harriet is  
24 going to have to keep track of all these tickets sold and  
25 all the money that has been sent in for these tickets now?

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1 Have we discussed this with Harriet?

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: So I  
3 did not discuss it with Harriet.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Okay.

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: I was  
6 told to go to the Finance Committee, which I did.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Okay.

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: I  
9 discussed it with Madam President.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Okay.

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
12 Basically it's sending the funds obviously to one person.  
13 I understand your point with the Secretary, but we still  
14 get tickets sent to us with the stub numbers that don't  
15 always go to the district they belong to. Most of them  
16 come more in person, you know what I'm saying, instead  
17 of --

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Right.  
19 When you send out the Junior Conference tickets, you send  
20 them to all the Past Department Presidents and Officers,  
21 the Units, the Districts, and then they're supposed to  
22 send the stubs on to you as the Junior Activities  
23 Chairman. And I know this because I was a Junior  
24 Activities Chairman and it's a lot of work, I can tell you  
25 that. But I'm just wondering if our poor Secretary is



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1 going to have time to deal with all of this. Are you,  
2 Harriet?

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: It's -- may I --  
4 it's another spreadsheet honestly, but this is just thrown  
5 at me. I --

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I kind of  
7 figured it was thrown at you.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I really don't  
9 want at this time to say I can handle it or no, I can't  
10 handle it. I'm uncomfortable with that and I'm also not  
11 sure because I have -- if it relates to the money, it's  
12 probably just paperwork that goes to the Secretary.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Right.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: At this point,  
15 Madam President, I would almost like to make a motion that  
16 we think about this or table it or something.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Is there --  
18 can I ask another question really quick? Are we having a  
19 problem with people turning in the money? Is that what  
20 the problem is, Ruby?

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes, we had a  
22 problem with the monies going to the Junior Activities  
23 Chairman and the monies getting to the Department.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: So they're  
25 not doing it in a timely manner?

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1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: No.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: It was the  
3 Junior Activities Chairman --

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I would like  
5 to recommend, as the bookkeeper deposits these checks that  
6 come in the mail, that she provide the Secretary with a  
7 list to provide to the Department Chairman. And it won't  
8 be any trouble for the Secretary other than mailing the  
9 letter to the Junior Activities Chairman. Because the  
10 bookkeeper deposits all the checks.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Right,  
12 right, right.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: There is a  
14 deposit list.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Right,  
16 which the Chairman sends along with the -- that's the way  
17 I did mine. I had a transmittal with every ticket number  
18 on there and every check and everything that was sent to  
19 me to keep track of everything, and then I sent the check  
20 onto the Department of California with a copy of that so  
21 that they would know exactly how many -- how many tickets  
22 came back, how much money there was to deposit.

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: It takes five  
24 minutes to run a list after the bookkeeper does the  
25 deposit. It's all entered into the bookkeeping system.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Okay. I'm  
2 sorry. I was just a little bit worried about our Harriet  
3 over there. She does an awful lot in the office and I  
4 just didn't really know if we wanted to task her with all  
5 of this too.

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: And I  
7 understand. And over the years, I can't tell you how much  
8 cash I received in the mail.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Cash?

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Cash  
11 in the mail. I will get it and personally I don't want to  
12 be responsible for that. I have no problem forwarding it  
13 on to where the money is supposed to be.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Well, we  
15 shouldn't be sending cash.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The Chair  
17 recognizes Robin Falkenberg.

18 DELEGATE FALKENBERG: Thank you, Madam President.  
19 The year I did Junior Activities, my mail was vandalized  
20 and stuff did not get to me to get to Department. So this  
21 is just one example of what can happen. Yes, so I support  
22 it as well.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Maybe we just need  
24 to amend this to say "bookkeeper." Where it says the  
25 "department," change to "bookkeeper."

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1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: We can  
2 change it to say Department Office, the Secretary, or  
3 Treasurer or however you want to read it. It says  
4 Secretary, so --

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah, we don't want  
6 to say bookkeeper.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: We can  
8 just say Department Office.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would think that  
10 it's acceptable to say "Department Office." And then  
11 still leave the Department Secretary will provide the  
12 report to Junior Activities Chairman which they can get  
13 from the bookkeeper.

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: So I  
15 move --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: I  
18 would like to amend my motion. I move that we change the  
19 wording to say: "The Department Junior Activities  
20 Chairman shall be responsible for all funds and ticket  
21 stubs will be sent to the Department Office earmarked for  
22 Junior Conference."

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So you're changing  
24 the Department Secretary to Office.

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Yes.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. It has been  
2 moved to amend -- well, it would be the original motion.  
3 Okay. We're going to change: "All funds and ticket stubs  
4 will be sent to the Department Office earmarked" -- that's  
5 already there. "The Department Office will keep an  
6 account of all funds and Junior Conference tickets." So  
7 those in favor, say aye.

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Madam  
13 President, may I continue with my report?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No, we have to --  
15 that's an amendment. Now we have to have the original  
16 motion as amended. So the motion on the floor for Junior  
17 Activities, Code No. 8 currently reads: "The Department  
18 Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the  
19 Junior Conference and all fundraising efforts in support  
20 of the Conference. All funds and ticket stubs will be  
21 sent to the Junior Activities Chairman, earmarked Junior  
22 Conference and made payable to the Department of  
23 California ALA. The Department Chairman will keep an  
24 account of all funds and Junior Conference tickets. The  
25 Department Chairman shall forward to the Department

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1 Secretary/Treasurer all funds promptly. 1998."

2 The proposed amended code: "The Department  
3 Junior Conference Chairman shall be responsible for the  
4 promotion of the Junior Conference and all fundraising  
5 efforts to support the conference. All funds and ticket  
6 stubs will be sent to the Department Office earmarked  
7 Junior Conference and made payable to the Department of  
8 California ALA. The Department Office will keep an  
9 account of all funds and Junior Conference tickets. The  
10 Department Secretary will provide the Junior Activities  
11 Chairman a report on the collected funds monthly."

12 Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
15 in favor say aye.

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
18 no.

19 (No response.)

20 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Thank  
21 you. May I continue to my report?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

23 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: The  
24 Juniors of the Department of California had a very busy  
25 year starting with participating as pages at the

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1 Department Convention in June. They were very helpful to  
2 the senior members and assisted whenever possible.

3 July brought the 4th of July and Juniors were  
4 engaged in celebrating our great American freedom and  
5 celebrating their posts and units. The Juniors love to  
6 participate in all activities to celebrate our veterans.

7 August some Juniors baked for the Department  
8 leadership meeting in Clovis where they had a bake sale to  
9 raise funds for their Junior Conference. It was a  
10 success.

11 September Juniors participated in their own  
12 leadership meeting where they learned several of the key  
13 Auxiliary programs. The Juniors participated alongside  
14 senior members and talked about their program. Juniors  
15 also spent time at the VA clinics playing bingo with the  
16 veterans and making the veterans smile with their funny  
17 stories. Many Junior groups also help their senior  
18 members with 9/11 events, bringing cookies and baked goods  
19 to first responders.

20 October brought Halloween and several Junior  
21 groups helped the Auxiliary celebrate with trunk or treats  
22 and Past President Parley parties. Juniors in the 29th  
23 District also decorated and filled Halloween bags for  
24 distribution at the Pier Center for homeless veterans.  
25 What a fun way to give back to our Juniors. Juniors in

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1 the 27th District also cut coupons for military families,  
2 as well as donating 30 birthday boxes for children in  
3 foster care.

4 November is a time for thanks and many Juniors  
5 helped their units and posts with food drives and  
6 celebrating their Legion family. We usually have  
7 different Juniors helping at this time of the year as  
8 they're visiting their families.

9 December brought more baked goods for first  
10 responders as well as clothing drives for homeless  
11 veterans in downtown LA from the 18th District. This has  
12 become an annual event that the Juniors love to  
13 participate in. We also have SAL members pitch in.  
14 Juniors decorated Christmas trees in the 19th District at  
15 the Long Beach VA Center with the National President  
16 during her official visit. They also made bags of love  
17 for female veterans that included necessary sanitary  
18 supplies we take for granted. It really touched the girls  
19 to know they could make a difference.

20 This was spearheaded by District 16 with Past  
21 Department President Linda Fercho and she spread it  
22 throughout the Department. Juniors from Districts 16, 18,  
23 19, and 23 all participated more than once. This year the  
24 Juniors -- this year the several Juniors and young SAL  
25 were able to help with the American Legion 100 year



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1 anniversary float for the Rose Parade in Pasadena. It was  
2 a great experience for them to meet the Medal of Honor  
3 recipients as well as the National leadership of the  
4 organization.

5 January brought the Department Executive  
6 Committee meeting where the Juniors participated in the  
7 flower garden to celebrate the Department President's  
8 theme. The Juniors were Gerber Daisies and had a great  
9 time taking pictures, especially Honorary Department  
10 Junior President Tyra from District 24. At the end of  
11 January we had several Juniors attend the National  
12 Leadership Workshop in Las Vegas and the girls brought a  
13 lot of knowledge back them with.

14 February brought Valentine's Day and the Juniors  
15 showed love for the veterans by helping with dinners and  
16 having goodies made for their post members.

17 March brought the Legion birthday as well as St.  
18 Patrick's Day. Everyone celebrated by being lucky enough  
19 to live in such a great country. Several Juniors visited  
20 the VA clinics in their area to sit and chat with veterans  
21 who needed a smile.

22 April was the Department Junior Conference where  
23 girls from all over the Department arrive to learn and  
24 celebrate the past year. Girls had elections and learned  
25 about the ALA programs more in depth. It was a great time

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1 for them to meet like-minded girls, participate in public  
2 speaking, and see old friends.

3 If -- for one second if I could ask we do have  
4 several Past Department Presidents in this building and  
5 obviously Nancy Brown-Park who's not here as of yet. We  
6 also have Susan Comparo back there.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: As  
9 well as Leila.

10 (Applause.)

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: And  
12 obviously Tyra. I just want to recognize them.

13 In closing, the Juniors of the Department of  
14 California helped assist over 937 veterans and their  
15 families, totaling over \$1200. I believe these numbers  
16 are truly higher as not every unit writes a narrative and  
17 we cannot capture all the exciting things happening  
18 without that information. Please report, report, report.  
19 These young ladies should be recognized for their efforts  
20 and we learn so much more from each other.

21 Thank you, Madam President Joan, for the  
22 opportunity to serve. Madam President, may I pass out the  
23 first place awards?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Thank

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1 you. So First Place for Junior Community Service Program,  
2 first place goes to Unit 716.

3 (Applause.)

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: And  
5 then Unit 716 also got First Place Outstanding Junior  
6 Report.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
9 District Junior Community Service Program, First Place  
10 District 16 Linda Fercho, Chairman.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yay.

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: And  
13 while she's here, Department of California Junior Activity  
14 Excellence, District 16 Linda Fercho, Chairman for First  
15 Place Outstanding Junior Report.

16 (Applause.)

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO: Thank  
18 you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Our  
20 Junior Conference Director Mindy Sinclair.

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22 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CONVENTION REPORT

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24 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Any Juniors  
25 that are here today, can you please come up and line up in

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1 front of the stage?

2 While the girls are heading up here, I would like  
3 to start by acknowledging and introducing the Junior  
4 Conference Committee Members. Please stand when I call  
5 your name. Linda Fercho, Elizabeth Brassell, Marcia  
6 Munroe, and our Nurse Ann Sanchez. Thank you so much for  
7 all that you did to help out this year and for making it a  
8 successful conference.

9 (Applause.)

10 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: And now to  
11 introduce our Honorary Junior Department Officers and  
12 Chairmen for the 2019-2020 year. President Shakira  
13 Abdul-Rauf, Unit 252, District 23.

14 (Applause.)

15 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Vice  
16 President Alyssa Hurado, Unit 25, District 15.

17 (Applause.)

18 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Secretary  
19 Guilianna Sandoval, Unit 830, District 18. Historian  
20 Sabrina Ebright, Unit 741, District 16.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Chaplain  
23 Zoe Dooley, Unit 283, District 24.

24 (Applause.)

25 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR:

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1 Sergeant-at-Arms Taylor Sinclair, Unit 279, District 18.

2 (Applause.)

3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Assistant  
4 Sergeant-At-Arms Kallie Williams, Unit 252, District 23.

5 (Applause.)

6 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Americanism  
7 Mikiela Thompson, Unit 741, District 16.

8 (Applause.)

9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Children &  
10 Youth Monica Hernandez, Unit 261, District 18.

11 (Applause.)

12 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Education  
13 Tatiana Rivas, Unit 135, District 30.

14 (Applause.)

15 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Poppy  
16 Stephanie Byrd, Unit 221, District 15. VAR Jazmine  
17 Trujillo, Unit 155, District 25. Community Service Dineh  
18 Barragan, Unit 741, District 16.

19 (Applause.)

20 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: And  
21 Leadership Aliya Combs, Unit 521, District 6.

22 (Applause.)

23 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: The Gerber  
24 Daisies enjoyed another great conference at Wonder Valley  
25 this year. As the Gerber Daisies arrived on Friday, they

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1 decorated their ditty bags with flowers that were hung  
2 around the room. By the time we left for dinner, we had  
3 beautifully decorated rooms with glitter and sequins all  
4 over it and sparkling ditty bags. We continued Friday  
5 night with campfire time including roasting hot dogs,  
6 smores and a flag retirement ceremony.

7 On Saturday after breakfast, the Honorary Junior  
8 Officers and Chairmen gave their reports, followed by  
9 presentations of the programs by our Senior Department  
10 Chairmen. Then we enjoyed a picnic boxed lunch on the  
11 lawn and then off to free time. The girls enjoyed  
12 horseback riding, swimming and other activities and  
13 prepared for the elections that would take place in the  
14 evening.

15 Then it was store time. Thank you, everyone, for  
16 all of your wonderful donations. The girl had a great  
17 store this year. The girls were able to spend the tickets  
18 earned at the store filled with all kinds of wonderful  
19 goodies that have been donated this year.

20 Saturday evening after elections the girls  
21 dazzled us with their talents with performances prepared  
22 by each room.

23 Sunday we had our graduation ceremony, memorial  
24 service, and installation of new officers and it was time  
25 to say goodbye and close the books on another conference.

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1 Thank you to all who made donations and to all the  
2 Department Chairmen and Chaperones who attended  
3 conference. You all helped make another successful Junior  
4 Conference.

5 Thank you, Madam President, for this appointment.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. We  
7 congratulate all the 2019-2020 officers.

8 (Applause.)

9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: And I'm  
10 told that the Girls State facilities here are excellent  
11 and they will be here after lunch today.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, ladies.  
13 Membership will be next. Kathie Martinez.

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15 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Oh, while they're  
18 handing out my notes, good morning, ladies. Good morning,  
19 Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: The convention  
22 committee on Membership met on June 27th, 2019 in the  
23 Juniper room of the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario  
24 California. The statistical report of this Chairman  
25 appears on page 24 of the Book of Reports.

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1 Deborah Straight, District 11, was appointed  
2 secretary. Jeri Adams, District 16, offered prayer, and  
3 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, District 18, was appointed  
4 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 24 district delegates  
5 answered roll call. There were 13 visitors.

6 The meeting was opened according to ritual. The  
7 code was read and the following changes were proposed:  
8 Code 10 currently reads: "Annual report forms shall  
9 conform with standard time frames. Unit report forms are  
10 to be sent to the District Chairmen by the second Friday  
11 in April. District report forms are to be sent to the  
12 Department Chairman by May 1st. 2013."

13 Proposed change: "Annual report forms shall  
14 conform with standard time frames. Unit report forms are  
15 to be sent to the District Chairmen by April 15. District  
16 report forms are to be sent to the Department Chairman by  
17 May 1st. 2019." I apologize on that.

18 I move the acceptance of this code change.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We move to change  
20 Code 10 which currently reads: "Annual report forms shall  
21 confirm with standard time frames. Unit report forms are  
22 to be sent to the District Chairmen by the second Friday  
23 in April. District report forms are to be sent to the  
24 Department Chairman by May 1st. 2013."

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1 conform with standard time frames. Unit report forms are  
2 to be sent to the District Chairmen by April 15. District  
3 report forms are to be sent to the Department Chairman by  
4 May 1st. 2019." Any discussion?

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department  
6 President, Ruby Kapsalis, District 28, Unit 694. We  
7 standardized all these due dates in all of the -- in all  
8 of the codes. So if we change this one, then we're going  
9 to start maybe a chain reaction of changing all of them.  
10 And I think it's working the way it is right now, so I'm  
11 against this change.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Chair recognizes  
13 Anita Biggs.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
15 President, I just want to know the rationale to change the  
16 date. Because I'm in favor with Ruby. We standardized it  
17 for a reason.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: The rationale  
19 behind this is everybody knows April 14, 15, it's a hard  
20 day. The second Friday in April moves. We were just  
21 trying to put a hard number to the date.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Any more  
23 discussion?

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can I say one  
25 more thing?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The Chair  
2 recognizes Anita Biggs.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: But we can make  
4 that a hard date. When you know the second Friday of the  
5 month, put that on your forms. You know, just put the  
6 actual date on your form and then the members will conform  
7 with that date.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Any more  
9 discussion? Those in favor say aye.

10 DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
12 no.

13 DELEGATES: No.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion fails.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Not a problem,  
16 ladies. Madam President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Page 2 did not  
19 print. Page 2 of my committee report did not print.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know. I  
21 don't see it either.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Do you have the  
23 original?

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: It is in my room  
25 unfortunately.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm assuming there  
2 are more code changes.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: At this point,  
4 Madam Chairman, there are no code changes.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: There are code  
7 changes on page 2 that we don't see. I wasn't there. I  
8 don't know. That's why --

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yes, there is, but  
10 I do not have page 2.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Then you're going  
12 to need to go get it, I'm sorry to say.

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yes. So am I -- I  
14 wanted to get this over and done with.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: While Kathie is  
16 figuring that out, we'll have LuAnn do her Leadership.  
17 I'm terribly sorry for those who are standing.

18 All right. Settle down. Let's get seated. We  
19 have some guests. Will the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms --  
20 Rosemary? Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please escort our  
21 guests to the station.

22 (Processional.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would like to  
24 introduce our guest. The American Legion Riders Rey Ruiz  
25 and Fred Branson.

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1 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Oh, I know those  
2 ladies. Good morning, ladies. Good morning. As we were  
3 walking in, I was talking to our Department Vice President  
4 and I said you want to see a convention, you come to the  
5 Auxiliary.

6 So we were sitting in the Legion convention this  
7 morning. Obviously not all of your husbands are there.  
8 And I know the SAL is a little bit bigger than some of  
9 yours. I don't know where they're at. But anyway, thank  
10 you for having me here. Just a couple of announcements  
11 about the Legion Riders. My name is Rey Ruiz and I was  
12 elected as the Department President this year.

13 (Applause.)

14 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: And our Department  
15 Vice President is Fred Branson.

16 (Applause.)

17 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: And those of you that  
18 were on the road with us over the weekend, you all got to  
19 know Fred. So anyways, I was trying to figure out what I  
20 was going to talk about to the ladies and I started  
21 looking at some numbers. The year the Auxiliary was  
22 brought in, I believe it was in 1912; right?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: 1919.

24 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: I thought it was 1919,  
25 so I wasn't sure. But a hundred years and going strong.

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1 That's great. So as of June 12th -- because I like  
2 numbers -- you have 19,866 members in the Department which  
3 is huge.

4 (Applause.)

5 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: And 336 of those are  
6 actually Riders.

7 (Applause.)

8 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: So the ladies that are  
9 in the house that their husband is a Legion Rider and you  
10 are not a Legion Rider yourself, raise your hands. And  
11 the question is why not. Why not? So one of the things  
12 we like to have is the Legion Riders is not a men's group.  
13 There's a lot of female Riders. They join -- they join  
14 when their husband joins and then they get their own  
15 bikes. You know, the bigger the better. So that's  
16 fantastic.

17 Just a couple things. What the plans are for  
18 this year is I'd like to instill some unity, some growth,  
19 and some camaraderie between the Sons, the Legion, and the  
20 Auxiliary, and the Riders. We need to grow. We need to  
21 grow bigger. If we don't grow, we'll die. So that's the  
22 key thing is bringing in a lot younger blood in the posts  
23 and we need to continue doing that. We haven't lost sight  
24 of trying to achieve 100 chapters within 100 years. We  
25 are at 96 chapters. We have three more chapters in the

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1 works, which leaves us one chapter away.

2 So if you ladies can help out. If your Post does  
3 not have a Rider chapter but you have Riders, I need one,  
4 just one. This was a commitment that Mick made to get  
5 that going and we wanted to do that prior to our  
6 commission which was in May. And we fell short. So we  
7 want to reconfirm and still have 100 chapters by the end  
8 of this year, which looks like it's going to be pretty  
9 close.

10 So our Department as of April 30th, we have 2130  
11 Riders and we are continuing to grow as well.

12 (Applause.)

13 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: And we logged  
14 collectively 1.2 million miles across California and the  
15 U.S. So that's a lot of miles that the guys are on.  
16 Speaking of miles, many of you know because your husbands  
17 are probably on a run or some of you were on the run as  
18 well, we just completed an inaugural scholarship run which  
19 is basically a legacy run. And we -- for myself, I live  
20 here in Chino, so coming in yesterday was coming home. So  
21 I logged in 1230 miles on that run. By the time we get  
22 done and everybody goes home tomorrow or whenever they're  
23 going home, they'll have roughly about the same on every  
24 single Rider. We were able to raise funds. Last year I  
25 believe we donated like \$5,000. This year because of the

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1 inaugural run it will be about \$10,000, maybe more, and is  
2 looking to grow bigger and better.

3 We started in Healdsburg. Do I have that right?  
4 Healdsburg. Healdsburg, California. So we started there  
5 and rode on down through California. I've got to say  
6 Northern California does have some beautiful state routes,  
7 back roads, and wineries. And next year we want to  
8 alternate back and forth. So next year we'll actually  
9 start here and head up in Northern California and we'll  
10 end up at Visalia for the convention. So we're going to  
11 do this every year and we're going to raise funds and  
12 raise money and see how much we can get in there.

13 The one thing that I said for a few years when I  
14 was the Area 5 VP is that the American Legion Riders are a  
15 little bit different than the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the  
16 Legionnaires. You know, most of you, unless you have a  
17 friend two, three posts over and you go visit them once in  
18 a while, they'll come visit you, some of them, they just  
19 stay in their posts and don't go anywhere.

20 Well, I've said for years the Legion Rider is the  
21 mobile unit of the American Legion. We've got two wheels,  
22 sometimes three, and we love to ride. And if you can  
23 tell, I'm kind of raccoon-eyed. It's not the lights. I  
24 do wear sunglasses in the sun, but it's nothing like  
25 getting out there and riding. So if you like riding,

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1 don't have a bike, by all means you can get in and join.

2 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: What if they have their  
3 own?

4 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Especially if they  
5 have their own. I love to see women out there on their  
6 own bikes making their own statement. That's what should  
7 be done.

8 (Applause.)

9 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: I didn't hear that.

10 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: I said Auxiliary women  
11 Riders rock.

12 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Exactly. Actually,  
13 all the women in this room rock.

14 (Applause.)

15 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: The women Riders are  
16 rocking. So at this point I'd like to present this to  
17 Joan. It says: "Joan Cannon. Thank you for your  
18 leadership as President 2018-2019 American Legion Rider  
19 Auxiliary June 28th, 2019." I don't have my glasses on.

20 (Applause.)

21 AL RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Will the  
23 Sergeant-at-Arms, along with the Distinguished Guest  
24 Chairman, please escort our guests.

25 (Processional.)



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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I just wanted to  
2 say hello. I see our musician, our nine string harpist is  
3 in the back of the room, Past Department Gopher Angel  
4 Quinones.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: He was in the  
7 District 18 talent show and he was my pick for best in  
8 show. I had never heard a nine string harp before. It  
9 was beautiful. Great job. Thank you for visiting with  
10 us.

11  
12 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

13  
14 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Good morning again.  
15 The convention committee on Leadership met in the Walnut  
16 room on Friday at the Airport Hotel Convention. The  
17 statistical report of this Chairman is on page 23 in the  
18 Book of Reports. Grace Huston was appointed secretary,  
19 Jeri Adams offered prayer, and Patricia Davis was  
20 appointed sergeant-at-arms. There was a total of 21  
21 district delegates who answered roll call and 12 visitors  
22 were present.

23 The committee agreed on the following report.  
24 The preconvention committee meeting on Leadership began  
25 with the roll call of delegates and with notes from their

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1 District Presidents who had a change in -- who was going  
2 to attend the meeting. A count of the guests was then  
3 taken, all greeted and thanked for attending the meeting  
4 and for the great year-end reports that I had received.

5 The department code was then read and no changes  
6 were made.

7 (Applause.)

8 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: We did have a  
9 housekeeping change. We're just putting a space in  
10 between line 1 of 12C of the code to put a space in  
11 between the words "information" and "for."

12 The Chairman then asked the delegates to tell how  
13 their unit or district had worked their workshop and to  
14 make those six hours interesting and how to be a good  
15 leader. Many played interesting games to incorporate the  
16 information that needed to be addressed. The delegates  
17 were then asked to have everyone check their Leadership  
18 cards to make sure they were still valid as they are only  
19 good for five years and then you have to be recertified.  
20 Members were reminded that there are online Leadership  
21 courses that they could take.

22 Another delegate who belongs to an online unit  
23 said some of their members would like to attend a workshop  
24 in person if they knew and that there was a flier posted  
25 on when and where it was going to be, they would love to

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1 attend. It was suggested that those units or district  
2 that are planning on doing a workshop to get a flier  
3 posted on the Department website so that everyone has the  
4 information on what and when workshops were happening  
5 across our Department.

6 Before closing the session, the Chairman  
7 announced the second and third place unit and district  
8 winners and first place will be announced today. I'll  
9 continue with my floor report. Thank you.

10 Hollyhocks were blooming from one end of  
11 California to the other as Unit and District Leadership  
12 Chairmen spread their seeds to find new leaders who had  
13 the passion and a genuine interest in our organization to  
14 help each Unit and District grow in membership. As we all  
15 know, California is a very long department and it is not  
16 always easy for those units and districts up north to get  
17 around to make a lot of special Leadership workshops.  
18 Therefore, they were very good at doing many  
19 mini-workshops in their individual locations at unit  
20 meetings as well as a few district meetings.

21 They covered topics ranging from the duties of  
22 elected officers, how to get volunteers to be program  
23 chairmen, and what their duties are, how to conduct a unit  
24 or district meeting and getting the word out in their  
25 community about the work our organization does for our

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1 veterans and their families, appointing a telephone  
2 committee to contact members that haven't been coming to  
3 meetings, and encouraging participation in upcoming  
4 events, financial obligations to department and taxes,  
5 using actual words instead of acronyms, especially when  
6 you have guests and new members in attendance. Thank you  
7 all for the work you did for our Leadership program.

8           Those units and districts in the southern part of  
9 our department were very busy holding full-length  
10 Leadership workshops and certifying new leaders. They  
11 also covered those topics that I mentioned above, but in  
12 greater depth and length as time was more available to do  
13 so. Several units have an initiation ceremony once or  
14 twice a year and in their info packets they include  
15 Leadership information.

16           All of the chairmen were very creative in their  
17 workshops with various games to play to present the  
18 program as well as having various members taking part in  
19 presentations of different scenarios at their meetings.  
20 And one of the Western Division Leadership bulletins she  
21 cited a phrase from a book entitled, "Lead with Passion or  
22 Don't Lead At All," which stated not to mistake boisterous  
23 with being passionate. You need to keep it real, you need  
24 to keep your cool. Passion is not about volume or yelling  
25 or fist pumping and wall punching. True passion is being

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1 committed to something you really care about. True  
2 passion is being committed to that which you care about  
3 and sticking with it when things get tough.

4 In another book called, "Lead So People Will  
5 Follow," it opens to discussing varying views and is  
6 willing to walk the walk. No megaphones needed.

7 I believe that many units and districts did find  
8 new members to take the role of a leader as an officer or  
9 program chairman for the coming year since many of them  
10 also have a mentor program which helps the new members  
11 with their leadership role. As we celebrate our 100th  
12 anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the world's  
13 largest women's patriotic organization on November 10th, I  
14 believe our leadership is strong and ready for any  
15 challenge.

16 Madam President, this concludes my floor remarks.

17 (Applause.)

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: May I continue with  
19 my first place awards?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Of course.

21 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: The First Place  
22 Award for Unit in Leadership goes to Pat Alvarez, Unit  
23 277.

24 (Applause.)

25 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: First Place

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1 District Leadership -- in Leadership Program is Tracy  
2 Varnell-Fercho, District 16.

3 (Applause.)

4 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam  
5 President. It has been a great honor to serve you this  
6 year as the Leadership Chairman.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, LuAnn.  
8 So we'll have Kathie back. Kathie's not back, so next  
9 we're going to have our Public Relations after this.

10  
11 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT  
12

13 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Good morning. Is  
14 everyone awake yet? All right. The convention committee  
15 on Public Relations met on June 27th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in  
16 the Riesling Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario,  
17 California. Deloris Artis was appointed secretary, Latoya  
18 Williams offered prayer, and Susan Romero was appointed  
19 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 14 district delegates  
20 answered roll call and there were three visitors present.

21 The current department code was handed out along  
22 with an updated department code. Each code change was  
23 discussed and the Editor's committee moved and accepted  
24 all changes to the department code. The Editor's  
25 committee proposes the following attached changes.

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1           It was also discussed that the name of the  
2 newsletter is Auxiliary News Hub which had been announced  
3 at the DEC and meeting in January. We briefly discussed  
4 how the newsletter is created and questions were answered  
5 regarding file formats, programs and the best way to send  
6 information in the future. And that was our meeting.

7           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Excuse me. Did you  
8 say you have code changes?

9           EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Yes.

10          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have to read  
11 them.

12          EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Yeah, I was going to do  
13 that after.

14          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

15          EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: So the original  
16 department code at the top states that it's "California  
17 Auxiliary News," and I think because it was decided to  
18 change it -- is that just housekeeping?

19          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That's  
20 housekeeping, yes.

21          EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Okay. So Department  
22 Code 1 will read -- the only thing that's changing is in  
23 the News.

24          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have to read it  
25 and then the code change.

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1 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Okay. "The allowance  
2 for the Editor shall be budgeted by the Finance Committee  
3 and charged as an expense to the California Auxiliary  
4 News. The Editor shall submit an end-of-the-year  
5 statement of the expenses incurred and proposed  
6 recommendations affecting the program budget for the next  
7 year to the Finance Committee by May 1st."

8 The new code or the proposed change: "The  
9 allowance for the Editor shall be budgeted by the Finance  
10 Committee and charged as an expense to the Auxiliary News  
11 Hub. The Editor shall submit an end-of-the-year statement  
12 of the expenses incurred and proposed recommendations  
13 affecting the program budget for the next year to the  
14 Finance Committee by May 1st."

15 I move that we accept the change.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Code change 1 of  
17 department code as it currently reads: "The allowance for  
18 the Editor shall be budgeted by the Finance Committee and  
19 charged as an expense to the California Auxiliary News.  
20 The Editor shall submit an end-of-the-year statement of  
21 the expenses incurred and proposed recommendations  
22 affecting the program budget for the next year to the  
23 Finance Committee by May 1st."

24 The proposed change: "The allowance for the  
25 Editor shall be budgeted by the Finance Committee and



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1 charged as an expense to the Auxiliary News Hub. The  
2 Editor shall submit an end-of-the-year statement of the  
3 expenses incurred and proposed recommendations affecting  
4 the program budget for the next year to the Finance  
5 Committee by May 1st."

6 Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All those in favor,  
9 say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

14 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Department code number 2  
15 now reads: "The California Auxiliary News may combine its  
16 paper with the California Legionnaire and shall be the  
17 official publication of the Department of California."

18 The proposed change is: "The Auxiliary News Hub  
19 shall be the official publication of the Department of  
20 California."

21 I move that we accept the change.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Code 2 of the  
23 department code currently reads: "The California  
24 Auxiliary News may combine its paper with the California  
25 Legionnaire and shall be the official publication of the

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1 Department of California."

2 The proposed change: "The Auxiliary News Hub  
3 shall be the official publication of the Department of  
4 California."

5 Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
8 in favor say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

13 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Department code 3:

14 "Pertinent Department Officers and Chairmen articles shall  
15 be published in the Auxiliary News in lieu of other items.  
16 Chairmen and Officers shall provide a courtesy copy to the  
17 Department President when submitting an article to the  
18 News. In the issue prior to the program of the month  
19 special emphasis and additional space be allocated, if  
20 required."

21 The proposed change will read: "Pertinent  
22 Department Officers and Chairmen articles shall be  
23 published in the Auxiliary News Hub in lieu of other  
24 items. Chairmen and Officers shall provide a courtesy  
25 copy to the Department President when submitting an

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1 article to the News. In the issue prior to the program of  
2 the month special emphasis and additional space be  
3 allocated, if required."

4 I move that we accept the code changes.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Department Code 3,  
6 the old Code 3: "Pertinent Department Officers and  
7 Chairmen articles shall be published in the Auxiliary News  
8 in lieu of other items. Chairmen and Officers shall  
9 provide a courtesy copy to the Department President when  
10 submitting an article to the News. In the issue prior to  
11 the program of the month special emphasis and additional  
12 space be allocated, if required."

13 Proposed change to Code 3: "Pertinent Department  
14 Officers and Chairmen articles shall be published in the  
15 Auxiliary News Hub in lieu of other items. Chairmen and  
16 Officers shall provide a courtesy copy to the Department  
17 President when submitting an article to the News. In the  
18 issue prior to the program of the month special emphasis  
19 and additional space be allocated, if required."

20 Any discussion?

21 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE FARRIS: Linda Farris,  
22 District 19, Unit 314. I just wanted a clarification. I  
23 only have a California education so I just wanted a  
24 clarification of the "pertinent." Pertinent officers and  
25 chairmen and pertinent articles, I don't understand

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1 exactly what you're saying.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Every month  
3 chairmen and officers have -- if you go to our workshops  
4 are able to purchase one. On the back every program has a  
5 different month that's special to that program and that  
6 way we like to have special articles in our newsletter at  
7 that time so everybody knows what's -- you know, anything  
8 exciting that's going on or what's happening. So it's  
9 like you can find it in your handbook or on the department  
10 roster. I can give you a copy at the end of the day so  
11 you can have it. And that helps you in your own units  
12 plan special activities around the different months. I  
13 hope that answers your question.

14 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
15 Madam President, Teresa Canonizado, District 8, San  
16 Francisco, Unit 1. I'm going to start this year so how do  
17 I -- what can I do?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

19 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
20 This will be my first time.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We'll have a  
22 discussion after session today and we'll let you know how  
23 to submit articles.

24 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
25 That would be great because that way I can work with my

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1 group and everything and get everyone working together in  
2 other units in San Francisco.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

4 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
5 With Harriet, she's the one that's working hard.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We'll include you  
7 in on that.

8 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
9 Thank you, Joan.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Any more  
11 discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, all  
14 in favor say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

19 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Department code number  
20 4. Code now reads: "The April edition shall be the last  
21 sent to delinquent members until reinstated. The edition  
22 following Convention will be discontinued."

23 Proposed: "All issues will be sent out in the  
24 bimonthly packets and will be posted on the Department  
25 Website so that all members will have access to the view

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1 and print."

2 I move that we accept the proposed changes.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The department code  
4 number 4: "The April edition shall be the last sent to  
5 delinquent members until reinstated. The edition following  
6 Convention will be discontinued."

7 The proposed change: "All issues will be sent  
8 out in the bimonthly packets and will be posted on the  
9 Department Website so that all members will have access to  
10 the view and print."

11 All those in favor say aye.

12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carries.

16 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Last is number 7.

17 Currently reads: "The issue prior to Convention shall  
18 carry announcements of candidates for Department Office.  
19 If candidates desire to publish a picture they shall  
20 either pay for or furnish the cut. Candidates to submit  
21 their picture and article for publication by a date to be  
22 determined by Editor. 2011."

23 The proposed change would be: "The issue prior  
24 to Convention shall carry announcements of candidates for  
25 Department Office. If candidates desire to publish a

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1 picture they shall provide a suitable picture in a .jpg  
2 format. Candidates to submit their picture and article  
3 for publication by a date to be determined by Editor."

4 And I move we accept the change.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Code Department  
6 Editor 7 currently reads: "The issue prior to Convention  
7 shall carry announcements of candidates for Department  
8 Office. If candidates desire to publish a picture they  
9 shall either pay for or furnish the cut. Candidates to  
10 submit their picture and article for publication by a date  
11 to be determined by Editor. 2011."

12 The proposed code change 7: "The issue prior to  
13 Convention shall carry announcements of candidates for  
14 Department Office. If candidates desire to publish a  
15 picture they shall provide a suitable picture in a .jpg  
16 format. Candidates to submit their picture and article  
17 for publication by a date to be determined by Editor."

18 Any discussion?

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Yes. Terry  
20 Mikesell, District 2. Given that we are now electing  
21 National NEC, I would recommend that instead of saying  
22 "candidates for department office," we just say  
23 "candidates for office."

24 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Can I amend my motion?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

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1 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: I will make an amendment  
2 to that, that we change it to all candidates, just include  
3 any and all so if there are National.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Joan, Linda  
5 has a statement.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I'm trapped  
7 back here, but if we just say "offices," "officers," they  
8 could be unit or district. The intent is to include our  
9 National now, so department and national officers would be  
10 more clarification.

11 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: So just add the word  
12 "National" then to it. Can I make a motion?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

14 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Okay. The proposed will  
15 now be: "The issue prior to Convention shall carry  
16 announcements of candidates for Department Office. If  
17 candidates desire to publish a picture they shall provide  
18 a suitable picture in a .jpg format. Candidates to submit  
19 their picture and article for publication by a date to be  
20 determined by Editor."

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: No. You  
22 didn't say it right.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'll get it.

24 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: I thought we were just  
25 making it for office, period.



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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: No, because  
2 that can be unit or district, so it's department.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Fercho  
4 was saying to add "office" and "national."

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And the amendment  
6 you only have to read that one sentence. So can you say  
7 it so I have it down correctly?

8 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Okay. We're going to  
9 change: "The issue prior to Convention shall carry  
10 announcements of candidates for Department and National  
11 Office." I move that we accept the --

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I move what?

13 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: I move to amend the  
14 change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Any --

16 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Department, National  
17 Office.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I move to amend to  
19 Department and National Office.

20 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: I move to amend to have  
21 Department and National Office. Okay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Now the new  
23 motion. Editor No. 7: "The issue prior to Convention  
24 shall carry announcements of candidates for Department and  
25 National Office." Any discussion?

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1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
3 in favor say aye.

4 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It passes. And now  
8 we will vote on the code change. Department Code 7 Editor  
9 currently reads: "The issue prior to Convention shall  
10 carry announcements of candidates for Department Office.  
11 If candidates desire to publish a picture they shall  
12 either pay for or furnish the cut. Candidates to submit  
13 their picture and article for publication by a date to be  
14 determined by Editor. 2011."

15 The new motion: "The issue prior to Convention  
16 shall carry announcements of candidates for Department and  
17 National Office. If candidates desire to publish a  
18 picture they shall provide a suitable picture in a .jpg  
19 format. Candidates to submit their picture and article  
20 for publication by a date to be determined by Editor."

21 Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
24 in favor say aye.

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carries.

4 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: I have nothing else.

5 (Applause.)

6 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Thank you, guys.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Kathie, do  
8 you need a minute? We can have the other committees go or  
9 do you want a minute or do you want to go right now? Are  
10 you ready? We'll have -- I'm sorry, Kathie, you'll have  
11 to wait until -- we have to do our Elections. We have --  
12 we're watching the clock.

13 Okay. We're going to begin elections. We will  
14 have a 15-minute recess and only 15 minutes, please, as  
15 the District Presidents take roll call. So stay in your  
16 seats.

17 District Presidents, take roll call of your  
18 delegates and be ready to report the voting strength when  
19 they call the roll of the districts. Please remember that  
20 the doors will be closed once the District Presidents are  
21 ready to start and no one will be allowed to come in or  
22 leave once they're closed.

23 (Recess from 10:18 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Sergeant-at-Arms  
25 and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, please go to the lobby

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1 and -- okay. The doors are locked. Okay. We've got to  
2 get started. The session will come to order. Will  
3 everyone sit with their respective districts. Guests will  
4 not be allowed to be in those seats with delegates and  
5 alternates. Please remember that only the delegates and  
6 alternates will take place in the election.

7 Okay. Nobody is going to be allowed to leave  
8 except in case of emergency. We will now have the report  
9 of the Elections Chairman followed by the reading of the  
10 Election rules.

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12 ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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14 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CARNELISON-BALTAD: Good  
15 morning. The convention committee on Elections met June  
16 27th, 2019 in the Sage Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel &  
17 Convention Center. Luckily elections has no statistical  
18 report. Gale Harris, District 25, was appointed  
19 secretary, Connie Garcia, District 14, offered prayer, and  
20 Lucy Rocha, District 16, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.  
21 A total of 13 district delegates answered roll and there  
22 were four visitors present.

23 The Department Elections Code was read and no  
24 changes were needed. That is my report.

25 (Applause.)

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1           ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CARNELISON-BALTAD: And now  
2 for the rules. The doors of the convention shall be  
3 closed during the entire election procedure and no one  
4 shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair states that  
5 the election is concluded. The exception to this shall be  
6 in an emergency a member may leave and if her absence  
7 affects the voting strength, the District President shall  
8 immediately notify the presiding officer.

9           Sorry. Number 27: When there is but one nominee  
10 for all Department Officers and but one nominee for Junior  
11 Member of Finance, the nominees shall be elected viva  
12 voce. Department Convention Committees #2G, Standing  
13 Rules. Upon roll call, the District President shall  
14 report the number of units partially or wholly represented  
15 by duly elected delegates or alternates present in the  
16 delegation at the time of roll call. This is to determine  
17 that there is a quorum of units present at the time of the  
18 election.

19           Number 28: When there is more than one nominee  
20 for the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, or  
21 endorsement for National Office, election shall be by  
22 written ballot. The District President shall, when they  
23 are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their  
24 respective delegations to ascertain the total voting  
25 strength of their district for the election reporting the

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1 same to Chair.

2 29: When there are three or more nominees for  
3 the office Junior Member of Finance or endorsement of  
4 National Office, unless one nominee receives the majority  
5 note on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest  
6 number of votes shall be automatically dropped before  
7 proceeding with the next ballot.

8 Number 30: All members seeking National Office  
9 shall be endorsed at the Department Convention by a  
10 majority vote not more than three years prior to the date  
11 they are to be a candidate for office. Vote shall be by  
12 viva voce unless there is more than one candidate, then a  
13 majority vote shall be by ballot. Department Convention  
14 Committees 2J, Department Standing Rules.

15 Number 31: Each District President and District  
16 Member of Elections Committee shall distribute and collect  
17 the votes cast by the district delegation and deliver them  
18 to the Department Chairman of Elections.

19 Number 32: Department Officers, Chairmen,  
20 Committee Members and Past Department Presidents shall  
21 vote with their respective district.

22 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.  
23 The vote of an absent unit is not represented by the  
24 alternate shall be casted by the majority of the delegate  
25 from the unit. When two delegates represent three votes,

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1 the chairman of the unit delegation shall cast the third  
2 vote.

3 34: A majority of all votes cast shall elect,  
4 expect that in the election of national delegates and  
5 alternates, a plurality shall elect.

6 35: These convention rules may be amended during  
7 the convention by two-thirds vote.

8 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,  
9 shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not  
10 covered by these rules, the department constitution and  
11 bylaws, and the convention mandates.

12 Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Rachel.

14 (Applause.)

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16 ELECTIONS 2019-2020

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18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would like the  
19 District Presidents to please line up in the numerical  
20 order. We do have two microphones so it may be a little  
21 hard, but -- and do that as quickly as we can. And then  
22 our Credentials Chairman Sharon Moore. The Secretary will  
23 call roll call of the districts. Following that the  
24 Credentials Chair Sharon Moore will give a final  
25 credentials report.

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1 Okay. Harriet, call the roll call, please.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I thought she  
3 was going to do her report first.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. In reverse.  
5 Sharon.

6 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning, Madam  
7 President. We have a total voting strength of 840 and we  
8 need 420 -- 421 to elect.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Sharon is  
10 going to read from the rules. Please not talk. This is a  
11 really important time.

12 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Madam  
13 President, District 1, 14. District 2, 16. District 3,  
14 five. District 4, 23. District 5, 35. District 6, 23.  
15 District 7, 18. District 8, eight. District 9, seven.  
16 District 10, ten. District 11, 37. District 12, 23.  
17 District 13 -- District. I'm sorry. District 13 is 17.  
18 District 14, 29. District 15, 22. District 16, 53.  
19 District 17 is three. District 18 is 46. District 19 is  
20 42. District 20 is 27. District 21 is 54. District 22  
21 is 59. District 23 is 24. District 24 is ten. District  
22 25 is 70. District 26 is 17. District 27 is 19.  
23 District 28 is 36. District 29 is 75. District 30 is 18.  
24 And these are the numbers as of close of books on May 13.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. District



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1 1 has zero delegates in attendance. District 2.

2 DISTRICT 2: One.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

4 District 3 has zero in attendance. District 4.

5 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Ten.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Please come to  
7 the stage. District 5 -- I'm sorry. I think I might have  
8 the wrong line. Gotcha. District 4, come to the stage.  
9 Okay. District 5.

10 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Four.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

12 District 6.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Just a minute. If  
14 it's different, then you need to come to the stage.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I just need  
16 clarification one quick second. Okay. Thank you. I was  
17 looking -- excuse me, Madam President. I was looking at  
18 the wrong column. Okay. District 5, I'm sorry, I  
19 didn't --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She said four.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 5.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She said four.

23 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: District 5 said  
24 four.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the

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1 stage. District 6.

2 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Twenty-three.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
4 stage, please. District 7.

5 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT SHOPE: Ten.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 8?

9 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
10 Two.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

12 District 9.

13 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Seven.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

15 District 10.

16 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHALL: Two.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

18 District 11.

19 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT STRAIGHT: Thirteen.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
21 stage, please. District 12.

22 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT FERREIRA-ALLEN: Five.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

24 District 13.

25 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: Seventeen.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
2 stage, please. District 14.

3 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Eighteen.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
5 stage, please. District 15.

6 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Eighteen.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
8 District 16.

9 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT POWELL: We started with  
10 31, two left, so we have a voting poll of 29.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: You have what?  
12 Please come to the stage. District 17.

13 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDO: Two.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
15 District 18.

16 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Twenty-nine.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
18 stage, please. District 19.

19 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
20 Twenty-six.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
22 stage, please. District -- I'm sorry. Where did I leave  
23 off? District 20.

24 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT BEERY: We have 20.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you very

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1 much.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 21.

4 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: Forty-three.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
6 stage, please. District 22.

7 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT TOZIER: Twenty-five, and  
8 I'll go to the stage.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
10 District 23.

11 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT HILL: Nineteen.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
13 District 24.

14 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: District 24 has  
15 ten.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
17 District 25.

18 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT KINTZER: Fifty-seven.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
20 stage, please. District 26.

21 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE: Small but mighty five.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Come to the  
23 stage, please. District 27.

24 WESTERN DIVISION EDUCATION CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI:  
25 Seven.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Come to the stage,  
2 please. District 28.

3 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SMITH: I'll come to the  
4 stage. It's 17.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 28.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Please hold it down  
7 so we can hear. Excuse me, Molly. I had you -- can you  
8 please repeat?

9 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SMITH: I'm sorry. I said  
10 I'll go to the stage. It's 17.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Go to the stage.  
12 District 29.

13 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: We have 59  
14 registered, one that has gone home bringing us to 58.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Oh, come to the  
16 stage. District 30.

17 DISTRICT 30 DELEGATE: It's between eight or  
18 nine.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I'm sorry?

20 DISTRICT 30 DELEGATE: I'm debating between eight  
21 and nine because I had one on the road. Eight.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Eight. Come to  
23 the stage, please. District 4.

24 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Eight.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I don't see that

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1 number.

2 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: It's just we  
3 recounted and we have eight total.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. Excuse me  
5 one second.

6 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SMITH: Madam Secretary?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Please keep it  
8 down. I'm having a hard time hearing.

9 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SMITH: Madam Secretary,  
10 121 has left so that is why we are at 17.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 6.

12 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Twenty-one.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
14 District 11.

15 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT STRAIGHT: 11.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
17 District 5.

18 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Four.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
20 District 13.

21 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: Twelve.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She said 12.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
24 District 21.

25 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: Forty-two.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Just one second.  
2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 14.

5 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Twenty-one.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

7 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT POWELL: District 16, 29.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I'm sorry?

9 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT POWELL: Twenty-nine.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: One second.

11 Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Please shut the  
13 door. Please keep it down.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 22.

15 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT TOZIER: Twenty-eight.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Twenty-eight.

17 Thank you. District 19.

18 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT COOLEY-DESMEULES: We have  
19 24.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Just a second.

21 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT COOLEY-DESMEULES: That's  
22 what we just counted.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

24 District 28.

25 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SMITH: Did we get checked

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1 yet? Seventeen.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yes.

3 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT SMITH: Thank you.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 27.

5 WESTERN DIVISION EDUCATION CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI:

6 Okay. Twenty-seven has 13.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

8 District 18.

9 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thirty.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Quiet down, please.

12 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: District 29.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 29.

14 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Thirty-one.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Excuse me. We

16 need to confirm that. Come back up. I'm sorry.

17 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE: District 26 still has

18 five.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

20 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: District 29, 58.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

22 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT KINTZER: District 25, 57.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you very

24 much.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Now we're



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1 going to have our secretary reread the numbers for each  
2 district.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 1 --  
4 Madam President, the battery is dead. Hello. District 1,  
5 zero. District 2, one. District 3, zero. District 4,  
6 eight. District 5, four. District 6, 21. District 7,  
7 ten. Give me a second. District -- District 8, two.  
8 District 9, seven. District 10, two. District 11, 11.  
9 District 12, five. District 13, 12. District 14, 21.  
10 District 15, 18. District 16, 29. District 17, two.  
11 District 18, 30. District 19, 24. District 20, 20.  
12 District 21, 42. District 22, 28. District 23, 19.  
13 District 24, ten. District 25, 57. District 26, five.  
14 District 27, 13. District 28, 17. District 29, 58, and  
15 District 30, eight.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're just totaling  
17 it up and then we can start. Thank you for your patience.  
18 Thank you.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Just a second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have a total.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Madam President,  
22 the total membership is 429.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We'll continue with  
24 the election. We're now onto the election of Department  
25 President.

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1 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN MOORE: Madam President, we  
2 need four -- I'm sorry. We need 215 to elect.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Sharon.  
4 Okay. Now we're going to proceed to the election of our  
5 Department President. There is but one nominee for the  
6 office of Department President, Kathie Martinez. All  
7 those in favor for electing Kathie Martinez to the  
8 Department President, please say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have elected  
13 Kathie Martinez for Department President for 2019-2020.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Wherever you are,  
16 Kathie, congratulations. We will now have the election of  
17 Vice President. There is but one nominee for the office  
18 of Vice President, Dee Ann Graham. All those in favor of  
19 electing Dee Ann Graham for Department Vice President, say  
20 aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have now  
25 elected Dee Ann Graham for the Department Vice President

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1 for the year 2019-2020. Congratulations, Dee Ann.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We'll now have the  
4 election of Junior Member of Finance. There is but one  
5 nominee for the Junior Member of Finance, Cathleen McCoy.  
6 All those in favor electing Cathy McCoy Junior Member of  
7 Finance, say aye.

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have elected  
12 Cathleen McCoy as Junior Member of Finance for the  
13 2019-2020 year. Congratulations, Cathy.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We will now have  
16 the election of NEC and Alternate NEC. There is but one  
17 nominee for the office of National Executive  
18 Committeewoman. All those in favor of electing Linda  
19 Workman for National Executive Committeewoman, say aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have now  
24 elected Linda Workman for National Executive  
25 Committeewoman.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Congratulations,  
3 Linda. There is but one nominee for the office of  
4 Alternate National Executive Committeewoman, Joan Cannon.  
5 All those in favor of electing Joan Cannon for Alternate  
6 National Executive Committeewoman, say aye.

7 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have now  
11 elected Joan Cannon for Alternate Executive Committeewoman  
12 for 2019-2020.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Congratulations,  
15 Joan. We will now proceed to the election of delegates  
16 and alternates to National Convention. The Secretary will  
17 read the nominees of delegates to National Convention.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I just have one  
19 quick question of Diane, please.

20 Okay. Joan Cannon, Kathie Martinez, Harriet  
21 Clendenin, Melanie Taylor, Glenda Schultz, Bonnie  
22 Bradbury, Linda Workman, Grace Huston, Sandy Jacob, Gloria  
23 Sinopoli, Dee Ann Graham, Linda Fercho, Linda Hayes,  
24 Suzanne Tozier, Anita Biggs, Deloris Artis, Diane  
25 DeLashmit, LuAnn Capazzi.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: There's 18?

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yes.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I wanted to make  
4 sure. Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: There are 18. I  
6 move to ratify the election of delegates to National as  
7 read.

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
10 and seconded to ratify the delegates to National  
11 Convention. Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
14 in favor say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.  
19 Will the Secretary now read the list of nominees for  
20 alternates to National Convention.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY: Okay. Jean Edson, Ann  
22 Sanchez, Marcia Monroe, Sandy Tollefson, Deborah Hurado,  
23 Madeline Lee, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, Gene  
24 Cooley-Desmeules, Nancy Heinisch, Donna Smith, Valerie  
25 Hill, Melissa Card, Donna Scott, Tamara Duron, Dee

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1 Brunner, Danielle White, Coco Estrada. There are 18. I  
2 move to ratify the list of alternates as said.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
5 and seconded -- it has been moved and seconded to elect  
6 alternates as read. Is there any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
9 in favor say aye.

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President,  
11 Diane DeLashmit, District 25. They really need to be in  
12 the proper order as to how they're going to replace  
13 delegates and they're not, so we need to just move them  
14 around. It's the same people, they just need to be in  
15 order in which they will be filling in.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Oh, sorry.  
17 Thank you. So you want me to read like Coco Estrada is  
18 number one?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is that the  
20 District 1?

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: They need to be in  
22 order of membership strength. So District 29 would be the  
23 first if there is one, District 25, the first one in  
24 District 25, then 22 and then 21 and so on.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: So I would put

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1 which number first?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: We just  
3 will take a minute to put them in the proper order.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: If a delegate has  
5 to leave their spot and cannot go to convention, we have  
6 to have the strength correct.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: It's always a  
8 learning experience.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: This is important  
10 they're in the correct order of strength, and then they  
11 will fill in according to their strength. They will come  
12 in to replace them.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Excuse me. One  
14 question. Thank you for your patience. In correct  
15 numerical order.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Alternates are  
18 Kokoe Estrada, Donna Scott, Donna Smith, Madeline Lee,  
19 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, Marcia  
20 Munroe, Ann Sanchez, Nancy Heinisch, Debbie Hurado,  
21 Danielle White, Karen Herrera, Sandy Tollefson, Sandy  
22 Jacob, Dee Brunner, Jean Edson, Melissa Card, and Tamra  
23 Duron. I move to ratify -- these are the 18 alternates.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Valerie Hill  
25 should be an alternate, District 23.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: She was. You're  
2 right. Excuse me.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We have 19  
4 instead of 18 which would mean an election. The last one  
5 elected, nominated was Tamra Duron, so we're asking if she  
6 wants to remain or to pass.

7 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Madam President, I'll  
8 pass.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Tamra.  
10 We will insert Valerie Hill in the proper order and then  
11 we'll be good to go.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Would you like  
13 for me to redo it?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I added her.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Yes, reread  
17 it.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Kokoe Estrada,  
19 Donna Scott, Donna Smith, Madeline Lee, Jean  
20 Cooley-Desmeules, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, Marcia Munroe,  
21 Ann Sanchez, Nancy Heinisch, Debbie Hurado, Danielle  
22 White, Karen Herrera, Sandy Jacob, Dee Brunner, Jean  
23 Edson, Valerie Hill, Melissa Card. That's wrong. No,  
24 it's not. No, it's not. That's right. I move to ratify  
25 the election of delegates to National as read --



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1 alternates as read.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
4 and seconded to elect the alternates as read. Is there  
5 any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
8 say -- those in favor say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It carries.  
13 Congratulations to all of those elected delegates and  
14 alternates. You need to pick up your packets in the  
15 department headquarters and you will have to sign for  
16 them.

17 We'll now proceed to ratify the election of  
18 District Presidents and Vice Presidents. Madam Secretary,  
19 please read the names of the District Presidents Elect.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 1,  
21 Alison Robbins. District 2, Judy Henderson. District 3,  
22 Lola Ramey. District 4, Jean Edson. District 5, Lynn  
23 Jewell. District 6, Ann Sanchez. District 7, Melise  
24 Munroe. District 8, Teresa Canonizado. District 9,  
25 Roseanne Bean. District 10, Susan Mar. District 11 Grace

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1 Huston. District 12, Victoria Ferreira-Allen. I'll get  
2 it soon. District 13, Cecilia Harvey. District 14, Geni  
3 Lefler. District 15, Genieca Risner. District 16, Tami  
4 Wilkening. District 17, Yvonne Sarceda. District 18,  
5 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco. District 19, Rita Lambert.  
6 District 20, Hila Estrada. District 21, Kathy Newlen.  
7 District 22, Donna Smith. District 23, Patricia Davis.  
8 District 24, Melissa Card. District 25, Judy Samples.  
9 District 26, Peggy Toye. District 27, Danielle White.  
10 District 28, Denise Clay. District 29, Carol Borgman.  
11 And District 30, Dawn Rascoe.

12 I move for the ratification of the election of  
13 District Presidents as read.

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
16 and seconded that we ratify the District Presidents. Is  
17 there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those in favor say  
20 aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Congratulations.

25 Would you like to read the District First Vice Presidents

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1 Elect.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 1,  
3 Patricia Lindley. District 2, Mary Sanders. District 3,  
4 Wendy Jacobs. District 4, Sherry Morehouse. District 5,  
5 Linda Karnstedt. District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7,  
6 Bonnie Bradbury. District 8, Helen Wong. District 9,  
7 Dolly -- Helaine Dolly Rios. District 10, Elizabeth  
8 Parshall. District 11, Anne Marie Fuller, District 12,  
9 Elizabeth Estavillo. District 13, Janice Jan McCormick.  
10 District 14, Debbie Hurado. District 15, Barbara Goodlow.  
11 District 16, Jerrene Adams. District 17, Claudia Deleon.  
12 District 18, Judie Tabacchi. District 19, Linda Diebel.  
13 District 20, Jackie Landan. District 21, Dianna Yegge.  
14 District 22, Gigi Manno. District 23, Judith Allen.  
15 District 24, Marie-Ann Helgeson. District 25, Sandy  
16 Kurkoske. District 26, Arlene Muller. District 27, LuAnn  
17 Capazzi. District 28, Elizabeth Doidge. District 29,  
18 Elizabeth Sudbeck. District 30, Wanda Hylton.

19 I move for the ratification of District First  
20 Vice Presidents as read.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
23 and seconded to ratify the election of District First Vice  
24 Presidents. Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
2 in favor say aye.

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed, no.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

7 You have ratified the election of the First Vice  
8 Presidents. Now, Madam Secretary, please read the list of  
9 the Second Vice Presidents Elect.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 1, no  
11 name. District 2, Anita Ray. District 3, Beverly Hiles.  
12 District 4, Judy Bennett. District 5, Sandy Paxton.  
13 District 6, Suzanne Winters. District 7, Robin Besotes.  
14 District 8, no name. District 9, Rachel Henton. District  
15 10, Jasmine Crews. District 11, Ann Scholl. District 12,  
16 Ann Kelley. District 13, Velia Dominguez. District 14,  
17 Elva Stith. District 15, Linda Carmichael. District 16,  
18 Terry Oclaray. District 17, no name. District 18,  
19 Yolanda Zuniga. District 19, Becky Bullard. District 20,  
20 Terry Day. District 21, Venus Brambila. District 22,  
21 Mary Thorsten. District 23, Ella Wallace. District 24,  
22 Martha Romano. District 25, Cindy Rogers. District 26,  
23 Leslie Tozzini. District 27, Judy Castleberry. District  
24 28, Sandy Rodrigues. District 29, Kay Hamby. And 30,  
25 Margaret Navarro.

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1 I move for the ratification of the Second Vice  
2 Presidents as read.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been  
5 moved -- it has been moved and seconded that we ratify the  
6 election of the District Second Vice Presidents. Is there  
7 any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
10 in favor say aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have ratified  
15 the election of District Second Vice Presidents.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: This concludes the  
18 elections and we may open the doors. Will the newly  
19 elected Department Officers and National Officers please  
20 come to the stage to be presented. It gives me great  
21 pleasure to present to you the newly elected Department  
22 Officers for the year 2019-2020. Department President  
23 Kathie Martinez.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Department Vice

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1 President Dee Ann Graham.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Junior Member of  
4 Finance Cathleen McCoy.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It's also my  
7 pleasure to present to you newly National officers for the  
8 2019-2020 year. National Executive Committeewoman Linda  
9 Workman.

10 (Applause.)

11 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN WORKMAN: And  
12 the Alternate NEC Joan Cannon.

13 (Applause.)

14 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN WORKMAN: We  
15 are a team.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you very  
17 much. Okay. We will be in recess -- one more photo op.

18 Deloris Artis, where are you?

19 Nancy Heinisch, are you ready to give your  
20 report?

21 Okay. If everybody can sit down in their seats,  
22 please, so we can get started. We have 20 minutes before  
23 lunch and I know everybody doesn't want to be here all day  
24 on Sunday.

25 Nancy, are you ready to give your report? If

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1 everybody could please take their seats. You missed it.  
2 Sorry. You're after Nancy.

3 Okay. Everybody take their seats so we can get  
4 started with our Music Chairman's report. Please, she's  
5 getting ready to start.

6  
7 **MUSIC CONVENTION REPORT**

8  
9 **MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH:** Thank you, Madam  
10 President Joan, for this appointment. I have truly  
11 enjoyed the work. I would like to begin with my  
12 preconvention meeting. Our committee met at 11:30 in the  
13 Riesling Room on Friday, June 27th. Kim Vincent was  
14 appointed secretary, Katherine Coches offered prayer, and  
15 Liz Doidge was appointed sergeant-at-arms. Twelve  
16 visitors answered roll call and there were six guests.  
17 There were no code changes.

18 (Applause.)

19 **MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH:** By direction of the  
20 Music committee, I move the acceptance of this report.  
21 May I go into my report and first place awards?

22 **DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON:** Yes, you may.

23 **MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH:** The purpose of the  
24 Music program is to promote the use of music at all  
25 meetings and event. As Unit Music Chairman Molly Smith

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1 wrote: Music imparts the pride of patriotism in the  
2 American heart, instills memories that are important in  
3 life, brings joy making your feet dance to the beat and in  
4 the end marks the passing of loved ones so dear.

5 Members participated in parades, special holiday  
6 programs, visits to veteran homes, funerals and special  
7 ceremonies where music was included.

8 A note of gratitude to the 20 districts who  
9 completed the end-of-the-year Music reports and all the  
10 Districts and Units who submitted supplementals. A  
11 special thank you to all the creative individuals who  
12 bravely submitted entries for the flower-themed song  
13 contest. I received many entries, CDs, songs through my  
14 phone and videos.

15 And for the awards. First Place Supplemental  
16 goes to Debbie Shubert, Unit 291, District 29.

17 (Applause.)

18 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: First Place District  
19 Supplemental goes to Katherine Coches, and that's District  
20 29.

21 (Applause.)

22 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: And for our unit songs.  
23 First Place Unit Song goes to Nickilyn Van Spoonik, Unit  
24 217, District 13.

25 (Applause.)



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1 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: And First Place  
2 District Song goes to Cindy Edith, Unit 291, District 29.

3 (Applause.)

4 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: Oh-oh, Madam President,  
5 I think there's something special going on. I think. Oh,  
6 there, I see them. This is a special tribute to Madam  
7 Department President Joan and to all the members of the  
8 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California. We  
9 have a special treat for you.

10 (Singing.)

11 MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: Okay. Thank you very  
12 much. And thank you, Madam President. This concludes my  
13 platform remarks.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, ladies,  
16 very much. I think we have a budding songwriter. She  
17 should go on that new Songland show. Thank you.

18 Next can we have the Public Relations Chairman do  
19 her report.

20  
21 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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23 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: Good morning.  
24 My name is Deloris Artis and I am the Public Relations  
25 Chairman for the Department. The convention committee on

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1 Public Relations met on June 27th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in  
2 the Riesling Room of the Ontario Airport & Convention  
3 Center in Ontario, California. The statistical report of  
4 this Chairman appears on page 26 of the Book of Reports.

5 Geni Lefler of District 14, Unit 3 was appointed  
6 secretary, Latoya Williams of District 25, Unit 710  
7 offered prayer, and Susan Romero of District 21, Unit 289  
8 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 14 district  
9 delegates answered the roll call and there were two  
10 visitors. There were no code changes.

11 (Applause.)

12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: However, there  
13 was one question asked on our code number 4, and that code  
14 read: "Pressbook competition shall be under direction of  
15 the Department Chairman. There shall be two  
16 classifications, unit and district. Contest rules shall  
17 be forwarded to units and districts after the National  
18 Convention."

19 The question came in does this pressbook include  
20 Juniors. I suggest that I bring this to the floor and  
21 said that Juniors should be included in everything.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Most definitely.

23 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: Okay. So the  
24 person that asked that question, Juniors can be included  
25 in everything. So next year's Public Relations Chairman

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1 can add that to the code or something. I don't know.

2           Anyway, a total of 27 districts with 100 percent  
3 reporting, and certificates were placed in their  
4 envelopes. Certificates for the second and third place  
5 awards for the unit supplementals were also placed in  
6 their envelopes. The first place winners will be  
7 announced on the floor.

8           Madam President, that ends my convention report.  
9 May I proceed with my supplemental?

10           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

11           PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: Madam  
12 President, it has been an honor to serve as your Public  
13 Relations Chairman. It was great learning all about the  
14 purpose for this job for Public Relations. It was  
15 refreshing to know that the district and unit chairmen put  
16 forth an outstanding effort to reach out to the public  
17 about our organization and the use of media platform,  
18 developing websites, and using their personal Facebooks.  
19 I am happy to report that 27 out of the 30 districts were  
20 100 percent reporting. One district submitted 12  
21 newspaper articles and 12 districts submitted their best  
22 unit supplemental.

23           One unit wrote an article for their local  
24 newspaper titled, "Who are the American Legion Auxiliary?"  
25 The article gave a brief history on what the Auxiliary is

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1 involved with. One unit submitted an article about a  
2 special proclamation from the community and the other had  
3 their own reporter that interviewed the unit members. And  
4 out of that, they did ten articles -- they received ten  
5 articles and from that they received three that was placed  
6 in the paper.

7 A unit chairman was interviewed for a YouTube  
8 video during their Stand Down and they also had that spot  
9 aired on two different radio stations. One unit helped  
10 the post to place flags around the town and on the  
11 division hall fence on all patriotic holidays while  
12 wearing their Auxiliary polo shirts.

13 Our department makes sure that the public and the  
14 press was aware of the American Legion Auxiliary's  
15 different functions with our veterans throughout the year.  
16 Social media has had a large impact on publicizing our  
17 events than newspapers. For example, using Facebook  
18 reaches a wider audience. It has been a wonderful  
19 experience serving as your Public Relations Chairman for  
20 the Department of California. Thank you, Madam President,  
21 for this appointment. This ends my report. May I proceed  
22 with my first place awards?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

24 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: I had passed  
25 out a paper for the first place award. Molly Smith of

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1 Cecil M. Anderson Unit 589, District 28, the First Place  
2 Unit With Most Outstanding Supplemental submitted.

3 (Applause.)

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: There were no  
5 winners for the district supplementals as they did not  
6 follow the rules. I am so sorry about that, but I only  
7 received three and, you know, two or three lines does not  
8 make a supplemental.

9 Madam President, that ends my report. May I  
10 approach your podium?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Certainly. They're  
12 flowers.

13 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN ARTIS: It's the  
14 flowers for Public Relations.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. I see we  
16 have some guests in the house. Will our Sergeant-at-Arms  
17 and our Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and Distinguished Guest  
18 Chairman please escort our Past Department President  
19 Gophers Ralph Jacobs and Lyle Workman.

20 (Processional.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Welcome.

22 PDP GOPHER JACOBS: One of the nice things about  
23 being a husband is that when my wife becomes -- after many  
24 years worked to become a Department President, we get to  
25 help them. We get to find out where the pantyhose are

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1 located, where the makeup is supposed to be, and, "Yes,  
2 Dear, you look very good tonight." We have -- we have fun  
3 like you all have fun and every year as your ranks grow  
4 with Past Department Presidents, our ranks should grow  
5 also. And we're losing members faster than you all are,  
6 but we still do as good a job as we can. And every year  
7 we have our dinner, and even though if you can't make  
8 dinner, we still make a donation for the Department  
9 President's Special Activity. Or Special Project. Excuse  
10 me. I've got to get the right term.

11 So, Madam President, here's \$270 for your special  
12 project.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You are very  
15 gracious and you might want to share who your president  
16 is.

17 PDP GOPHER JACOBS: Yeah, I do want a ride home,  
18 you're right. My wife is Sandy Jacob, Past Department  
19 President.

20 (Applause.)

21 PDP GOPHER WORKMAN: And I'm Lyle, Linda Workman,  
22 President '98-'99.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where are the  
24 rest of our gophers?

25 (Processional.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Just real  
2 quick and we're out of here in two seconds. When we come  
3 back from lunch, we'll be doing our little music and  
4 stroll, so if you want to deck yourself out, we'll be  
5 doing that right after lunch.

6 Harriet, do you have any flower pedals?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yes.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would like  
9 everyone to come back at 1:15 if we can and we'll really  
10 be ready to start at 1:30.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Last call to  
12 turn in tickets for the Ways & Means opportunity.

13 Anita's Dream Captains will meet Saturday 12:00  
14 noon at Mr. J's.

15 Someone in District 5 -- excuse me. Someone in  
16 District 25 is looking for a ticket if someone has one to  
17 sell. I'm thinking it is the banquet tonight.

18 Joanna Curtis in District 24 is looking for one  
19 banquet ticket.

20 All Juniors eight to 18 years are invited to SAL  
21 sponsored activities Saturday, Fiesta Village. Leave at  
22 4:30 p.m. the convention center. Questions, see Joanna  
23 Curtis, District 24.

24 Okay. Ronnie's Roses, Goldie's Golden Links,  
25 Geri Jeske's Cards, Margaret Quinones' Dream Catchers,

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1 Pilar's Musicians, Shelby's Actresses, and Harriet's  
2 Crafters will meet in the Ontario Hotel Room 231 Saturday  
3 for lunch.

4 Melanie's Balloon Pilots and Sue's Lighthouse  
5 will meet for lunch Saturday in the hotel restaurant.

6 Could I please ask if anyone found a black padded  
7 notebook. It was a gift for my daughter for conference.  
8 Unit 742, Liz. Liz.

9 Lost eyeglass and pink case, Jean, District 4.

10 LuAnn's Ship -- oh, good. LuAnn's Ship Captains  
11 and Pat's Country Charmers will meet for lunch Saturday in  
12 the hotel restaurant.

13 Anita's Dream Captains, Madeline's Love  
14 Princesses, and Bev's Stars will meet for lunch at Mr. J's  
15 restaurant at 12:00 noon.

16 Bonnie's Princesses, Sandy Colonels will meet in  
17 Room 526 on Saturday during the lunch break. Please send  
18 a note to Bonnie Christner in District 20 if you will be  
19 able to attend. In Room 526; correct? Thank you.

20 Just a reminder. Saturday after meeting we are  
21 retiring the district flags, so you do not need to dress  
22 special to retire the colors.

23 Madeline Lee's Princess, Wendy O'Brien's  
24 Captains, Loretta Marsh's Superheros, Linda Fercho's Rodeo  
25 Queens, Susie Tozier's Farmers, please order your lunch



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1 before 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, and at noon meet  
2 outside the hall.

3 District -- Patricia Davis is this tonight still,  
4 the meet and greet? No. Thank you.

5 Okay. And the Peachy Penguins and Classy -- I'm  
6 sorry. The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins meet on  
7 Saturday noon for lunch in Room 133. Thank you. That's  
8 it.

9 DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE: Madam Secretary, District 9  
10 has some tickets.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Right here. They  
12 want them right here.

13 DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE: Okay.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We just want to  
15 also announce if someone needs a shuttle to the banquet,  
16 you have to make arrangements with the front desk. Also  
17 last chance to buy raffle tickets because we're going to  
18 be pulling tonight, but 50/50 we'll be able to do it in  
19 the morning. Thank you and have a great lunch.

20 (Lunch recess taken: 12:02 p.m.)  
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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:15 P.M.

2  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. It's 1:15.  
4 The Music Chairman, start the music. Let the dancing  
5 begin.

6 (Music parade.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Let's go  
8 ahead and get started. One of our participants dropped  
9 their sunglasses, so if you're missing sunglasses they're  
10 up here. I'll put them right here up on our station.

11 Now that we caught our breath let's go ahead and  
12 take our seats and we'll get started. Okay. Let's quiet  
13 down so we can begin. We're ready to start. Thank you.

14 Okay. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms with the  
15 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and the Distinguished Chairman  
16 please escort our Junior Honorary President 2019-2020  
17 Shakira Abdul-Rauf.

18 (Processional.)

19 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ABDUL-RAUF:  
20 Okay. Hi. My name is Shakira. I'm from Unit 252,  
21 District 23.

22 (Applause.)

23 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ABDUL-RAUF:  
24 First I want to thank everybody here. I just came from  
25 Girls State. And I know that everybody here has played

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1 some role in making that happen, so I want to say thank  
2 you. I had an amazing time. It was wonderful.

3 (Applause.)

4 DELEGATE: Are you from Girls State?

5 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ABDUL-RAUF:

6 Yeah, yeah. Okay. So I'm really excited to join the --  
7 not join the, but start this journey with you guys and  
8 start with you guys and communicate with all of you as the  
9 Juniors -- and expand our Junior team is what we want to  
10 call it. Junior -- juniors, there we go. And yeah.  
11 Thank you. That's it.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And there is a  
14 presentation here for Shakira.

15 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HAYNES: Okay. I  
16 gladly present this hat to you for the next year. Enjoy  
17 every bit.

18 (Applause.)

19 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ABDUL-RAUF:  
20 Thank you.

21 (Processional.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We just have one  
23 little order of business and then we're going to have the  
24 Membership report. I would like the court reporter to  
25 please go back to the Education. Are you there? The unit

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1 and district was incorrect that we listed for the National  
2 Security for Desiree Alvarado. It should be Unit 19 --  
3 excuse me. District 19, Unit 359.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And then we'll have  
6 Kathie Martinez and the Membership report. Please keep  
7 the talking down, please.

8  
9 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

10  
11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good afternoon,  
12 ladies. Are we ready for round two? Okay. Where we left  
13 off. Okay. I'll start at the bottom of page 1, but it's  
14 only one line. Code change, section B: "Department  
15 Citation. Award" -- I apologize.

16 "Department Awards. B. Department Citation.  
17 Award to Units attaining goal into the Department Office  
18 by April 1." That was 2010.

19 Proposed change: "Department citation. Award to  
20 Units attaining goal into the Department Office by date  
21 set by Department Chairman."

22 The rationale on this is the Department Chairman  
23 set their goal, 100 percent goal dates and it seemed to be  
24 a duplication for the 100 percent certificates.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Membership Code

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1 under Department Awards, B, Department Citation. As it  
2 currently reads: "Award to Units attaining goal into the  
3 Department Office by April 1. 2010."

4 Proposed change: "B. Department Citation.  
5 Award to Units attaining goal into the Department Office  
6 by date set by Department Chairman."

7 Any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Oh, I move  
10 the acceptance of this proposed change.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. It currently  
12 reads: "Award to Units attaining goal into the Department  
13 Office by April 1. 2010."

14 Proposed change: "B. Department Citation.  
15 Award to Units attaining goal into the Department Office  
16 by date set by Department Chairman."

17 Any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, all  
20 those in favor say aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you, ladies.

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1 Discussion regarding listing the Area standings on the  
2 website along with District standings will be submitted to  
3 the successive Department Chairman, Department President,  
4 and our webmaster, see if that could be accomplished.

5 100 percent reporting certificates were presented  
6 to District 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 25, 27, and 28.  
7 Certificates of appreciation, participation, second and  
8 third place supplemental were given in committee along  
9 with certificates of appreciation for our new units.

10 Madam President, this concludes my committee  
11 report. May I continue with my supplemental and first  
12 place awards?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President,  
15 as we come to the end of our year and look back at all of  
16 our accomplishments, it is amazing to see how dedicated  
17 the members of this Department of California are to our  
18 Membership program. In honor of your theme of flowers  
19 bloom when veterans are served, the members, our Jasmine  
20 of this Department have prepared our soil by sending out  
21 personal letters of renewal to their members, planted the  
22 seeds with incentives to renew or rejoin, watered the  
23 garden to attract new members, weeded out with kindness  
24 those that choose not to renew, and tended carefully to  
25 the new blooms that were sprouting by taking our new

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1 members under our wings and walking them through our  
2 meetings and various functions.

3           The Department of California at close of books  
4 May 13, 2019 was at 91.38 percent of goals assigned. I am  
5 proud to say that as of June 12, 2019, the Department of  
6 California surpassed the goals assigned by this Chairman  
7 with a total of 19,866 members, making us 103.83 percent.  
8 Give yourself a great big round of applause for the hard  
9 work you all did.

10           (Applause.)

11           MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: We currently have  
12 17,962 senior members and 19,004 junior members. The  
13 National -- oh, wouldn't that be nice? 1,904 junior  
14 members. The National membership report shows us down 521  
15 over this time last year, but remember there is still time  
16 to get those renewals in before National's close of books.  
17 Don't hold anything back. Our recruiting throughout the  
18 department has signed up 1600 new members.

19           (Applause.)

20           MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: 1,415 new seniors  
21 members and 185 junior members. There were 60 units and  
22 one district to make goal by April 25th, which was the 100  
23 percent goal date. We had 26 units meet every Jasmine  
24 award date. Awesome, ladies, awesome.

25           Our units have been very innovative in retaining

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1 their older members. One unit plays a secret member game  
2 in which three members whose dues are not yet paid are  
3 selected blindly by the unit and their dues are then paid  
4 without embarrassment. In other units if a member is not  
5 able to participate in the meetings, they are asked to  
6 help with home projects, which keeps them involved and  
7 feeling useful. Units are sending out personal thank you  
8 cards to their members at the time of renewal. Early bird  
9 dinners were held to thank those members that renewed by  
10 November 11 and they are given a small token of  
11 appreciation from the units.

12 Other units are becoming very active within their  
13 communities and are getting our mission statement out to  
14 the public, which is generating new interest in our  
15 organization. All units encourage their members to have  
16 applications with them at all times. Many units have  
17 realized that not all members are able to attend monthly  
18 meetings and have moved to the technology age and are  
19 using alternate forms of communication such as Skype,  
20 Phonevite, and good old-fashioned conference calls. These  
21 methods are keeping the members involved and letting them  
22 know that they are a valued member of that unit.

23 Districts are actively participating in many  
24 community events such as county fairs, Stand Downs,  
25 community chili cookoffs, Boy Scout pancake breakfasts,



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1 haunted houses, community parades. They are also working  
2 with law enforcement by being a supportive organization on  
3 their annual National Night Out which involves local law  
4 enforcement and many community businesses. This again has  
5 been a factor in the 1600 new members recruited this past  
6 year.

7 The members of the Department of California  
8 continue to work proudly side by side with our  
9 Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and the  
10 American Legion Riders to promote our commission,  
11 programs, and community involvement for our veterans,  
12 their families, and communities.

13 Madam President, this concludes my supplemental  
14 report. May I proceed with the introduction of the  
15 Membership Support Team and present the first place  
16 awards, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Okay.  
19 Everybody is here. Is my Membership Support Team up here?  
20 I just sent out notes this morning, I'm not sure. At this  
21 time I'd like to introduce your Membership Support Team.  
22 Terry Mikesell, District 2.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Area 1, District  
25 2. Okay. I missed that first word. I'm sorry. Area 2

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1 Dolly Rios. Where is Dolly?

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: There she is.  
4 Area 3, Deborah Straight.

5 (Applause.)

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Area 4, Becky  
7 Bullard.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Area 5, Debbie  
10 Fletcher.

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And Area 6, Jeri  
13 Adams.

14 (Applause.)

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ladies, these  
16 ladies are awesome. Thank you. We could not have  
17 accomplished what we do without you. Thank you, thank  
18 you, thank you.

19 Okay. First Place Unit Supplemental, Richard O.  
20 Reed, Unit 777, District 25, Janette Paxton, Chairman.  
21 And this report has been forwarded on to National for  
22 consideration.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: First Place  
25 District Supplemental, District 27, Joyce Curwick,

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1 Chairman.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. The Estella  
4 Hannell Memorial Award, a citation presented each year to  
5 the district with the largest numerical increase from the  
6 previous year's close of books to the Book of Reports for  
7 the current year is awarded to District 24 with a total of  
8 35 members over close of books.

9 (Applause.)

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: The Ethel Flynn  
11 Award, a citation presented each year to the unit with the  
12 greatest numerical gain over goal as of close of books.  
13 And there is a tie, ladies. And that's awesome. First  
14 one goes to Hollywood Unit 43, District 24 with 33 members  
15 over goal.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And the second one  
18 goes to Unit 31, District 28 with 33 members over goal.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And I don't know  
21 if Ann has made it back yet. Bonnie, could you -- I am  
22 going to let Past Department President Bonnie Christner  
23 present this award. It is the Edward Elks Memorial Award.  
24 Do you want me to read the qualification?

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Yes.

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. A citation  
2 plus \$100 to be used to promote the program of Education.  
3 This award will be under the jurisdiction of the  
4 Department Membership Chairman with the following rules:  
5 One, a unit must have received a Department Membership  
6 citation. Two, unit must have filled an activity report  
7 -- filed an activity report with the District President.

8 Three, activity report must show participation in  
9 the following programs: Americanism, Children & Youth,  
10 Education, Legislation, Poppy, and Veterans Affairs &  
11 Rehabilitation. Four, unit shall attach a written  
12 supplemental report which shows activities in each  
13 program, hours spent, and dollars spent.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: The award  
15 is presented to Los Alamitos Unit 716, District 29,  
16 Deborah Driscoll, Unit President. And here's a check for  
17 \$100.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I really  
20 feel privileged to do this because Ann is in my district  
21 of course and Ann is a very good friend of mine.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. Now Josie's  
23 Angels. Where are my Angels? Come on up, ladies. Okay.  
24 Josie Melgard award is presented to a unit who achieves  
25 goal plus two members. District 2, Cheula Unit 92. If I

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1 can have a representative from the district. Two's not  
2 here. Okay. District 5, Dixon Unit 208.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 6, Yolo  
5 Unit 77, Laguna Elk Grove Unit 233, Fair Oaks Unit 383,  
6 Haggin-Grant Unit 521.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 7, Warren  
9 McKeon Unit 587. District 8, Samuel Patterson, Sr. Unit  
10 198. District 9 -- I'm just trying to help Madam  
11 President with our delay. You want me to back up?

12 District 9, Ray Frerichs Unit 202. Yeah, I've  
13 had a problem between Roy and Ray here lately. They must  
14 be twins. District 11, Ed Stewart Unit 803. District 12,  
15 Merced Unit 83. District 13, Gilroy Unit 217, Mission  
16 City Unit 564.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 14,  
19 Oakhurst Unit 110, Cecil Cox Unit 147, Kingsburg Unit 191,  
20 State Center Unit 511.

21 (Applause.)

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 16,  
23 Corporal Marshal N. Braden Unit 56, Camarillo Unit 741.  
24 District 18 Abraham Lincoln Unit 241, El Monte Unit 261,  
25 Monterey Park Unit 397, Charter Grove Unit 755, Duarte

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1 Unit 830.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I've had enough  
4 issues, I don't need any more, please. 15. Yes, it's  
5 15 -- no. Oh, lord. Yeah, those are her peeps. Those  
6 are her peeps. Oh, oops. This is from -- okay. Ladies,  
7 it was really late.

8 Okay. Where am I at? Twenty? There was none  
9 for 19. Okay. District 20, Palmdale Unit 348,  
10 Newhall-Saugus Unit 507, Sun Valley Unit 520.

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 21,  
13 Riverside Unit 79, Mira Loma Unit 500, Owen Coffman Unit  
14 519, Joe Dominguez Unit 742.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 22, San  
17 Diego Unit 25, JB Clark Unit 149, Larry E. Bennett Unit  
18 255, Alpine Unit 258, Albert J. Hickman Unit 460.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Congratulations,  
21 ladies. District 24, Hollywood Unit 43, Palisades Unit  
22 283.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 25, San  
25 Bernardino Unit 14, Ontario Unit 112, Fontana Unit 262,

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1 Chino Unit 299, Highland Unit 421, Robert Allen Romo Unit  
2 422.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: District 27, Harry  
5 V. Bailey, Sr. Unit 476. District 28, Salinas Unit 167,  
6 San Benito Unit 69, Seaside --

7 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: There should have been a  
8 31.

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ladies, I do  
10 apologize. My eyes are a little whacky trying to get this  
11 done. I will have to check that.

12 District 29, Buena Park Unit 354, Los Alamitos  
13 Unit 716.

14 (Applause.)

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And District 30,  
16 Bradley-Keefer Unit 138.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President, I  
19 think I'm done. Until I correct these little oops over  
20 here, this concludes my report. Thank you so much for  
21 this appointment. It has been a whole -- and Madam  
22 President, there is a presentation for -- from Fifth Area.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ladies, if you  
25 will just see me afterwards with any issues, I will gladly

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1 take care of them again.

2 MEMBERSHIP AREA 5 FLETCHER: Good afternoon.  
3 Ladies, can I have all members of District 21, 22, 25, 29  
4 and 30 please stand. Thank you. I would like to  
5 introduce to you the First Vice President of District 21  
6 who won the Fifth Area raffling all year long. So I'd  
7 like to introduce to you Kathy Newlen.

8 (Applause.)

9 DISTRICT 21 VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Thank you. I  
10 have a presentation to make to Madam President Joan  
11 Cannon. We had earned through our Area Five that is being  
12 donated for women's veterans \$362.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. I  
14 appreciate it so much. Thank you so much. I consider it  
15 an honor.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We're going  
18 to have Dee Ann -- we're going to have our VA&R program  
19 next. Dee Ann, you may proceed.

20  
21 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT

22  
23 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good afternoon.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Please have respect  
25 to the speaker by not speaking.



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1 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: The convention committee  
2 on VA&R, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, met on June  
3 27th, 2019 in Room Redwood of the Ontario Airport Hotel.  
4 The statistical report of this Chairman appears on page 27  
5 of the Book of Reports. Lynn Jewell, District 5, was  
6 appointed secretary, Deloris Artis, District 24, offered  
7 prayer, Debbie Butler, District 19, was appointed  
8 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates  
9 answered roll call and there were eight visitors present.

10 And I'm pleased to announce there was no  
11 resolutions and no code changes.

12 (Applause.)

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Prayer and flag salute and  
14 code was read. Nine districts were awarded 100 percent  
15 reporting. Twenty-seven certificates of appreciation was  
16 awarded. District and unit second and third place awards  
17 were handed out. Closing prayer was offered and the  
18 meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

19 Madam President, I'd like to continue with my  
20 supplemental.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You may.

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Our Wisterias and  
23 Honeysuckles have grown to new lengths inspired by your  
24 theme "Freedom Blooms When Veterans Are Served." Several  
25 veterans hospitals have updated their bingo equipment,

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1 making it easier and more enjoyable for veterans. Our  
2 holiday festivities always include veterans and their  
3 families. At our VA hospitals our members decorate the  
4 halls with Christmas trees and stockings filled with gift  
5 cards, fruit and candy.

6 Besides celebrating our traditional holidays, one  
7 district supported Vietnam Veterans Day. They prepared  
8 and served food and shared information on the resources  
9 available in their community.

10 Stand Downs throughout the state allowed our  
11 Auxiliary to participate in helping our homeless veterans.  
12 Veterans are able to shower, get haircuts, and are  
13 provided with such resources as counseling, shelter,  
14 education, and legal assistance. This opportunity for our  
15 members enables our Auxiliary to provide coats,  
16 sweatshirts, backpacks, blankets, warm -- I don't know why  
17 I put warm in there, but travel mugs, water, or snacks.  
18 Typo error.

19 On Memorial and Veterans Day across our great  
20 state, festivities honoring our veterans with spaghetti  
21 dinners, America's favorite hot dogs and hamburgers or  
22 even a California favorite, tri-tip, chili, and salad.  
23 Our Auxiliary members may be cooking, serving, or cleaning  
24 up. Wherever we are needed, our members just step up,  
25 just like our veterans who stepped up to serve our

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1 country.

2 Our members continue to knit, sew, crochet  
3 beanies, scarves, blankets, bibs, often called crumb  
4 catchers. Some units are knitting plastic trash bags  
5 transforming them into mats for our homeless veterans.  
6 Districts and units distribute Promise Purses or Baggies  
7 of Love to our homeless veterans. These quart-size  
8 baggies are filled with personal hygiene items and dental  
9 products.

10 District and units support our pregnant veterans  
11 with baby items by hosting baby showers. They also offer  
12 Buddy Baskets for those veterans moving into their new  
13 homes. Our selfless caregivers escort veterans to  
14 doctors' appointments, social activities and shopping  
15 errands. Our members also provide housecleaning and  
16 meals. When more muscle is needed our Legion Family is  
17 asked to help cleanup yards, paint, and make repairs.

18 When disaster hits our state, whether it's our  
19 summer fires or winter mudslides, our Auxiliary leaps into  
20 action along with the American Legion Family collecting  
21 and supplying everything from blankets, clothing, water,  
22 grocery store gift cards, temporary shelter or food for  
23 their pets.

24 There are times when we just help one veteran in  
25 their time of need. One post and their Auxiliary donated

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1 money to not only one veteran but to three, enabling an  
2 amputee with PTSD to participate in the American Legion's  
3 Special Olympics National event held this July. The  
4 second was a Vietnam veteran's family after he returned  
5 home from the hospital and was struggling with bills. And  
6 the third one was a Vietnam veteran who needed 24-hour  
7 home care after he had received an organ transplant.

8           One District President's Special Project was the  
9 Legion of the Silver -- excuse me. Legion of the Silver  
10 Rose, an organization which helps veterans who suffer from  
11 the effects of Agent Orange. In July they are planning a  
12 dinner and a fashion show benefiting her program. And we  
13 will be watching for that bulletin so we can support this  
14 effort.

15           The Creative Arts Festival is another way for  
16 disabled vets to show the world that they may be  
17 challenged, but not helpless. One veterans home  
18 encourages veterans to participate by proudly displaying  
19 other veteran's art works at the entrance of their  
20 facility.

21           This year our Wisteria and Honeysuckles have  
22 reached new lengths. Our vines have intertwined and  
23 created a beautiful garden for our veterans to enjoy.

24           May I continue with my supplement and first place  
25 awards?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Madam President, I would  
3 like to make a recommendation for next year's chairperson  
4 that we acquire a bingo machine to make these selections.  
5 Or I have a better suggestion, how about the Scripps  
6 Spelling Bee making every supplemental report a winner.  
7 It's just overwhelming to read everybody's reports and the  
8 challenge for the committee to select one out of each  
9 units and districts.

10 So First Place Supplemental goes to Unit 280,  
11 District 18, Rodi Andreescu.

12 (Applause.)

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. First Place  
14 Supplemental goes to District 20, Bonnie Christner.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I'm going  
17 to sneak in here for a minute. Girls, we can't read these  
18 reports and awards without our unit members working the  
19 programs. So God bless you for working the programs.

20 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Now I'd like to introduce  
21 our -- I hope I got the list right. Madam President and I  
22 and our Department Secretary Harriet and National have  
23 been working very hard updating the deps and reps list and  
24 making changes that needed to be changed. So I have a new  
25 list I'm reading from, so some names have been omitted or

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1 deleted and some have been added. So I'm going to read  
2 them right now.

3 Are our deps and reps back there? Are you all  
4 ready to parade? Okay. From the Fresno VA, Sandra  
5 Dowell, Barbara Novak, Sandra Raymond, Norma Wallace.  
6 Loma Linda, Leslie Vondra. Long Beach, Pat Alvarez, Becky  
7 Bullard, Debbie Butler. CBOC Villages of Cabrillo, Tamara  
8 Bell. LA, Earlean Paige, Vi Walquist. Are you guys  
9 marching up here? Come on down. Yeah, thank you.

10 Outpatient Clinic Los Angeles, Patricia Jackson.  
11 Outpatient Clinic East LA, Pat Hicks, Mary Chaba. San  
12 Luis Obispo, Susie Johansen. West LA, Diana Williams,  
13 Susie Sanz-Franco. Outpatient Clinic Bakersfield, Barbara  
14 Goodlow. Santa Maria, Dorothy Davis. VA South San Diego,  
15 Susie Tozier, Barbara Love, Irma Manthiel. San Diego  
16 Oceanside, Mary Thorsten. Rio Outpatient Clinic, Lois  
17 Cornish. VA North Mather, Jennifer Turner, Susan Winters.  
18 Fairfield, Kelli Germeraad -- may have pronounced that  
19 name incorrectly. Germeraad. Thank you.

20 OPC Redding, Barbara Dailey. Palo Alto, Connie  
21 Raya, Michelle Soares, Joyce Henderson-McLeod. Menlo  
22 Park, Arlene Muller, Bonnie Schrier. Livermore, Grace  
23 Huston, Ruth Biggs. VA Sierra Pacific, Lorraine Sullivan,  
24 Tammy Manini, Kathleen Sullivan.

25 And our California VA Homes: Barstow, Angie

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1 Acosta. Lancaster, Linda Hayes. Redding, Terry Mikesell.  
2 Greater LA, Deloris Artis, and Ventura, Madeline Lee. And  
3 that's -- is everybody up here? These women do an  
4 outstanding, outstanding job and a big round of applause  
5 for all their hard work.

6 (Applause.)

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: In our units we only work  
8 at the VA a few months out of the year, but these ladies  
9 work all year long, so it's really -- it's really  
10 appreciated in our organization. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: I'd  
13 like to say this is Teresa Canonizado, District 8, Unit 1,  
14 San Francisco. Tammy and Lori, they're part of my group  
15 and I hope that they're [inaudible].

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: We'll pass that around to  
17 the next year's VA&R. Thank you. Okay. I have a  
18 certificate of appreciation to Norma Wallace for 17 years  
19 at the VA Fresno.

20 (Applause.)

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: And I also have one for  
22 Ruth Briggs for 40 years, VA Livermore.

23 (Applause.)

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Another one is Arlene  
25 Muller for 1,750 hours.

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1 (Applause.)

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Arlene Barton, 40 years at  
3 the VA.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Madam President, would you  
6 like to join me with this?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Kathie, would you  
8 please assume the podium?

9 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: This is the VISTO award.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It is with a great  
11 honor that I'm able to present this VISTO award this year.  
12 I had a great time when I visited the VA Center. For  
13 Arlene Barton.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: 2018-2019.

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: This concludes my report.

17 (Applause.)

18 HOSPITAL DEP BARTON: I have one statement. If  
19 it wasn't for the veterans, we would not have a United  
20 States of America. Please tell them that they are  
21 responsible for keeping us free. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Kathie.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,  
25 San Diego, District 22. On behalf of all reps and depts we



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1 have a gift for you. We have these flowers, these  
2 beautiful flowers for your home.

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Should I open it?

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

5 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: These are my favorite  
6 colors.

7 (Applause.)

8 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: I can tell you, you met my  
9 grandson on candidate's night. One of my best friends  
10 made a beautiful blanket in memory of our trip to New  
11 Orleans so it's black and gold and purple and green.  
12 Well, he sniped the blanket and he's been cuddling with it  
13 for 22 years, so now I have my own blanket.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I just wanted to  
16 make one remark on a grant that was written and the  
17 project. A grant was written for money for a project for  
18 Long Beach VA Medical Center which has been completed by  
19 an Eagle Scout. And it's so beautiful, and so if you're  
20 in the area go take a look. But the point of sharing this  
21 with you is for you to know that there are grants out  
22 there to help get things done. So if you're -- so if  
23 you're willing to sit down and write a grant or need help,  
24 let us know and you can do that. So congratulations to  
25 Long Beach VA for getting some more good stuff.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, ladies.  
3 We're next going to have AEF. Our chairman for AEF had to  
4 leave so we're going to have Past Department President  
5 Bonnie Christner.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: So you're  
7 going to get me instead.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We'll have our Past  
9 Department President Bonnie Christner.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: If I  
11 remember how to use the microphone. Thomas says I don't  
12 need a microphone, my voice travels for two weeks.

13  
14 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT

15  
16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: The  
17 Auxiliary Emergency Fund pre-convention committee met on  
18 Thursday, June 27th, 2019 in the Sycamore Room in the  
19 Ontario Airport & Convention Center Hotel in Ontario,  
20 California. The statistical report of this Chairman  
21 appears on page 17 of the Book of Reports.

22 Rosalie Taylor, District 14, was appointed  
23 secretary, Carol McChesney, District 20, offered prayer,  
24 and Stella Perez, District 28 was appointed  
25 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16 district delegates

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1 answered roll call. There were six visitors.

2 The Auxiliary Emergency Fund code was read and  
3 certificates were given to the represented districts.  
4 Section 3 of the code was discussed and empathized that  
5 copies of the donation forms sent to National need to be  
6 sent to AEF Department Chairman. This is kind of like a  
7 recommendation, ladies. When we make a donation to the  
8 AEF fund, it goes directly to National and it's very hard  
9 for our chairman to keep track of that. We would like to  
10 know how much you all are sending for our AEF program, so  
11 just stick a copy in the mail to the Department Chairman  
12 as well.

13 Madam President, this concludes Linda's committee  
14 report. May I continue with her supplemental report?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Madam  
17 President, there has been an overabundance of natural  
18 disasters this year, with California being hit with fires.  
19 It has definitely opened this Chairman's eyes as to why  
20 this fund is so important to all members throughout the  
21 country.

22 There was a blog on National's website written by  
23 Cheryl Shine, National AEF Southern Division Chairman. In  
24 her blog she states that the American Legion Auxiliary  
25 awarded \$97,527.82 through the AEF program. However, as

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1 of February donations in the country only totaled  
2 \$48,973.83.

3 The Department code was changed last year to  
4 state that copies of donations sent to National for the  
5 AEF program are to be sent to the Department Chairman. So  
6 there you go. I was wrong. There is a code. You better  
7 follow it. I'm telling you that's why we write these  
8 codes. This is still not being done. Without the  
9 Chairman receiving copies, her reports are not accurate.  
10 Units, Districts and individuals who deserve recognition  
11 and/or awards go without. Please take the time to make a  
12 copy of your donation form to forward to the Department  
13 Chairman. It was easy for me because she was in my  
14 district, so I just handed it to her.

15 Only nine supplementals were reported as received  
16 from the 20 end-of-the-year reports received from  
17 California districts. Of the nine this Chairman received  
18 four from the units as well as two districts  
19 supplementals. One of the most memorable comments made in  
20 a supplemental, District 29, Unit 277, is that a member  
21 saw a plea from an Area Commander regarding the Post in  
22 Paradise that the Camp Fire destroyed. I think we all got  
23 that letter. This unit -- we got it in Lancaster, so  
24 there you go. This is the post mentioned above. The unit  
25 and another member from another unit sent a total of \$500

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1 to help. In a note on a report form from another  
2 district, a donation of \$800 was also made to the Paradise  
3 Legion for their veterans and families, and another unit  
4 reports donating \$100. Our unit actually did that \$100.

5 It is also reported that a unit collected and  
6 distributed items of need to victims of the fires.  
7 Another helped a needy female veteran with her  
8 Thanksgiving meal, spending \$71.97, and an application was  
9 submitted after suddenly a member suddenly lost her  
10 husband which left her to raise two teenagers. Good luck.  
11 The unit helped with what they could offer and two other  
12 members gave her household items, however no money was  
13 shown.

14 I am happy to let you know that through the  
15 end-of-the-year reports that were received, the Auxiliary  
16 units and districts of California donated a total of  
17 \$9,817.54. Give yourself a round of applause for that  
18 one.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I received  
21 a letter from National that one Auxiliary member was  
22 granted \$2,400 in disaster assistance. That's great. We  
23 need to have some of that in our own state. We will  
24 always have disasters and they seem to be happening more  
25 and more this year. Our Auxiliary members need to help

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1 each other at a time of need. Remember that our flower,  
2 the Zinnia, means to never forget. My motto is: We shall  
3 never forget that AEF is women helping women.

4 Madam President, may I continue with the first  
5 place awards?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: First Place  
8 District with the largest donation -- oh, I guess I better  
9 read off of here. Okay. District First Place with the  
10 Largest Donation is District 16.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: First Place  
13 Unit with the Largest Donation, Pacific Palisades Unit  
14 283.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: First Place  
17 District Supplemental, District 28.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: And First  
20 Place Unit Supplemental was Placentia Unit 277. Is that  
21 right?

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: And Linda  
24 says: Madam President, thank you for asking me to be your  
25 AEF Chairman. It has been a wonderful opportunity to

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1 serve you in this capacity and the Department of  
2 California. Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Now  
4 we'll hear from our Convention Commission Anita Biggs.

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6 CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT

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8 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you,  
9 Madam President. Since my last report at midyear, we were  
10 establishing an American Legion Convention Corporation,  
11 however that committee was disbanded during the American  
12 Legion DEC in March. That's based just on news that I  
13 received. The Department of California Adjunct and his  
14 staff have taken the responsibility to locate future  
15 convention sites.

16 There is finally some news to report about our  
17 upcoming 2020 convention location. Some members may have  
18 already heard the news, I've just been hearing the news,  
19 but let me tell you the details. After having no location  
20 for the past several years, the American Legion has signed  
21 a contract for three years, this is per the Department  
22 Adjunct. For 2020, 2021, and 2022 conventions all will be  
23 held in the city of Visalia. For these three years, the  
24 conventions will be held in the same location. The  
25 official program dates for the Auxiliary are set for the

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1 weeks, and this is -- the beginning date is a Monday. So  
2 you know we come in on Wednesday usually, but the date  
3 that the American Legion signed is for June 22 through  
4 June 28th, 2020; June 21st through June 27th, 2021; and  
5 June 20th through June 26th, 2022. This three-year trend  
6 is to help keep costs down and stress low by knowing where  
7 we will be meeting.

8 The Auxiliary's preferred housing location is at  
9 the Wyndham Visalia. That a hotel. There is actually  
10 enough rooms for most of the Auxiliary family at the  
11 Wyndham. There are additional affordable hotels  
12 approximately three miles away. The American Legion would  
13 like the Auxiliary to meet under the same roof as them at  
14 the Visalia Convention Center.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I would save  
17 your applause because I have some information to pass on  
18 to you. The convention is located six miles from the  
19 Wyndham. Yeah. Okay. You might ask why is our preferred  
20 housing so far away from the convention center? Well, the  
21 Marriott Hotel, which is attached to the convention  
22 center, does not have enough rooms to accommodate both the  
23 American Legion and the Auxiliary preferred housing.

24 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Well, then make them  
25 move.



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1           CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Well, I'm  
2 going to tell you. I did ask because I was asked to ask  
3 and I was laughed at. The Sons of the American Legion  
4 will be housed at the Comfort Inn & Suites, which is  
5 across the street from the convention center, and that  
6 hotel does not have enough rooms for the Auxiliary as  
7 well. There was one other hotel that is located in the  
8 city directly there and they are not ADA compliant and  
9 they do not have an elevator. They can't accommodate us.

10           So what happens? We made a site visit on June  
11 12th, this past June 12th, to determine if the location is  
12 acceptable to our needs. The hotel is very acceptable.  
13 It is located right off the freeway with free parking.  
14 The room rates are affordable at \$119 per night for the  
15 entire three years. And the staff is very accommodating.

16           For any of you who are members of 8 & 40, you may  
17 recall this hotel was the Visalia Holiday Inn where many  
18 La Marche meetings were held. So you might know about it.

19           So we held a meeting here at this convention with  
20 the Convention Commission along with all the upcoming  
21 leadership and the Department President. We discussed  
22 whether the Auxiliary would hold our convention at the  
23 Wyndham Hotel inclusive, which means not traveling to the  
24 convention center, or just have our rooms at the Wyndham  
25 and meet at the Visalia Convention Center with shuttle or

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1 a bus or a trolley, we don't know exactly which one,  
2 transportation during the day. Imagine that. Just  
3 imagine it. Okay. That would be for our use. They  
4 promised us the buses that would take us to and from.

5 Based on our findings, and it is our decision of  
6 the convention committee along with the department  
7 leadership of the American Legion Auxiliary that we the  
8 voted to hold our Auxiliary convention at the Wyndham  
9 Hotel inclusive.

10 (Applause.)

11 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And not  
12 meet at the Visalia Convention Center due to the  
13 inconvenience it would cause to our members and delegates.  
14 Now the American Legion are staying at the Marriott and it  
15 is connected on the ground floor to the convention center.  
16 So they just walk from the hotel, walk into the convention  
17 center.

18 Some of the details about the convention center.  
19 We don't need to go upstairs necessarily, but there's only  
20 one elevator and one set of stairs. It's not a big  
21 convention center like the one over here in Ontario. It's  
22 not that huge.

23 So, Madam President, can I entertain any  
24 questions if anyone has questions?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes. Any

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1 questions?

2 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Allow me  
3 to introduce my committee for any questions, Wendy O'Brien  
4 and Linda Fercho.

5 CONVENTION COMMISSION MEMBER O'BRIEN: Madam  
6 President, Wendy O'Brien from District 6. This was --  
7 this was a lot of discussion over this and, ladies, we've  
8 been having a lot of problems with our conventions the  
9 last few years. I just -- well, we all just want to  
10 reiterate we are still having a convention as a family.  
11 We do not meet with the Legion when we're having our  
12 meetings, so it doesn't have to be in the same building.  
13 But when we socialize at our banquet, we are doing that  
14 together. So people are saying we're not doing it as a  
15 family. We are doing it as a family, but for the  
16 Auxiliary to meet at the convention center, it would be  
17 very stressful on our members, so we had to look out for  
18 our members. We did ask them to change hotels with us and  
19 that was not going to be had.

20 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: No, that  
21 won't happen. When he laughed, you know, I liked that.  
22 Any questions for the committee? The question is --

23 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: How does the Legion feel  
24 about us not going with them?

25 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Okay. The

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1 question was how does the Legion feel if we don't meet in  
2 the convention center. Well, we had a lot of  
3 conversations. Diane DeLashmit and I along with Dee Ann,  
4 Brenda Preston were on the site visit. We were able to  
5 meet with the Adjunct and the administrative assistant  
6 Veronica, who's really over -- she's now really over the  
7 conventions, the meetings. So they really would like us  
8 to -- like Wendy said, they want us to gather -- meet  
9 together. They want us to be a family. We want it too.  
10 We want to be a family. I did get to talk to Paul, the  
11 Adjunct alone, and I said, well, can you imagine we have  
12 four to 500 women and we actually schlep -- I said  
13 "schlep" -- with bags and carts, walkers, wheelchairs on a  
14 bus to and fro. Because we had to go -- we had to go into  
15 detail.

16           If you think about it, on Thursday, our opening,  
17 our preconvention committee meetings have to be held in  
18 the hotel. They can't accommodate those meeting rooms at  
19 the convention center, that's how small it is. Then we  
20 come back. Come back. Well, you're at the hotel. Then  
21 we go to the convention center at -- for our opening.  
22 Then we come back to the hotel for our candidates night.  
23 Then we go back to the convention center on Friday. Then  
24 we have to stay there for our PPP luncheon. We haven't  
25 figured that part out. We don't know. Stay there all

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1 day. Then come back that evening. Then go back on  
2 Saturday morning, free for lunch. They have restaurants  
3 around. And then come back Saturday night. And the one  
4 thing good is that the banquet is going to be at the  
5 hotel. The Legion and the Sons are coming to the Wyndham.  
6 So that place accommodates everything. It is huge and it  
7 has enough to do everything that we need, even bigger than  
8 this hotel that we're at now. It can accommodate us. So  
9 -- and we have to go back on Sunday, right, for the  
10 meeting and stay there for the installation. So I  
11 can't -- it's very difficult to go back and forth. You're  
12 going to forget something in your room, and unless you  
13 have your car, you can't run to your hotel room. Over  
14 there at the convention center with the Legion, they can  
15 run to their hotel room because they're right there.

16 So I'll take a consensus. I don't believe I need  
17 a motion because it's -- you know, the American Legion,  
18 they decided the location. The American Legion Auxiliary,  
19 we are charged to make sure where we're staying is  
20 sufficient to our needs. We've determined that the  
21 Wyndham is sufficient to our needs. So if you want to  
22 take a consensus, that's okay. We have someone --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Jean Cooley. I  
24 think she was first.

25 DISTRICT 18 CURRARO: Hi, Susie Curraro.

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1           CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: We can't  
2 hear you, Susie.

3           DISTRICT 18 CURRARO: Madam Department President,  
4 Sue Curraro, District 18, Unit 830. My question -- I have  
5 two. My question is if you're a Wyndham owner, can you  
6 utilize your Wyndham time share for the week of the  
7 convention?

8           CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: That I do  
9 not know because that would be a property -- that's a  
10 Wyndham ownership hotel. We just know that it's a Wyndham  
11 hotel, so we would prefer -- we actually prefer if your  
12 coming in to our convention, you go through our convention  
13 chairman. They will set the information for our members  
14 to reserve their rooms.

15          DISTRICT 18 CURRARO: Okay. That would be one of  
16 the questions because I am a Wyndham owner and if I do  
17 decide to go to the convention, I would check into that  
18 first. And if not, then I would go through the convention  
19 committee to reserve the room. Second --

20          CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Could I  
21 say something, Susie? You have to remember too, we're  
22 doing a convention and we do negotiate the amount.  
23 They're being very generous at this hotel with the food  
24 and beverage. Like they have food and beverage minimums.  
25 Rooms, like we tell them how many rooms we need, they

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1 block them off. We have to meet that for preferred  
2 housing. Then we open it up to the membership. So  
3 certainly if you aren't on a preferred housing list, that  
4 would be the way to go.

5 DISTRICT 18 CURRARO: And just for your  
6 information, if I could take a point of interest, that  
7 Wyndhams are a very good entity to do your business with,  
8 not only the staff, but 99.9 percent of the hotels and/or  
9 properties, they are upgraded. So that's a good thing.

10 The second one, if I may, thank you for your hard  
11 work in diligently doing this. I know it's very  
12 difficult. The question that would be is the statement  
13 was to make it affordable, but usually we travel north,  
14 south, north, south in order to keep it economical for  
15 some of the units and/or the districts. How is it going  
16 to be economical for the two additional years for the  
17 southern districts to have to travel?

18 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I can  
19 answer that. Because it's more center to the state,  
20 number one. Number two, the American Legion has been  
21 having a very difficult time obtaining locations to have  
22 -- host conventions in different cities and the cost to  
23 host the conventions at the locations, the amounts are  
24 rising. And so we run into the problem of -- there were  
25 several places that did want to host a convention, but if

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1 they can't afford the room rate, we're not coming. And so  
2 that's another reason why they're trying to do something  
3 that's going to be something we have to figure out, plan  
4 ahead, know where you're going, you know, how much you  
5 have to spend. It's a cutoff, almost like a break really,  
6 and they would like to continue a three-year thing.

7 DISTRICT 18 CURRARO: Thank you. I appreciate  
8 it.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

10 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Jean  
11 Cooley-Desmeules, District 19, Unit 314. The question is  
12 the Detachment of California is staying where?

13 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Comfort  
14 Inn & Suites.

15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Which is  
16 six miles from where we are?

17 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: No, it's  
18 across the street from the convention center.

19 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: But it's  
20 six miles from where we're going to be?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes. We're  
22 going to be away from everybody.

23 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Thank  
24 you.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I have a



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1 question. I'm sorry, Madam President. Bonnie Christner,  
2 Past Department President. How is the district that is in  
3 Visalia, are they going to be able to handle the cost and  
4 everything for putting on this convention for three years?

5 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Yeah,  
6 there's been a discussion with Kathie Martinez who is  
7 President Elect and she's developing a team.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Okay.  
9 Because it's a lot of work.

10 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Well,  
11 Kathie can do it.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: No, no.

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Not when we have a  
14 team and we all work together and we get it done. One  
15 thing I want to bring up is the Wyndham Hotel, and I  
16 checked the contract, they are waiving the cost of the  
17 rooms, of the ballrooms and the meeting rooms, over  
18 \$11,000 a year.

19 (Applause.)

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: For all three years.  
21 We don't know what the cost is going to be at the  
22 convention center. We have not -- that has not been given  
23 to us. So that's something to consider as well. I got  
24 the bill the other day for here. \$19,000 for our meeting,  
25 our ballroom, and our meeting rooms. Now some of that we

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1 did make the -- and I can't thank you enough for  
2 purchasing tickets for the PPP lunch and the banquet. I  
3 estimated 200 people at the banquet and we've got  
4 something like over 250. Each one over that is really  
5 helping us out because we were going to have to subsidize  
6 the difference and our -- but we have to pay and that may  
7 change now because we've had so many requests just in the  
8 last few days. We were going to have to pay \$118, so  
9 it -- that is a huge, huge lift from our shoulders. So  
10 there's a lot to consider. It's not just coming here and  
11 sitting in the room. These rooms cost money. The PA  
12 system alone is \$295 a day and we only have four mics.  
13 And believe me, we tried to figure out how we can cut all  
14 of our costs and we brought in our own portable one for  
15 the PPP lunch so it wasn't an additional cost. And  
16 whether that was a good idea or not, I can't really say,  
17 but we try to watch every penny. It is very, very costly,  
18 so for them to waive \$11,000 each year, I don't know how  
19 we can pass it up.

20 As I said, we don't know what the convention  
21 center is costing and just forget about all that going  
22 back and forth business. I'm not quite sure if we would  
23 still have a Membership report when she forgot one page.  
24 So I just wanted to bring up to you -- I just wanted to  
25 bring that to your attention that there's a lot of costs

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1 involved.

2 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you,  
3 Diane.

4 (Applause.)

5 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And when I  
6 was talking to my Queen Bonnie, the District Convention  
7 Committee they help to put all this together. The expense  
8 of a convention is going to be coming from the Department  
9 of California. We're responsible for the financial part  
10 of it. There is work to be done, but I feel confident  
11 that the upcoming leadership can select a committee or  
12 chairman to put together a committee that's going to be  
13 able to help host the committee -- host the convention.  
14 It doesn't have to necessarily be from that district, you  
15 know. It can be from a different district. Because if  
16 you think about it, whomever the host district is, maybe  
17 the next year they have a co-chair that can move up or the  
18 president elect will select somebody that they want to run  
19 the convention. And think about it, we're already going  
20 to know what we're in for because we've already been  
21 there.

22 Yes, and there is a resolution pending so -- to  
23 help costs of the convention as well. We're really  
24 thinking about what we have to do as our own organization  
25 to help us with our convention and our expenses because

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1 we've been riding for years paying only \$2500 to the  
2 American Legion. And you see this isn't the first time  
3 we've been in a separate locations, so don't think of that  
4 as we're not together as a family. We are a family.

5 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: They should switch with  
6 us.

7 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I thought  
8 so. I thought --

9 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Men travel a lot easier  
10 than women.

11 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: My biggest  
12 memory is when we were in Palm Springs and we were at the  
13 Rev and they were at the Rivera. We didn't make that  
14 decision. It was made for us. Okay. So now at least we  
15 have some kind of options and choices.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department  
17 President, Ruby Kapsalis, Unit 591, District 28. And I  
18 say that because they told me I said 694 the last time I  
19 was up here, and now I don't know why I don't remember my  
20 unit anymore. Anyway, I move -- oh, you were? Okay. I  
21 move that we --

22 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Just to  
23 clarify, I think it would be better to have the members,  
24 the delegates to approve it with consultation. So, Madam  
25 President, I move that we hold our 2020, '21, and '22

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1 department conventions at the Visalia Wyndham Hotel  
2 inclusive.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
5 and seconded that we hold our next three years conventions  
6 in the Wyndham inclusive. Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All those in favor,  
9 say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
12 no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

15 Thank you.

16 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you,  
17 Madam President.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have one thing  
19 from Linda Workman with her report, and then as soon as  
20 Linda is done, would the flag bearers please go to the  
21 back of the room to get ready to recess our flags. Thank  
22 you. Be respectful to the speaker, please.

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24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT  
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1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good  
2 afternoon, Madam President. While it's been another  
3 exciting year as your social secretary, better known as  
4 the Distinguished Guest Chairman, walking you down the  
5 center aisle as a newly elected department president seems  
6 like it was just yesterday. We had so many fun times  
7 together driving, eating, the part I like the best, and  
8 visiting great places and enhancing the lives of our  
9 veterans as well as meeting new and interesting people.  
10 It is with great sadness that I turn in my walking heels  
11 and crazy hats, but this old lady's legs isn't what they  
12 used to be. I look forward to what is in the future and  
13 hope for our new DG much success as I am leaving her my  
14 online contact for shoes and hats.

15 A big thank you to the Ontario Convention  
16 Chairman Committee and your always helpful assistance to  
17 this chairman. Your team has been absolutely great.  
18 Thank you very, very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I look  
21 forward to the banquet this evening and hope to see all of  
22 you there. Well -- okay. Well, girls, here goes my last  
23 flower story, but first I want you to look around and find  
24 your craziest friend next to you. Now take out a \$5 bill  
25 and hold it. Now, listen, because decisions will have to

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1 be made. Two old ladies were sitting in a convention hall  
2 where a flower show was in progress just down the hall.  
3 One leans over and says: "Life is so boring. We never  
4 have any fun anymore. For \$5 I'd take off all my clothes  
5 right now and streak through that stupid flower show."

6 "You're on," said her friend and she held up the  
7 \$5 bill. Well, as fast as she could, the first lady  
8 fumbled her way out of her clothes and got completely  
9 naked and streaked through the front door of that shower  
10 show. Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge  
11 commotion inside the hall, followed by a cheering crowd.  
12 "What happened?"

13 The lady friend, "Why I won first place for the  
14 best dried flower arrangement."

15 Now note to self, girls. Hold onto your \$5 and  
16 your crazy friend. She's not here, but I did have \$5 for  
17 Nancy Brown-Park just so she would know.

18 Thank you, Madam President, and this concludes my  
19 platform remarks.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Linda.  
21 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and Color  
22 Bearers, please retire the unit and district colors.  
23 While we're waiting for that, don't forget to pick up your  
24 winning baskets. And also when we're done, Finance  
25 Committee will pass out the financial reports so you can

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1 take them home tonight and look at them so we're ready to  
2 go for tomorrow. If you have any questions they would  
3 like for you to write them down and give them to them by  
4 8:00 a.m., then they can have valid answers for you.

5 And Kathie Martinez would like the membership  
6 people that won the Angel Pins to meet her out in the  
7 atrium so you can get all the pins straightened out. Just  
8 the Membership committee.

9 Okay. Please wait until after the flags are  
10 retired before you get your budgets. And we will start  
11 tomorrow morning at 8:30. Or we'll see you at the banquet  
12 tonight at the Double Tree.

13 (Processional.)  
14

15 ADJOURNMENT  
16

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're in recess  
18 until 8:30 Sunday morning.

19 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
20 was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.)  
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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS ) ss.  
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4 )

5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 100th Annual  
9 Convention was taken Saturday, June 29, 2019, at the time  
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of  
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California  
13 100th Annual Convention members were written down by me in  
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my  
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct  
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion  
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 100th Annual  
18 Convention members.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for  
20 nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor  
21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

22 Dated this 18th day of July, 2019, at Modesto,  
23 California.

24   
25 Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919