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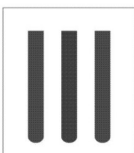
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 5 Tracey Brown-Greene - National Junior Vice Commander,
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 6 Walter Kroptavich - National Judge Advocate, Virginia
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8 David Bellis - Region 2 Chief of Staff, Minnesota

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10 Gordon Brenner - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Illinois

11 Keith Crossin - Dept. Adjutant, Illinois

12 Tom Moorman - Dept. Commander, Indiana

13 Micheal Shadowen - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Indiana

14 David Bandelier - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Indiana

15 Michael Shadowen - Dept. Adjutant, Indiana

16 Jack Hanson - Dept. Commander, Iowa

17 Anthony Polich - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Iowa

18 Francis McAllister - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Iowa

19 Paul Pickart - Dept. Adjutant, Iowa

20 Steven Schaltenbrand - Dept. Commander, Kentucky

21 Christopher Williams - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Kentucky

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23 Christopher Smrt - Dept. Adjutant, Kentucky

24 Ronald Allen - Dept. Commander, Michigan

25 Fred Honerkamp - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Michigan

Scott Wilson - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Michigan

Sam Alverado - Dept. Adjutant, Michigan

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John Dismer - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Missouri

Alios Befort - Dept. Adjutant, Missouri

Michael Sheets - Dept. Commander, Nebraska

Terry Minarik - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Nebraska

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Dennis Hannerman - Dept. Commander, Ohio

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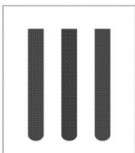
Shane Whitten - Dept. Junior Vice Commander (Ohio?)

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David Duffer - Dept. Commander, West Virginia

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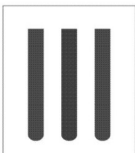
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- 10 Blanca Taylor - Region 3 Adjutant, Idaho
- 11 Keith Whittenbel - Region 3 Chief of Staff, Oregon
- 12 Stephen Blair - Dept. Commander, Alaska
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- 14 Armando Martinez - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Alaska
- 15 William McClain - Dept. Adjutant, Alaska
- 16 Ned Barker - Dept. Commander, Idaho
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- 18 George Nickel - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Idaho
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- 20 Keith Wittenbel - - Dept. Commander, Oregon
- 21 Joseph Howell - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Oregon
- 22 Patrick Wilburn - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Oregon
- 23 Larry Rupp - Dept. Adjutant, Oregon
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- Bill Flippo - Dept. Adjutant, The Dakotas
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- Ed Abbey - Region 4 Adjutant, North Carolina
- Lou Zayas - Region 4 Chief of Staff, Georgia
- William Bergman - Dept. Commander, Alabama
- Robert Jones - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Alabama
- Delbert Leonard Robinson - Dept. Adjutant, Alabama
- Craig Wertheim - Dept. Commander, Florida
- Louis Barnes - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Florida
- Stewart Hilbmann - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Florida
- Bill Smith - Dept. Adjutant, Florida
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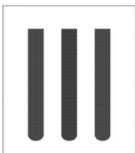
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 6 Holis McArthur - Dept. Senior Vice Commander,
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 8 Alexander Campbell - Dept. Junior Vice Commander,
 9 Mississippi
 10 Edward Buckman - Dept. Adjutant, Mississippi
 11 Lenny Lazzara - Dept. Commander, North Carolina
 12 James Hicks - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, North
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 14 Christopher Davis - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, North
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 16 Eddie Abbey - Dept. Adjutant, North Carolina
 17 Carl Lopez - Dept. Commander, South Carolina
 18 Cottie Aleen - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, South
 19 Carolina
 20 Harold Palmer - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, South
 21 Carolina
 22 Charles Cook - Dept. Adjutant, South Carolina
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 24 Victor Manuel Betancourt-Castro - Dept. Senior Vice
 25 Commander, The Caribbean
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 18 Chuck Adkins - Region 5 Adjutant, Arkansas
 19 John Footman - Region 5 Chief of Staff, Texas
 20 Jimmy Lewis - Dept. Commander, Arkansas
 21 Quinton Ezeagwula - Dept. Senior Vice Commander,
 22 Arkansas
 23 Lonnie Young - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Arkansas
 24 Ted Clymer - Dept. Adjutant, Arkansas
 25 Peter Dowding - Dept. Commander, Colorado
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 William Dunn - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Colorado
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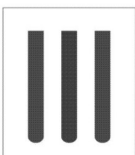
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- 6 Roger Newall - Dept. Adjutant, New Mexico
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- 8 Mitchell Reed - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Oklahoma
- 9 Frank Whitlock - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Oklahoma
- 10 Gary Lewis - Dept. Adjutant, Oklahoma
- 11 Michael Matthew - Dept. Commander, Texas
- 12 Lorenzo Rodriguez - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Texas
- 13 Felix Garcia - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Texas
- 14 Edward Rodela - Dept. Adjutant, Texas
- 15 REGION SIX
- 16 Charles Anderson - National Region 6 Commander, California
- 17 Timothy Haney - Region 6 Adjutant, California
- 18 George Waller - Region 6 Chief of Staff, California
- 19 Keith Gray - Dept. Commander, Arizona
- 20 James Sallman - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Arizona
- 21 John Moore - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Arizona
- 22 Larry Leighton - Dept. Adjutant, Arizona
- 23 Nicholas Francisco - Dept. Commander, Asia Pacific
- 24 Ricardo Cruz - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Asia Pacific
- 25 Charles Bush - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Asia Pacific
- 26 Pedro Aguon - Dept. Adjutant, Asia Pacific
- 27 Jo Keller - Dept. Commander, California
- 28 Raymond Wetzel - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, California
- 29 Ronald Manjarrez - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, California
- 30 Gary Rutledge - Dept. Adjutant, California
- 31 Joel Brilliant - Dept. Commander, Hawaii
- 32 Barrett Taylor - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Hawaii
- 33 Thomas Tanaka - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Hawaii
- 34 Chris Lee - Dept. Adjutant, Hawaii
- 35 Andrew LePeilbet - Dept. Commander, Nevada
- 36 Daniel Peterson - Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Nevada
- 37 Vincent Palmieri - Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Nevada
- 38 Andrew LePeilbet - Dept. Adjutant, Nevada
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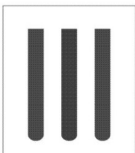
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- 7 Felix Garcia III, Texas
- 8 Hershel Gober, Florida
- 9 William Hutton, California
- 10 James McCormick, West Virginia
- 11 Bruce McKenty, Washinton
- 12 Ernie Rivera, Florida
- 13 Jeffrey Roy, Colorado
- 14 Ron Siebels, Alaska
- 15 Alfred Silvano, South Carolina
- 16 Fred Taylor, Florida
- 17 Cornelius Van-Ess, New Jersey
- 18 APPOINTED OFFICERS
- 19 Chuck Adkins - National Adjutant
- 20 Francis Figueroa - Advocacy Officer
- 21 Ed Abbey - Americanism Officer
- 22 Louis Barnes - Asst. National Sergeant at Arms, Florida
- 23 Carlton Cannon - Chaplin, Delaware
- 24 Kevin Bucek - Chief Information Officer, Tennessee
- 25 Brandon Wegner - Deputy Chief Information Officer, Texas
- 26 Nick McIntosh - Historian, Kentucky
- 27 Lee Brown - Homeless Veterans Officer, Florida
- 28 James McCormick - Legislative Director, West Virginia
- 29 Zachariah Fike - Director of Medical Recovery Program/
- 30 Purple Hearts Reunited, Vermont
- 31 Joe Tormala - POW/MIA Officer, Michigan
- 32 Joe Sutton - Purple Heart Legacy ad Trail Coordinator,
- 33 Kansas
- 34 Charles Eggelston - National Service Office, Maryland
- 35 Beth Bucke - Social Media Director, Tennessee
- 36 Brandon Wegner - Software Development Program Director,
- 37 Texas
- 38 Jo Keller - Suicide Awareness Program Officer,
- 39 California
- 40 Robert Bibeau - Surgeon, New Mexico
- 41 Bill Bull - Viola Program Officer, Minnesota
- 42 Felicia Flake - Director of Women's Issues, Louisiana
- 43 Roger Newell - Youth Services Officer, New Mexico
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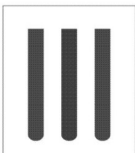
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Tom Moorman - Member, Indiana
5 Keith Wittenbel - Member, Oregon
Gustav Wittschack - Member, Texas
6 Mitchel Reed - Member, Oklahoma
Raymond Wetzel - Member, California
7 Joshua Dale - Member, California
Craig Wertheim - Member, Florida
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9 NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
10 Dennis Wallot - Chair, Michigan
Paul Pickart - Member, Iowa
11 Craig Wertheim - Member, Florida
Jim Anderson - Member, California
12 Carder Ferguson - National Commander, Arkansas
Robert Olivarez - National SVC, Washington
13 Tracey Brown-Greene - National JVC, Texas
Ernie Rivera - National FO, Florida
14 Walter Kroptavich - National JA, Virginia
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16 NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
17 Dennis Wallot - Chair, Michigan
18 Paul Pickart - Member, Iowa
19 Ernie Rivera - National Finance Officer, Florida
20 Jim Anderson - Member, California
21 Craig Wertheim - Member, Florida
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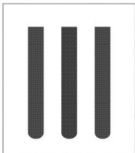
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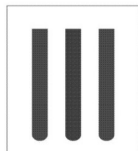
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STIPULATION

The PUBLIC MEETING was held at ROSEN PLAZA, 9700
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the 17th day of JULY 2024 at 9:08 a.m. (ET); said PUBLIC
MEETING was taken pursuant to the AGREED UPON RULED OF
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PROCEEDINGS

MR. CANNON: Good morning.

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

MR. CANNON: As you well know, today is an important day as always. Let us look forward to it together. Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for awakening us this morning in our right mind, giving us our health and strength. Let us be positive about today and look forward to what you have and our intentions to do. We thank you, and we believe and trust you. In thy name, we pray. Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

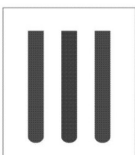
MR. FERGUSON: All right. Everybody have a seat. Everybody had a good meal and good sleep last night?

AUDIENCE: --

MR. FERGUSON: Well, everybody's talking. Everything good. So right now, we have an announcement from the department commander of Arizona. Please.

MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, department commander, Arizona. We are going to withdraw our resolution so we can get today's proceedings on and move along faster.

MR. FERGUSON: Everybody understand that?



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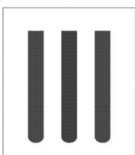
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1 AUDIENCE: --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

3 MR. FERGUSON: All right. So next, one of the
4 things I want to talk about real quick, you -- we
5 got behind. We're probably about four and a half to
6 five hours behind, but I'm trying to get it -- make
7 it up real quick. We have a lot of things we were
8 going to do Tuesday afternoon. So one of the things
9 I want to talk about, and then I'll bring the
10 individual up here -- trying to look to see where he
11 is at. Oh, there he is. Okay. He moved on. So one
12 of the things I want to talk about -- this was
13 brought up to me when I went to this Third
14 Department Convention. And this person has done a
15 lot of stuff before with a well-known company. And
16 one of the things he's passion -- I felt his
17 passion. I felt his virtue that was on this. And
18 his reference, how do we publicized and put the
19 Military Order of the Purple Heart out?

20 One of the things about it is, we see
21 commercials for BMW, DND, American Legion, right?
22 Wounded Warrior. You see all those things on there.
23 Why do we not have a commercial for us? The
24 Military Order of the Purple Heart, it's the metal
25 we all know that has so much meaning to it. One of



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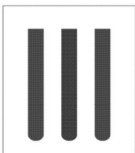
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1 the things that was right in front of me, these
2 people are making millions of dollars off of their
3 advertisement. We put that mail up there. Why
4 can't that -- we not be one of the richest VSOs,
5 besides being one of the poorest. The key thing is,
6 how do we get this out? Having the team, telling
7 our story, where we've been, where we've been at.
8 We got to move ourselves together as -- on this.
9 Can't just be one person and beating drums that's
10 here. It's got to be all of us collectively as a
11 team.

12 We want to help out our programs, our families,
13 everybody that turns around and is willing to give
14 us a hand. I don't think I've ever heard anybody
15 say no when I'm asking for some help for the
16 Military Order of the Purple Heart. They want to
17 turn around -- they may not be able to do a lot, but
18 some of them didn't even know who we are. I'll be
19 honest, I never do this -- I -- after I got injured,
20 it was probably six or eight years before I even
21 knew anything about the Military Order of the Purple
22 Heart. That doesn't need to happen. We need to let
23 them know who we are. So one of the things is, as
24 we were saying, this -- making this commercial.
25 This person has a great idea of moving and putting



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1 this out. And I'd like for you all to take a couple
2 of moments and listen to him.

3 So Harold, would you please come up to the
4 microphone? You just come up to this one and
5 address the audience. This is Harold Molbert. He's
6 a department adjutant of Louisiana.

7 MR. MOLBERT: Can I turn my --

8 MR. FERGUSON: Sure. Turn around and face the
9 audience.

10 MR. MOLBERT: I had a real good job before I
11 joined the Army, but I got tired of it because I
12 didn't do much. I was the only Maytag repairman. I
13 worked for the Maytag company. Some of the top-
14 known commercial characters on TV, number one is
15 Santa Claus, Ronald McDonald, and then in the top
16 five, old, lonely Maytag. We have that same
17 commercial, even though it got bought out by
18 Whirlpool about 20 years ago. They still use that
19 same commercial year after year. And people
20 recognized the product as being reliable.

21 Wounded Warrior Project raised almost \$288
22 million last year, most of which from their
23 television ad campaign. Tunnels to Towels, they
24 started after 9-11. They asked for \$11 a month.
25 Wounded Warrior Project asked for \$19 a month. Why



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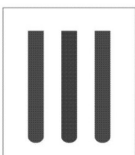
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1 can't we ask for 10, or maybe more? What would it
2 cost for one commercial during prime time during the
3 week? Prime time is defined as about 1600 to one --
4 2100 and over the air -- 30 second commercial with
5 ABC, NBC, or CBS is about \$364,000. But think about
6 the reach. What if we started off with a 30 second
7 campaign and we use you guys and you tell -- you
8 start off with the commercial by saying, the purpose
9 of this commercial is to educate all Americans on
10 what the Purple Heart is, means, and the sacrifice
11 we've given to our country. Wounded Warrior Project
12 is very successful. But you can be a member of
13 Wounded Warrior Project even if you weren't wounded.

14 We need seed money. How would -- National
15 doesn't have the money to start the commercial
16 program, so what if we use some of you guys to go on
17 TV, Fox and Friends, maybe their CBS morning news
18 shows, and talk about it and tell America the
19 commercial is coming. And in the meantime, they
20 could put up the QRC code. And the announcer, or
21 yourself, could point to it and say, you can donate
22 now, and also put the website that they could donate
23 to. Once the commercials are in place, we need to
24 have an inbound calling center. And that -- we
25 don't have to buy a calling center. We don't have

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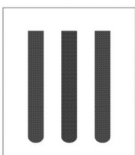
1 to hire. All of that can be contracted out based on
2 call volume, inbound. If it is slower than what we
3 thought, we hired 30 intake callers -- phone people,
4 we can cut back. More -- more phone calls, we can
5 adjust. I haven't talked to too many people that
6 said it wouldn't work. Do you guys think it would
7 work?

8 AUDIENCE: No. --

9 MR. MOLBERT: Somebody said no. Why? Yes,
10 sir.

11 MR. HANSON: Because we don't have the money.
12 Because how do I get on TV. Because Wounded Warrior
13 has this project on a long time ago and collected
14 all that money. I have several items.

15 MR. MOLBERT: I think America still has deep
16 pockets. I understand that Wounded Warrior Project
17 started their advertising campaign and asking for so
18 much money a month, and a whole lot of other non-
19 profits adopted the same idea. Not a 100 percent
20 that it would work. But to get onto those TV shows
21 -- who -- Joey that's on Fox and Friends, he lost
22 both of his legs. He was a EOD tech. We can talk
23 to him. Morgan Freeman is a former Marine, and he's
24 from Mississippi. We can talk to people. We can
25 talk to their public affairs people and ask them if



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1 we can be invited onto these shows.

2 MR. WALLOT: We can't get 100 percent
3 participation from the members here to send into our
4 Legacy fund. I mean, it starts at home. If we
5 can't get it going here, how do we expect the rest
6 of the nation to help us out?

7 MR. RANDOLPH: They started that by asking for
8 17.82 a months.

9 MR. MOLBERT: \$17.82 on what? A national
10 commercial campaign?

11 MR. RANDOLPH: No. When we tried to do it
12 internally here --

13 MR. FERGUSON: Guys, if you -- if you're going
14 to come talk with us, it -- comes to the microphone.
15 I'm sorry. So that way we get it in the minutes.

16 MR. RANDOLPH: The foundation tried this, by
17 the way.

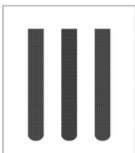
18 MR. MOLBERT: We won't know unless we try.

19 MR. RANDOLPH: Not our foundation, The Purple
20 Heart Foundation --

21 MR. MOLBERT: Right

22 MR. RANDOLPH: -- went on Fox and Friends --

23 MR. MOLBERT: I don't want to be the turd in
24 the punch bowl here, but the -- the foundation --
25 Purple Heart Foundation went on Fox on Friend -- Fox



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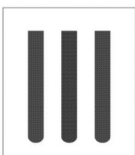
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1 and Friends on August the 7th, Purple Heart Day.
2 Jim Blaylock and, I think, a double amputee, and
3 some others. Anyway. And they -- and they got
4 great publicity. They tried the same thing. They
5 had a -- they set up a call center in -- in
6 Virginia. I believe they had a hundred workstations
7 in that call center. They did cold calling for
8 whatever. And let -- you all know how greatly
9 successful the foundation has been. I mean, they're
10 not getting crap. So you know, it takes money to
11 make money. I agree. And we've heard all this, we
12 need to get this celebrity and such, but we've --
13 I'm just telling you, we've been unsuccessful at
14 this point. And the response of our membership to
15 our simple, little 17.82 a month Legacy campaign was
16 pathetic. I think we raised 500 bucks or something
17 like that.

18 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera. So the Legacy program
19 that we currently have right now has built up
20 through the years that it was started. It actually
21 brought in \$17,000 last year. So that Legacy
22 program, we have people that you can go onto our
23 website, and you can sign up, and it's 19.95 a month
24 or any amount you want. So we thought that that
25 program was -- okay. Nobody's doing it. But I can



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1 tell you that it's actually building up. So you
2 start with -- you know, \$17,000 a year is pretty
3 decent. My recommendation would be to take that and
4 advance that program out.

5 One of the things we have to remember is we
6 have to be very careful because we are not
7 authorized to utilize the word mark Purple Heart
8 without permission of the foundation. So that's a
9 caveat to all this. You know, these are great
10 programs, but if we don't get permission from the
11 foundation to utilize the word mark Purple Heart, I
12 guarantee you that if we did a program like that,
13 they would hit a lawsuit on us immediately.

14 MR. RANDOLPH: We're allowed to use the
15 Military Order of the Purple Heart --

16 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Who just said that?

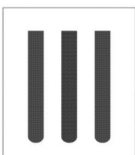
17 MR. RANDOLPH: Not Purple Heart.

18 MR. FERGUSON: We're not allowed to use the
19 words Purple Heart without their permission, for
20 fundraising, anyway.

21 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Okay. Hold on. Hold on for
22 a second.

23 MR. CANNON: Identify yourselves at the
24 microphones.

25 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Hold on. Hold on a second.



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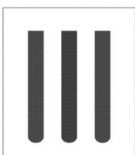
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1 If you comment, please state your name because this
2 is going in the minutes. So she does not have to
3 try to figure out who you are, please state your
4 name before you make the comment.

5 MR. FERGUSON: Department commander from Texas.

6 MR. MATTHEW: Good? All right. Michael
7 Matthew Department of Texas commander. So I'll just
8 say and speak on my behalf, but you also have
9 another department commander who can verify
10 everything I say. I'm a national campaign team
11 member for the Wounded Warrior Project. The
12 commercials that you guys see for the Wounded
13 Warrior Project, if you look, I was a little
14 skinnier and had less hair back then, but I've been
15 in about three of the commercial, okay? And so, one
16 of the things that Wounded Warrior Project has
17 allowed me to do as a national campaign team member
18 is anytime I speak, I'm allowed to say that I'm a
19 part of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.
20 Now, I know we probably don't get any money from
21 that, but it does at least show that there is an
22 organization out there. And I'm in a lot of
23 commercials, and I travel all over the country and
24 speak. And anytime I get up, one of the first
25 things I say is that I'm a member of the Military



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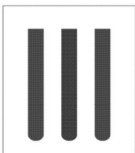
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1 Order of the Purple Heart.

2 So this can definitely work. I will tell you
3 that when the Wounded Warrior Project first started
4 doing these commercials about ten years ago, they
5 did not think that it was going to work. I was on
6 the Hallmark Channel. I would get calls and texts
7 from my aunts and uncles saying that they saw me
8 while watching Texas Ranger or something like that.
9 But it works. All we have to do is just do the work
10 and continue to do it. Don't -- don't stop. Once it
11 gets going, it's going to be a little rough, but I
12 promise you it will work to help us get our name out
13 there. It will work to help us raise funds.
14 Because there are a lot of people that when you say
15 that you are a Purple Heart recipient, they gladly
16 want to give. The State of Texas, my guys can tell
17 you, we have people that will come up to us and
18 support us. I'm doing an event for Purple Heart
19 Day. The entire event is paid for and sponsored. I
20 don't have to pull out a single penny from the
21 department to put this event on because it's all
22 paid for and sponsored simply by saying, we're
23 Purple Heart recipients and we want to do something
24 for a Purple Heart recipient.
25 So I would strongly suggest that we look a



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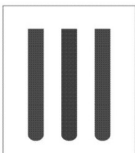
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1 little further into this. And if you don't want to
2 spend the money, there's always things like YouTube
3 and Facebook that you can do for absolutely free. A
4 15-second clip on YouTube is absolutely free and you
5 can receive streams of income from it every time
6 someone clicks on that. Thank you.

7 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you, Department Commander.
8 Department of Pennsylvania?

9 MR. SEGWAN: Shawn Segwan, Department of
10 Pennsylvania. I think at this point, everybody
11 knows I've worked for the Wounded Warrior Project.
12 I've been working for them for seven years. I've
13 been a Purple Heart member and recipient for a heck
14 of a lot longer than that. Well, I agree. Getting
15 our name out there is a big one. We need to be
16 working on some of the smaller stuff, too. I
17 brought it up there on the finance committee. Like,
18 I get a commercial. Commercial might be a great one.
19 I actually greatly agree with that in there because
20 my son and daughter have no idea what a television
21 cable channel is. They stream everything. So
22 instead of going for a commercial, paid advertising
23 that might be 300,000, we're probably getting more
24 bang for our buck doing something like getting one
25 of those pop-up ads playing during YouTube videos.



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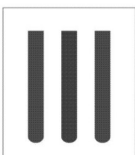
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1 Because those aggravate the living crap out of my
2 children. And I know you guys have no idea what
3 it's like. But that's there.

4 One of the things I brought up in the finance
5 meeting that I would highly recommend is there's a
6 lot of free options that we are not doing as an
7 organization that would make a lot of sense. The
8 first one is public service announcements. We are
9 all across the frigging nation. If we have a preset
10 of public service announcements that are free, local
11 chapters can send those to those local radio
12 stations. And now we are being broadcast across the
13 nation for free. Mind you, they'll fit it into the
14 spots where they do it. But every radio station has
15 a mouth that they're going to want to do that counts
16 to them as giving -- that counts to them as the tax
17 write off and all that fun stuff. So having those
18 PSAs going across the nation, at least audio,
19 reminds people that the Military Order of the Purple
20 Heart exists.

21 The other thing I would highly recommend, and
22 I'm going to throw him under the bus because he's
23 going to be a bigger expert than me, but the
24 gentleman that was just talking. We have Purple
25 Heart recipients all across the nation. I go to



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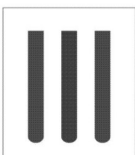
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1 conferences all the time. And I never see one of us
2 as one of the guest speakers. When you go up -- get
3 up there in front of a guest speaker, that's not me
4 asking for a donation. That's not me, you know,
5 doing that side of the house. When they're having a
6 conference about the effects of mental health on
7 veterans, this is the crew that knows. This is the
8 crew that lived through it. This is the crew that
9 lived through it for decades after combat. These
10 are the ones that we need to be talking about, like
11 how did you make it through?

12 So you should be up on that panel talking about
13 it. Oh, by the way, they're going to put your name
14 on the marquee. Oh, by the way, Military Order of
15 the Purple Heart's going to be in the brochure. Oh,
16 by the way, we're going to have somebody in the
17 audience that's going like, hey, can you tell me a
18 little bit more? That might be a new young member or
19 that might be a donor that's like, hey, we -- that
20 -- you guys are really doing that? So the audio
21 aspect of sharing our stories is where it is. I
22 agree with the TV commercial. It is not a bad idea.
23 But sharing our stories is the key one. I'm about
24 to be cut off, and I love you guys.

25 MR. FERGUSON: I think you -- you're the junior



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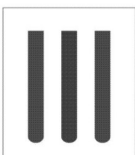
1 vice of Florida, am I correct?

2 MR. BARNES: Yes, sir. Louis Barnes, I'm
3 senior vice --

4 MR. FERGUSON: --

5 MR. BARNES: -- and I want to reiterate a lot
6 of what he just said works, and we appreciate the
7 honorary work this week. We had Channel 6, I went
8 down there, had them come down. We did an interview
9 in the truck and everything, and they put the
10 Nashville and the local names on it. And I saw the
11 money come in already. They had an interview with
12 the Nashville and the -- and the Florida State
13 commanders, and it went well. They even said they
14 would do anything for us. All we got to do is ask.
15 I'm not afraid to go in. I thought people ought to
16 go to get that -- go and ask. That -- they can only
17 say no. But if we do this, it's going to be spread.
18 That little bit now already helps this convention.
19 So thank you.

20 We -- I'm not afraid. I ask -- tell people
21 it's coming. It -- you'll be surprised what you
22 get. I've worked on programs right now. Some of the
23 people that donate, I say, "Happy new year." They
24 say, "What do you want for?" They don't even take
25 my name. So I'm for it, we can do it. I'll do



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1 anything planned. I know some other people here in
2 Florida, they want to help. See if they can set it
3 up. They didn't know half the stuff that we did or
4 has happened to us. Let's educate them. That's
5 all.

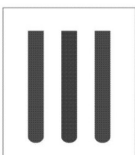
6 MR. FERGUSON: Okay. Thank you. So Terry,
7 after you I'll let Harold in a matter of time. And
8 then I'll make a couple comments and we'll move on.

9 MR. T. ANDERSON: Terry Anderson --

10 MR. FERGUSON: And we got one on the line too,
11 sorry.

12 MR. T. ANDERSON: -- Region 2 commander. I've
13 been pushing this for quite some time. When I
14 started my business, I had no money. I went after
15 every freebie that I could get. And over 40 years I
16 started in -- and I was doing TV commercials. Info
17 commercials, the little, small spots can be used.
18 But what we have to change in this order is this
19 negative attitude. We tried this before. It didn't
20 work. Well, maybe we didn't do it the right way.
21 Maybe we were looking at it the wrong way. A new
22 fresh idea. I think we need to be receptive --
23 receptive to making an effort.

24 The way we're going right now, my brothers and
25 sisters, we're going to die. We're on a death



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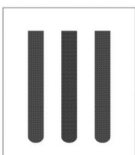
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1 trope. We're going down because we aren't ready to
2 fight. A lot of us are old. We're tired. I'm
3 tired. We have to start relying on the young guys.
4 They're the guys we got to put up front and push
5 them like hell and encourage them. And I think that
6 we can do this because, listen, every one of us had
7 a can-do attitude. We've fought back from being beat
8 up, shot, blown up, whatever you want to do. We've
9 all come back from it. We're survivors. So let's
10 start acting like survivors. Let's do something
11 about it. What do we got to lose? If we don't do
12 something, we're dead. If we try something and we
13 still don't make it, we're still dead, but at least
14 we tried. Thank you.

15 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. Online.

16 MR. GIBSON: Okay. This is Alan Gibson, vice
17 commander. I agree with all this. We need to
18 change our mindset. If we want to move forward,
19 that's where we need to start. I understand that
20 the Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation is
21 doing some stuff. Guess what? They're not a
22 recognized thing. I'll tell you the -- we've been
23 doing a lot of -- we need to make sure people know
24 who we are. And that is the issue. I agree with
25 some of the -- my constituents today, that we need



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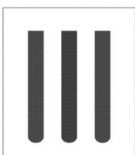
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1 to start looking outside box. Here's what I mean by
2 that. We need to start doing things that start
3 moving us forward. I know we have some forums, I
4 know we have a lot of meetings, but guess what? We
5 need to get the Military Order of the Purple Heart a
6 recognized name out there. Every place I go --
7 Purple Heart, what's -- oh, I know that. I got a
8 copy -- we got a copy here. We try to get it out
9 here in Georgia and some other places, but we need
10 to hit the people where they are. And that is what
11 other people say, social media, social intelligence.

12 I know the man that started the Wounded Warrior
13 Program. I remember that as well. Guess what?
14 It's all about marketing. We need to get in with
15 the foundation, do whatever we need to do to use our
16 name, because guess what? We have Purple Heart
17 wounds as well. It's just not the foundation of
18 the name, but so are we. So we need to move forward
19 because if we don't, we going to die on the board.
20 We can move forward. We got the younger brothers
21 right now. And as the gentleman said before,
22 they're going to be our future. And we got to set
23 them up for success.

24 There are a lot of things that we going to do
25 that done with this country. You know, every time a



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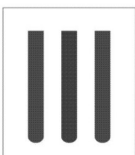
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1 -- somebody said that you need to speak at -- that's
2 the only way we get the name out there. When we sit
3 -- don't sit by and wait for somebody to come to you
4 and say, "Oh, you're a purple heart winner," we're
5 not going to get there. We got to get out there and
6 get our name out there. And I did and you basically
7 -- you got to make a purpose. You got to have to
8 drive. You got to have an influence. You got to
9 motivation to make sure they know who you are and
10 what you doing. And this is something I think we
11 can fix, but we got to get going. We got to get some
12 pedals moving. And the only way to get the pedals
13 moving is by other people moving forward. We got to
14 start on the committee and see what's the best idea,
15 and we have some to get started with some ideas to
16 do that. But we got to move forward. Got to over
17 out here.

18 MR. FERGUSON: I'm asking, Commander, can we
19 move forward with this? Sounds like it's in the
20 order. That -- that's what I'm trying to get this
21 morning. So thank you. I'll let Harold finish up,
22 and then I'll give the last point, and then we'll
23 move on.

24 MR. MOLBERT: Harold Molbert, department
25 adjutant of Louisiana. Thank you for the feedback



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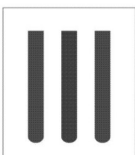
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1 and the concern. I understand. You also talked
2 about lack of participation in joining. Corey
3 (phonetic) gave us a sad statistic. He said there's
4 about, correct me If I'm wrong, about 250,000 living
5 Purple Heart recipients in our country, and only
6 about 50,000 of them -- 50,000 of them are in the
7 lifetime membership program. We can -- we need to
8 reach those guys. And I've heard several people say
9 over the course of the week they never heard about
10 the Military Organization of the Purple Heart.

11 I also communicated with outgoing CEO of
12 Wounded Warrior Project, Lieutenant General
13 Linnington, and explained what we want to do, and
14 told them I didn't speak on behalf of the MOPH, but
15 my ideas and how we didn't want to compete with
16 Wounded Warrior Project. And once I explained it to
17 him, he believes that it can fit, and it can work.
18 So I asked him if I could talk to the person that's
19 in charge of his direct marketing, John Hamre, H-A-
20 M-R-E. He called me the next day. And he's willing
21 to help me, help us with this program. And they
22 even give grants. What if we applied for a grant to
23 at least start the commercials? I'm on a lot of
24 pain meds. I've had 15 surgeries. I've had four
25 back surgeries. And I'm willing to work the first



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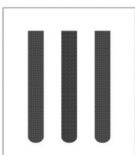
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1 year whatever it takes, no charge. I'm on Social
2 Security disability.

3 I have a best friend, a master sergeant I
4 served with in combat that lives three miles from
5 the national headquarters. And I used to work with
6 the Pentagon, so I go up to DC four or five times a
7 year. I just got back two weeks ago. So I'm
8 willing to go up to National and do whatever it
9 takes, meet with the people. I travel. I won't -- I
10 won't ask for gas money. I won't -- I can do this
11 out of my own pocket. I don't need to ask the order
12 for any funds. I'm a retired lieutenant colonel.
13 Uncle Sam took pretty good care of me.

14 What else? So the commercial wouldn't be just
15 about begging. Like other people said it would be a
16 way to educate Americans on our sacrifice. We truly
17 are unique, more unique than any other organization.
18 And Wounded Warrior Project is just so well known.
19 And I -- I think we can try. If it fails, it fails.
20 But we won't bankrupt National. We'll figure
21 something out. We'll figure out how to get the
22 money. I appreciate everyone's concern and support
23 because if we move forward with this, I can't do it
24 by myself. Thank you.

25 MR. FERGUSON: Thank -- thank you, Patriot



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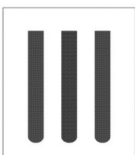
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1 Molbert.

2 MR. SMRT: The Military Order of the Purple
3 Heart Special Recognition Award is bestowed with
4 Pride to Mike Rounds, United States Senator of South
5 Dakota in appreciation for your dedication and
6 service honoring Americans -- America's military
7 veterans, especially those wounded in combat and
8 their family members. Additionally, your work to
9 establish a federal charter for the National
10 American Indian Veterans, not only in South Dakota,
11 but all 50 states. And this great nation is highly
12 united, presented by National Commander of Arkansas,
13 Carder Ferguson, Connie Johnson, Commander of the
14 Dakotas, and on behalf of the membership of the
15 Military Order of the Purple Heart.

16 MR. FERGUSON: If everybody knows, Senator
17 Rounds is in charge of the Veterans Committee at the
18 House. I will say this, when I went up there in
19 March, I did not know that he was in charge, so I
20 get this huge list. And he has done a lot of work
21 for the veterans and veterans on our community. So
22 that was an honor for us to give the award.

23 So due to time, I'm going to address the
24 schedule again. So we're going to go ahead, right
25 into nominations.



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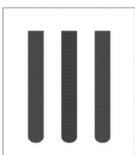
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1 MR. ADKINS: All right. Good morning,
2 everyone. Chuck Adkins, national adjutant. We are
3 going to resume the nominations. Yesterday we had
4 -- for national commander, we had two nominees,
5 Patriot Robert Olivarez and PNC Fred Taylor. Do we
6 have any other nominations for national commander?
7 Do we have any other nominations for national
8 commander? Do we have any other nominations for
9 national commander? Hearing none, move on. Yes.
10 Okay. Nominations are closed for national
11 commanders. Thank you, Dennis.

12 All right. For senior vice. All right. We
13 have Tracy Brown-Greene. She was nominated
14 yesterday. Do we have any other nominations for
15 national senior vice? Do we have any other
16 nominations for national senior vice? Do we have
17 any other nominations for national senior vice?
18 Hearing none, the nomination for national senior
19 vice is closed For national junior vice, we have
20 Patriot Francis Figueroa. She was nominated
21 yesterday. Do we have any other nominations for
22 national junior vice? Do we have any other
23 nominations for national junior vice? Do we have any
24 other nominations for national junior vice? Hearing
25 none, the nomination for national junior vice is



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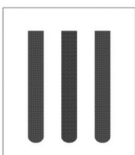
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1 closed.

2 For sergeant in arms, we had Gary Witt, the
3 current sergeant in arms nominated for another tour.
4 Do we have any other nominations for national
5 sergeant at arms? Do we have any other nominations
6 for national sergeant at arms? Do we have any other
7 nominations for national sergeant at arms? Hearing
8 none, the nominations for national sergeant at arms
9 is closed.

10 For national inspector, we have David Jackson
11 -- Patriot David Jackson was nominated for another
12 tour. Do we have any other nominations for national
13 inspector? Do we have any other nominations for
14 national inspector? Do we have any other nominations
15 for national inspector? Hearing none, the
16 nominations for national inspector is closed.

17 For national judge advocate, we have Patriot
18 Walter Kroptavich, the current Judge Advocate. We
19 have his letter on file, and he was nominated
20 yesterday. Do we have any other nominations for
21 national judge advocate? Do we have any other
22 nominations for national judge advocate? Do we have
23 any other nominations for national judge advocate?
24 Walter Kroptavich, he is the current national judge
25 advocate. Hearing none. The nominations for the



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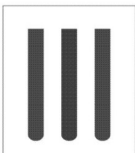
1 national judge advocate is closed.

2 Nominations for region commanders will be done
3 after we return from the caucuses and the top seven.
4 Did I forget -- oh, finance officer? Oh, my
5 apologies, I skipped one. All right. We have two
6 candidates for the national finance officer
7 position. We have Patriot Ernie Rivera, the current
8 national finance officer and we have Patriot Jim
9 Anderson, who currently sits on the National Finance
10 Committee, and he is the appointed deputy national
11 finance officer. And my apologies for skipping
12 that.

13 Do we have any other nominations for national
14 finance officer? Do we have any other nominations
15 for a national finance officer? Do we have any
16 other nominations for a national finance officer?
17 Hearing none, the nominations for finance officer is
18 closed. I yield back to the National Committee.

19 MR. FERGUSON: First thing, as the national
20 commander, I'm going to say congratulations for the
21 unopposed candidates. So let's give a round of warm
22 applause for each one of them.

23 In order of saving time, I'll have the national
24 action go back through for each one of the regions
25 we're going to have our caucus rooms. I know in



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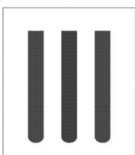
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1 this room, Region 2 and 1 will be staying. In a
2 matter of time if you finish with your caucus
3 earlier, I'd like to get down here and -- so we can
4 get out of this room faster. So if you're finished
5 with your caucus and getting things on that, you can
6 come down, hopefully one and two will be finished
7 about the same time and we can move on.

8 I know I've got it in here to be back in here
9 at 11:00, but if we get in here at 10:30, that's
10 even better so we can move -- get other things
11 accomplished. National agent, you got the rounds of
12 where each one of the regions are going? All right.

13 MR. ADKINS: One administrative note, my -- and
14 my apologies. You know, we'll still have to do the
15 region commanders once we -- you know, you guys do
16 your caucus, and you tell us who it is is going to
17 be your region commander. All right? So those
18 nominations will take place after we return from the
19 caucus. All right? Just want to be clear there, the
20 nomination process technically is not closed until
21 we finish out the region commanders.

22 All right. Again, Regions 1 and 2 will be in
23 here, in your current locations. Region 3 is Salon
24 16. Region 4, Salon 17. Region 5, Salon 18, and
25 Region 6 is Salon 12.



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1 Oh, yeah. The election process will go,
2 commander, senior, junior, finance, sergeant at
3 arms, and inspector.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, release guard. Duh.
5 Sergeant at Arms?

6 MR. WITT: -- please stand. Face the flag.
7 Attention. Salute. Two.

8 (A recess was taken.)

9 MR. ADKINS: In -- they still have their t-
10 shirts, coins, ties --

11 MR. FERGUSON: Hold it down, please.

12 MR. ADKINS: -- you know, they still have their
13 items on sale at reduced prices. The T-shirts are
14 now going for \$20, the coin and pin sets are now 15,
15 the ties are 49.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are they going to be
17 lower tomorrow?

18 MR. ADKINS: I don't know, you'll have to ask
19 Commander Wertheim. All right. I -- I yield to the
20 national commander.

21 MR. WITT: At ease.

22 MR. FERGUSON: Sergeant at arms?

23 MR. WITT: Let's keep it down, take your seats,
24 please. All right. Patriots, we are going to stand
25 please. And because we did not start off this



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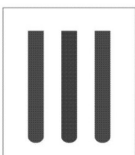
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1 morning, we will start off with the Pledge of
2 Allegiance. Thank you. Attention. Salute. I
3 pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States
4 of America, and to the republic for which it stands,
5 one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and
6 justice for all. Two. Thank you.

7 MR. FERGUSON: Why don't we keep the sergeant
8 at arms keep us in line? I always seem to forget
9 something, but it's been such a hectic -- and the
10 last couple of days a fast pace, trying to move
11 that, and I want to tell you thank you all for
12 having the time and patience to move through this.
13 I hope you all had some great reach in caucuses and
14 asked all the candidates good questions.

15 So before we go into credentials and everything
16 else, I'm trying to catch up with some of the things
17 we were supposed to do during the week. So the
18 first thing is, I would like to turn around and do
19 -- make sure I get my notes right here. Is I'd like
20 to turn around and recognize a couple of
21 individuals. And the reason why I'm recognizing
22 these couple of individuals is it's very important
23 for which we're fixing to go up to.

24 One of the reasons why I'm doing this is
25 because everything they do at -- there are key



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1 factors which fixate the mind. Credentials -- come
2 forward.

3 MR. ADKINS: Oh shit, the bearded twins.

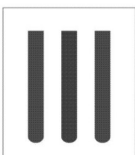
4 MR. FERGUSON: Go ahead and call them the
5 bearded twins. They have won this a couple of years,
6 they asked me last year and said, why did you pick
7 me to do this? Well, let's look at this, would you
8 all argue anything about them? Keep all the things
9 that's on your --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do they have a --

11 MR. FERGUSON: Don't ask, and I won't tell.

12 MR. ADKINS: All right. The Military Order of
13 the Purple Heart Special Recognition Award is
14 bestowed with pride to Keith Gray, Department
15 Commander, Arizona Credentials Committee.
16 Everything you do adds up; this is for your
17 dedication and support honoring America's combat
18 wounded veterans, presented by National Commander
19 Carder Ferguson on behalf of the Military Order of
20 the Purple Heart.

21 Okay. The Military Order of the Purple Heart
22 Special Recognition Award is bestowed with pride to
23 Patriot Bill Flipppo, Senior Vice Dakotas and
24 Credentials Committee. Everything you do adds up.
25 For your dedication and support honoring America's



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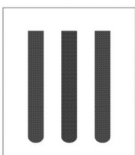
1 combat wounded, presented by National Commander
2 Carder Ferguson on behalf of the Military Order of
3 the Purple Heart.

4 MR. FERGUSON: It is always great to recognize
5 people that do good work for us. It is a small
6 token of our appreciation, so I really appreciate
7 everything that they have done, so -- but they said,
8 did I add that long line, it all adds up? I figured
9 it was pretty good.

10 All right. A couple of things I need to bring
11 up. We talked about some things, and these are
12 programs I need to see how the body feels about
13 this. One is ROTC. We've talked about this for
14 quite a while, and really quick, we want to make it
15 even easier to get your ROTC youth leadership
16 awards.

17 What we talked about is actually putting this
18 certificate online. You, as a chapter or
19 compartment officer, can log in under the forms and
20 get that certificate off. All you would have to do
21 is put the cadet's name in there and it's ready to
22 print. That way you don't have to worry about it
23 being shipped from headquarters, anything on it; all
24 we would do is ship the medals to you.

25 Trying to make it easier. One, it cuts down



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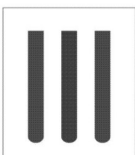
1 from the \$20, what you have is on there. The only
2 cost you would have is printing it. And then we're
3 looking at the average of a price of \$8 for the
4 award, that would include shipping. But if you
5 order, like, 20 or 30, then we will turn around and
6 that would all be great, but you would have to
7 contact headquarters, they can figure out what the
8 rate is, and then obviously it would be a little
9 cheaper. So I don't know if anybody is interested
10 in that or not, I'm bringing that up in front of the
11 body. So if there's a motion on that -- I got a
12 clap. Go ahead. Go ahead, Craig. I got a clap,
13 I'm doing good.

14 MR. WERTHEIM: Craig Wertheim, Department of
15 Florida. Do I need to make a motion or --

16 MR. FERGUSON: Make a motion if you would -- if
17 you'd like that, yes.

18 MR. WERTHEIM: Can I make a comment before I --
19 or I make a motion? Okay. He's gone. I make a
20 motion that we accept -- accept this with the
21 ability to print the certificates embossed, though.

22 MR. FERGUSON: The embossing, that's going to
23 be a little different that's on that, because I
24 don't know what each chapter or each department.
25 Right now as the bulk of -- of the embossing, how we



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1 have to order, that is in ten to 20,000s, that's on
2 that. So in other words, we have some certificates
3 and things left, we do give out a lot of awards and
4 things that's on that. But here's the thing about
5 it, I don't know of a chapter that can do that.
6 What we're looking is using the color MOPH logo on
7 the top where the embossing is. Okay?

8 MR. WERTHEIM: I'll retract that, then I make a
9 motion to not accept this.

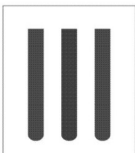
10 MR. FERGUSON: Okay. So we got a motion. Do
11 we get a second? Do we --

12 MR. WALLOT: I'll second that. Dennis
13 Wallot.

14 MR. FERGUSON: We got a second. Discussion?

15 MR. WERTHEIM: Craig Wertheim, Department of
16 Florida. I think handing out an award, that chances
17 are that -- well, not chance are. That they
18 individual -- they take very -- they take pride in
19 getting that award with the medal and then that
20 certificate will probably be a -- a keepsake long
21 after they lose that award.

22 It means something and handing them a piece of
23 paper versus a piece of parchment with an embossed
24 raised seal means much more than us printing out a
25 certificate. And the ability to print those



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1 certificates in mass, it's going to detract from the
2 award. So I feel that if we can't go the full a 100
3 percent, then we shouldn't be doing it this way.

4 That's just my opinion, so --

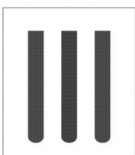
5 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you.

6 MR. KING: Department of Virginia, Ben King,
7 Department Commander of Virginia. I do not like
8 this idea. The embossing on the paper is important
9 and I think that needs to be sustained.

10 MR. RODGER: Phillip Rodger, Chapter 707 Palm
11 Beach County. The last three years, I've obtained
12 and delivered probably 20, 21, 22 certificates
13 through the seven counties that we work in. I would
14 have delivered more, but I just got busy driving
15 back and forth in the state.

16 They don't come with a name in it, so I figured
17 out how to get it lined up. Now they don't come
18 with a year on -- the year of our work, so I got to
19 figure out how to get the text in there. I'm not a
20 printer, so that makes it difficult, but -- and I do
21 print -- when I have to print a certificate out, I
22 do print it on a embossed paper.

23 But I, you know, get the whole thing, it's a
24 fold over thing to keep it nice when they move on to
25 something else. And like Patriot Wertheim said,



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1 they'll lose the ribbon, but they won't lose the
2 certificate, it will be in their bookcase somewhere.
3 And when they start realizing they need to document
4 their successes in the world of military and through
5 JROTC and ROTC, the certificate is a much better
6 thing to give them.

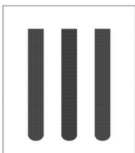
7 MR. FERGUSON: No problem. Thank you.

8 MR. RODGER: Thank you.

9 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you, Patriot. Yes. Charles
10 Anderson, 326?

11 MR. C. ANDERSON: 326. I'm the coordinator of
12 ROTC program in California. We issue more than 300
13 certificates and medals each year to California high
14 schools and universities. A lot of those recipients
15 send us thank-yous for whatever reason, because they
16 are the ones who did the work to earn that. But the
17 point is not one has said, damn, that was a
18 fantastic, embossed certificate.

19 The important thing to the cadets are the
20 ribbons because they wear that every day. Even the
21 medal takes a back seat to the ribbon because the
22 ribbon is on your uniform and visible every day.
23 Students in high school go up to them and say, what
24 did you get this ribbon -- hat is this ribbon for?
25 what does it mean?



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1 So to turn this option down, simply because you
2 can't have an embossed certificate, in my opinion,
3 and I do tend give an opinion of this because we are
4 going to do it the way we do it in California
5 anyway. But the thing is, we just want you to know,
6 hey, we appreciate that offer, and the only question
7 I have is, if they go online, are they going to be
8 signed by the commander or do we get to do that on
9 the -- on the department notice?

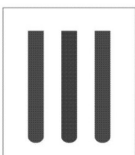
10 MR. FERGUSON: So the answer to your question,
11 they are already pre-signed and all you have to do
12 is put the cadet's name in, everything would be
13 correct. So we'll give you what -- all you have to
14 do is add in the cadet's name.

15 MR. C. ANDERSON: All right. Thank you, sir.

16 MR. FERGUSON: Yes, sir. We got a question
17 online from PNC Garcia? I can't hear it, is there
18 volume?

19 MR. LEIGHTON: This is Larry Leighton. I was
20 just wondering if we've done any analysis of
21 possibly providing buying the certificates --
22 embossed certificates at bulk at National and then
23 distributing those to the chapters instead of using
24 their own paper?

25 MR. FERGUSON: So long story short, what he's



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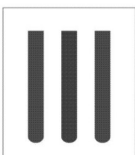
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1 asking real quick. Yes. We do buy -- already buy in
2 bulk, that's where we got it down to the price.
3 Each certificate, I'll just spit this out, costs us
4 almost around \$4 a certificate to get. That's
5 buying at ten to 20,000 certificates at the time
6 that's here. We have an arrangement with the group,
7 so they will only send us what we need per for the
8 years. So that's one of the things we have.

9 The next we are forgetting is that now we've
10 got the folder, which is over \$5. So on that
11 folder, that was there 4.0 something that was on
12 here, and then you actually got the medal itself.
13 Tying the box and everything up, total cost up to
14 \$20, around about \$17.83. But guess what? We
15 didn't count about the packing that goes in there,
16 the time for the employee that goes in there. So
17 we're really not making any money off the ROTC
18 Program, it breaks even on a single quarter. The
19 only way we've ever saved anything was when we did
20 it mass. PNC Garcia?

21 MR. GARCIA: Commander, thank you. Yes, sir.
22 I'm against this and the reason being, during the
23 convention, there was a comment made that some of
24 the chapters were presenting coins over the medal,
25 and doing this, it is actually the same as giving



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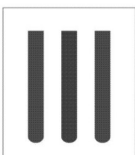
1 out a coin. Reason being, we have to go buy hard
2 stock paper, some of these chapters will probably
3 not do that and just go take a Xerox piece of paper
4 and give it to the -- to the cadets.

5 Now, another thing you spoke about, folders. We
6 don't need a folder, the folder goes in the trash,
7 so all we really need is a certificate and the
8 medal. Another thing Patriot Leighton asked about
9 what the cost would be for the embossed things? You
10 spoke about \$17 a medal and that you really don't
11 make any money. But how is that possible if one
12 chapter, which is mine, we ordered X amount of
13 medals, we paid \$500 for the -- for the medals, it
14 was sent in bulk. It was \$5 shipping per medal,
15 \$150 per medal -- well, a \$100 for the medal that --
16 for extra in that -- in that thing, because it's \$15
17 for the medals shipping, basically. So how is that
18 there's no money made? I mean, you're shipping in
19 bulk, so it doesn't cost a \$100 to send out 20, 25
20 medals.

21 MR. FERGUSON: PNC Garcia, if you heard what I
22 said earlier, the only way that the headquarters has
23 made money is by the bulk.

24 MR. GARCIA: Correct. So --

25 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. That's what I'm trying to



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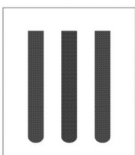
1 say. So in other words, we kind of offset some of
2 the things there. This is just an idea, we don't
3 have to do this. Everybody has been complaining
4 because the reason why we're having to pay \$20 for
5 an award -- I've heard this for the last two years
6 that's on this. So we're trying to look at a way
7 that we can help out with the chapters and the
8 departments.

9 Now, each one of the chapters and the
10 departments are stating that, why do we have to pay
11 it? We never asked a chapter or department to pay
12 for it. We've only asked that the ROTC unit contacts
13 the chapter or the department to give the awards.
14 There are so many of -- that they just ship to the
15 school and there's no presenters there, so that's
16 why we want to at least have a chapter member or a
17 department member to be there to present the awards.
18 That's the main thing, that's all that is.

19 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, Commander.

20 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you PNC Garcia. Yes, sir?

21 MR. SHELTON: Commander Steven Shelton,
22 Department of Kentucky. So not only am I Department
23 Commander of the State of Kentucky, I am a --
24 actually also a JROTC instructor. One thing that I
25 have noticed in getting these medals and presenting



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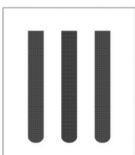
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1 them. So yeah. The folder is absolutely beautiful.
2 It's a waste of money. The certificate itself is a
3 great certificate, however, and I know we left the
4 last two digits off the date, so you have to put a
5 date in it, and I also realize this is a national
6 program.

7 So my suggestion is we have to fill the cadet's
8 name in, delegate signature authority so the
9 presenter can sign it because the presenter is
10 probably the guy in the picture with the cadet, and
11 they will remember that much more than somebody
12 they've never seen.

13 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. Patriot Smrt?

14 MR. SMRT: Smrt, Kentucky, reinforcing my
15 department commander, we've been petitioning this
16 for a long time. There was a decision event --
17 evidently to make it instead of junior and senior,
18 just ROTC, we appreciate that was a change. But
19 I'll reinforce, no one cares. We may, but no one
20 cares that this year's national commander's name and
21 signature is on it. And I'd like to reinforce, and
22 offer as the opportunity, to delegate that signature
23 authority down there. If we're filling out the
24 paperwork, we'll fill in the signature block and get
25 a good day done. Thank you, sir.



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1 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. Major Wetzel?

2 MR. WETZEL: Yes. Senior Vice California,
3 Raymond Wetzel, is you made a comment that you buy
4 the certificates in bulk, which is approximately \$4
5 a month. Can you pass that on down to us? Can you
6 present us the certificates and with the signatures
7 or however that you want it done and then we can
8 have it printed on the certificates?

9 At my chapter, we do 63 schools a year, which
10 includes three colleges and three young marines, we
11 pay for that, our chapter does close to \$1,600. So
12 the folders, yeah, we can get folders through
13 Amazon, get purple folders, whatever it is, to put
14 the certificates in. But can you transfer the cost
15 of the \$4 for the certificates to us to where we can
16 take and have it printed out with the cadet's name
17 on it?

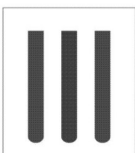
18 MR. FERGUSON: So let me explain first thing
19 and everybody understands, this is a national
20 program?

21 MR. WETZEL: Correct.

22 MR. FERGUSON: It's not a chapter. It's not a
23 department.

24 MR. WETZEL: Correct.

25 MR. FERGUSON: This all has to go through here.



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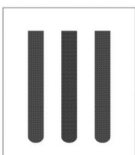
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1 If you look in your convention book, we have a
2 certificate being printed out, and it is -- and I'm
3 not going to bust this person -- group out, but
4 they've changed and altered the certificate, and
5 that's what we're going after. If I give you a
6 blank certificate, how do I know that that's not
7 getting printed for ROTC? What if a chapter or
8 department -- and let me finish -- prints that and
9 uses it as another award?

10 That's why we control this at National, and
11 then you ask why the national commander, I'm going
12 to answer the other one, why they have to have their
13 signatures? It's a national program. So I don't
14 have a problem as a commander, if that's something
15 that the body is going to vote on, that they want to
16 give it to the department signature on there. I
17 think that it would be fine if it goes down to the
18 chapter, but that's something we have to vote. But
19 this is a national program, that's one thing we have
20 to realize, it's not a chapter.

21 You can always, as we know anything in there,
22 you have to keep the standard to the program. You
23 can add to it, because I know there are certain
24 chapters that turn around and give money and
25 scholarships to the kids and also know that they



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1 maybe give them a coin or something else. You can
2 add to it, but you can't take away.

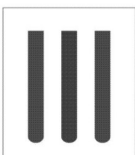
3 MR. WETZEL: And I understand that, and maybe I
4 came across the wrong way. You -- because you said
5 that you would put a digital form online.

6 MR. FERGUSON: Right. On the access.

7 MR. WETZEL: On the access. So what I'm saying
8 is if you send us the certificates, you know, and we
9 print them out, whatever that is, because we have to
10 print out on a regular piece of paper. So why can't
11 we have the blank certificates to print what you
12 send us onto the embossed certificates?

13 MR. FERGUSON: So did you hear what I said a
14 while ago? That's something that in other words, we
15 send a blank certificate out, we will turn around
16 and how do we know that you're going to print that
17 out just for ROTC? So you had something left? Oh,
18 we didn't get an award so now we're going to make
19 the commander of Chapter 1234 has an award and they
20 have that out there, and it has an embossed seal on
21 that.

22 So there's no standardization. If this is what
23 we're going to keep for our program, just as we know
24 in the military, we keep uniformed about everything.
25 So if we're going to change this uniformity, it has



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1 got to be voted on as the masses that you're --

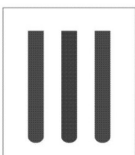
2 MR. WETZEL: Right.

3 MR. FERGUSON: -- so again, you know, that's
4 why I'm trying -- all this is, is just a
5 presentation or a proposal. It doesn't mean that
6 this has got to be accepted. Everybody's -- the
7 number one complaint, it costs. So I've found out a
8 way to eliminate all the costs and making a
9 suggestion that's on here.

10 The other part that we got, just like you said,
11 how many people know that a school all of a sudden
12 calls you up three days before they do that, and you
13 don't have anything? So now, you are able to at
14 least get the certificate and print towards them and
15 then you can get the medal later if you don't have
16 it. But if you order enough medals, that
17 certificate, you're ready to go, so it's a solution
18 for a couple of things, but go ahead.

19 MR. WETZEL: Okay. The only thing is that what
20 I was going to say is, and I understand, and I would
21 hope that with the integrity of who we are, that
22 nobody would do that, and I know that we, as a
23 chapter, would not do that.

24 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. I surely appreciate
25 it. Thank you. Next? And then the -- this will be



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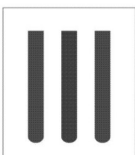
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1 almost the last one because we got to continue on.

2 MR. SEGWAN: Got you. Shawn Segwan out of
3 Pennsylvania 455. I just -- the one thing that I
4 have that I disagree completely with, I just want to
5 throw it out there, is ever thinking any signature
6 should be on there, other than national commander.
7 When I retired, I didn't have some random delegate
8 sign my retirement paperwork, it was, you know, good
9 old president at the time. Right? It means
10 something. It shows the level of the support that
11 it is at national level, and that signature on it,
12 even if it is a pre-printed one is coming from a
13 national commander of a national organization.

14 It's also something that these kids, especially
15 the JROTC, are putting in with their college
16 applications. They might even scan a copy of it,
17 depending on what they're doing; it might be a brag
18 sheet for them. There's a whole lot of different
19 things and having that little signature is a mark of
20 honor, and I think it kind of takes away from the
21 prestige of the award. And that's not saying that
22 our chapters are any less cool, but prestige award
23 is the national award, and I should see whoever is
24 sitting at the top of the -- top of the panel here
25 on top of that certificate.



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1 So my son is in the Sea Cadets, I know it would
2 mean a whole hell of a lot more to him to see that
3 big seal on it than it would be to have, oh, and
4 that's my dad's signature at the bottom of the line.
5 Oh, I love you, buddy. All right. Thank you.

6 MR. FERGUSON: I got a call for a question,
7 so --

8 MR. WITT: Can I speak before we call?

9 MR. FERGUSON: I got a call for the question
10 before you got up there.

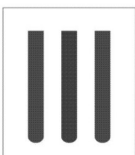
11 MR. WITT: All right. Thanks.

12 MR. NEWELL: Oh, what -- which is it? I'm the
13 ROTC officer and I really would have appreciated --

14 MR. FERGUSON: All right. I will -- can we let
15 one more speak and this is it?

16 MR. NEWELL: I'm Roger Newall, I'm the ROTC
17 program coordinator for youth programs. I really
18 wish someone had spoken to me and said, hey, this is
19 what we're going to do. I will tell you quite
20 honestly, the problem that we have come up with
21 because of the certificate and this, that, and the
22 next thing, and the cost of it is because we were,
23 as a national program, unable to fund the program.

24 If we bring the program back where it's funded,
25 where all you have to do is request an award, then



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1 everything can come out of national office like it
2 was, it will look proper. The only question I have
3 is I'd like my name replaced -- to replace the
4 adjutant's signature, since I'm the person that's
5 running this program or theoretically, I am.

6 Other than that, I appreciate all your support,
7 but guys, we need to pull it together. This is --
8 this is a national program, and we need to learn how
9 to support and make it work. Thank you.

10 MR. FERGUSON: All right. So we have a motion
11 to -- we have a motion to disapprove this first and
12 second. All in favor for disapproval?

13 AUDIENCE: Aye.

14 MR. FERGUSON: Please show your hands so I can
15 tell?

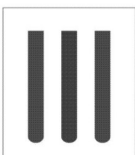
16 MR. NEWELL: For which?

17 MR. FERGUSON: This is disapproval -- for
18 disapproval of doing an online certificate and
19 ordering the medals?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye for the motion to --

21 MR. FERGUSON: To disapprove it. To disapprove
22 it. Not to do this. All right. Those who do
23 approve it, please raise your hand.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now, what -- what was
25 that?



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1 MR. FERGUSON: So in other words, that you dis
2 -- you're approved to disapprove this motion. Now,
3 it was the first one that everybody raised their
4 hand. This one is for -- that you are -- or, I
5 guess, approve the disapprove. You're against the
6 disapproval.

7 AUDIENCE: --

8 MR. FERGUSON: All right. All right. Let me
9 start this over again, I'm sorry. You are for --

10 MR. NEWELL: Table the motion and start a new
11 motion for approval and go back.

12 MR. FERGUSON: You can't -- I can't do that.

13 MR. NEWELL: You can't do that?

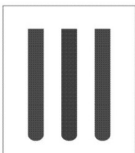
14 MR. FERGUSON: No. No. No. The motion was to
15 disapprove what I proposed. So -- so those of you
16 all want to disapprove that motion, in other words,
17 or approve this motion to disapprove, all in favor,
18 raise your hands.

19 MR. NEWELL: Agree to disapprove.

20 MR. FERGUSON: Agree to disapprove. All
21 right. Thank you. All those who want to approve,
22 raise your hand?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Heck yes.

24 MR. FERGUSON: Who are against this -- who are
25 against -- it is against a disapprove. We are on



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1 the same one, Terry. So in other words, again, we
2 are asking --

3 MR. GARCIA: Commander -- Past National
4 Commander Garcia. Use the word oppose.

5 MR. FERGUSON: Opposed, thank you. I
6 appreciate that. So are all those who are opposed
7 for the disapproval of this motion, please raise
8 your hand.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ah. There we go.

10 MR. FERGUSON: I think we're going to have to
11 do division of assemblies. Okay. Sorry about that
12 guys. All those who turn around and disapprove, or
13 approve for the disapproval, please stand?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In agreement?

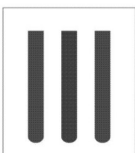
15 MR. FERGUSON: In agreement. Right, Craig. Go
16 ahead, Craig. But I'm just saying that this -- we
17 have to do this.

18 MR. WERTHEIM: If you do not want to make the
19 certificates plain paper, stand up.

20 AUDIENCE: Okay. Thank you. All right.

21 MR. GIBSON: Alan Gibson, Commander, Georgia,
22 disapproves -- approve to disapprove.

23 MR. FERGUSON: All those who oppose this,
24 please stand or raise your hand, whatever's most
25 capable.



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1 MR. REED: There's three different parts to it.

2 MR. FERGUSON: No. There's only -- there's
3 only one.

4 MR. OLIVAREZ: Is Jennifer still on the line?

5 MR. FERGUSON: So either of you want to print
6 this certificate or you don't?

7 MR. ADKINS: And this vote counts.

8 MR. FERGUSON: This is about this to print. I
9 think we made it more confusing.

10 MR. ADKINS: Yeah. The way the worksheet
11 works --

12 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. That's fine.

13 MR. ADKINS: It takes a simple majority.

14 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. Set on majority motion.

15 MR. MIDDLETON: Motion set.

16 MR. FERGUSON: So motion has failed.

17 AUDIENCE: No. Motion passes.

18 MR. FERGUSON: Motion passes, right. Motion
19 passes to disapprove. Sorry about that. Sorry to
20 make this confusing. Let me get these next ones on
21 here. I talked to you all about the 2029 that we're
22 hosting the Arlington Veterans Day Cemetery. One of
23 the things that -- when I got with the VFW, I talked
24 to them this year -- or last year when they hosted
25 it, they said approximate cost could be around



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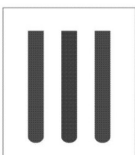
1 \$50,000 when you host that. So we're going to do
2 this in 2029. I'd like to turn around and make a
3 motion that we take \$35,000 from the money that
4 we've had donated in this year, put it in a
5 restricted account, earn some money off of that, and
6 put it in for the 2029, and each year add \$5,000 to
7 that. So then that way, when it comes 2029, we
8 don't have to come up and figure out how to get the
9 money.

10 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, Department Commander of
11 Arizona, makes a motion to move \$35,000 from the
12 restricted account, adding \$5,000 annually for the
13 2029 recommendation.

14 MR. WERTHEIM: Craig Wertheim, Department of
15 Florida, second motion.

16 MR. FERGUSON: Discussion?

17 MR. SMRT: Smrt, Kentucky. I'm having a little
18 difficulty, the sort -- the motion sort of started
19 at the chair, at the podium, versus from the -- from
20 the body. And then it would got picked up there.
21 But you sort of laid out the bomb, sort of put it in
22 motion -- almost into motion until, obviously, the
23 Department of Arizona served. You're going to do
24 that, please step down. Thank you. I appreciate
25 it.



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1 MR. FERGUSON: Point taken. It's open to the
2 discussion.

3 MR. GRAY: Point of order. You don't have to
4 step down to set what you're asking for on the
5 motion. He can say he wants a motion for something,
6 and I reiterated what he said.

7 MR. FERGUSON: That's all right. Go for it.

8 MR. WALLOT: Dennis Wallot, Chairman and
9 National Finance Committee. According to the
10 bylaws, any monies that come in from donations are
11 to be appropriated by the National Finance Committee
12 and not the floor. So that motion would be moot.

13 MR. FERGUSON: So -- so the way I made the
14 motion, you're stating, is that I know that we had
15 money from infant donation, but I'm still likely
16 to --

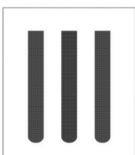
17 MR. WALLOT: Should go through the Finance
18 Committee.

19 MR. FERGUSON: Should go through the Finance
20 Committee. Okay. So I need you to just --

21 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, Department Commander of
22 Arizona, withdraws the motion.

23 MR. FERGUSON: All right. So I'd like for
24 someone to make the motion.

25 MR. MIDDLETON: Doug Middleton, delegate in



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1 Georgia. I move that we take \$35,000 --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's already a motion
3 on the board.

4 MR. MIDDLETON: -- from donations and direct
5 the Finance Committee to place that into a
6 restricted fund that will be added to -- and to
7 include \$5,000 per year into the future to fund the
8 Arlington, Virginia Memorial Day --

9 MR. FERGUSON: Veterans Day.

10 MR. MIDDLETON: -- Veterans Day ceremony in
11 2029.

12 MR. FERGUSON: So we got a first. Do we have a
13 second?

14 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, Department Commander
15 Arizona. Second.

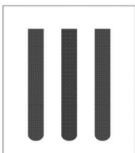
16 MR. FERGUSON: Open for discussion. Any
17 discussion? All in favor.

18 AUDIENCE: Aye.

19 MR. FERGUSON: All right. Move on. Next.

20 AUDIENCE: Any opposed?

21 MR. FERGUSON: Oh, I'm sorry. Any opposed? Any
22 abstentions? Thanks. We got that noted as Patriot
23 Smrt didn't send. Thank you. And that's Patriot
24 McIntosh. Thank you. All right. Next, I want to
25 bring this up. We talked about this last year, and



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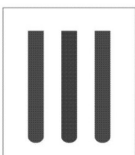
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1 it was the MOPH of our legacy fund. One of the
2 things that we have is our legacy fund is being
3 collected in by the order. We talked about having
4 this moved over to the MOPH fund to collect the
5 monies for the order. Reason why we're looking at
6 that, that -- the order has been spending the money
7 for the programs and the funds should be collecting
8 the money for the order. This would help them out.
9 In other words, keeping the funding for them.
10 Anytime we need a request for money, they would ship
11 that over towards us. So I don't know if anybody
12 would like that, but I think that's a motion we need
13 to look at.

14 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera, current National
15 Finance Officer. I make a motion that we disapprove
16 this completely. We transferring an asset of an
17 organization to an organization that's supposed to
18 be raising money for us is not the way it should be
19 done. That is a \$17,000 a year program that was
20 established, and it is built up on that. And the
21 money goes directly where it needs to. The MOPH
22 Fund, Inc., is a 501 (c)(3) that needs to stand up
23 and raise its own money and give us money. We
24 shouldn't be giving them money. So I make a motion
25 that we disapprove this.



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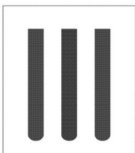
1 MR. MIDDLETON: Doug Middleton, delegate from
2 Georgia. I second that.

3 MR. FERGUSON: Got a first and second. Open to
4 discussion.

5 MR. MCINTOSH: McIntosh, National Historian.
6 Point of order, sir, this motion again is bypassing
7 the Finance Committee. This body should not be
8 telling the Finance Committee what to do. The
9 Finance Committee reviews it, makes a decision, and
10 gives the body the opportunity to vote on it. But
11 the way the motion is, completely ignores the
12 Finance Committee.

13 MR. FERGUSON: Point taken. I don't think
14 there's any intention to bypass the Finance
15 Committee. This is right in front of me. So I'm
16 bringing this up.

17 MR. SMRT: Sir, we could raise the issue, but
18 it is convoluted. Smrt, Kentucky. You're sort of
19 making motions from the podium and hoping someone
20 reinforces them on the floor. And then we don't
21 know if it's a for or against. We had a gentleman
22 stepping up and discussing something that hadn't
23 even had a motion yet, much less a second, so that
24 we could get to discussion. If there are good ideas
25 on the floor, that should have been prepared, and



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1 people should come with separate motions from the
2 floor. You're sort of pushing something that, I
3 clearly want to reiterate, it is not the proper way
4 to do it. We have elected finance officers. Let
5 them do their job. We've elected Finance
6 Committees, whoop men, and ladies. Let them do
7 their job.

8 MR. FERGUSON: We have one online.

9 MR. LEIGHTON: I would -- I wasn't raising my
10 hand. I have nothing to say.

11 MR. FERGUSON: Okay. No more? All right. Call
12 for questions. All in favor to --

13 AUDIENCE: Restate the motion.

14 MR. FERGUSON: Well, no. We didn't even get a
15 first and second action. To be honest, there was no
16 first and second.

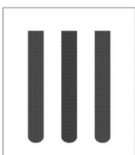
17 AUDIENCE: Yeah.

18 MR. FERGUSON: Oh, we did? Okay. So it was
19 disapproved to have the MOPH fund to be in charge of
20 a legacy.

21 AUDIENCE: Aye.

22 MR. FERGUSON: Aye. All those are opposed for
23 it stand up or just give me -- just say -- majority
24 -- all I need to say is aye.

25 AUDIENCE: Opposed to the motion.



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1 MR. FERGUSON: Right. That's what they asked.

2 In other words --

3 MR. MIDDLETON: Opposed to moving money from --

4 MR. FERGUSON: From the order to the fund.

5 Right.

6 MR. MINARIK: All those who are opposed from

7 this point.

8 MR. ADKINS: No.

9 MR. FERGUSON: No. No. No. No. No. No. No.

10 There's already a motion not to move the money over

11 to the fund.

12 MR. YANSWREOSON: Make a motion to file --

13 MR. SMRT: It should clearly state, we're

14 voting for no to remove.

15 MR. FERGUSON: Let me restate this. This is

16 what you're asking for is to take the money to move

17 it over to the fund, and then this is to disapprove

18 it. That is what the motion was and leave the money

19 where it is. All those in favor?

20 AUDIENCE: Aye.

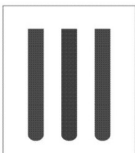
21 MR. FERGUSON: Got it. All those opposed?

22 AUDIENCE: Moving on.

23 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. Yeah. No. No. I got you.

24 Any extensions? Ain't got the extensions. All

25 right. Make sure -- am I missing anything else? All



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1 right. Motion is --

2 MR. MOORMAN: Motion is no.

3 MR. FERGUSON: Okay. We've got the last no.

4 All right. Thank you. All right. That motion is
5 approved to not move the money over from the MOPH
6 fund to the order to the MOPH fund. All right. Now
7 we're going to go in for roll call and get ready for
8 elections.

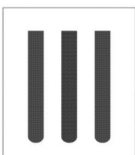
9 MR. ADKINS: One quick announcement. At 12:30
10 to 13:30, the box lunches will be directly outside.
11 We will go through roll call. And once we get
12 through roll call and credentials, we'll run through
13 the numbers and you will have the, you know, totals,
14 you know, needed. The 50 plus one, the two thirds
15 and three quarters all upon the screens. I need
16 Region 2 to line up first followed by Region 3.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Make sure we don't go as
18 fast as we did the last two days.

19 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Let's get going. I'm going
20 to start with the regions, then come to the head
21 table and finish with the PNCs. So starting with
22 Region 2.

23 MR. T. ANDERSON: Region Commander 2, Terry
24 Anderson.

25 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Illinois.



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1 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

2 MR. ADKINS: Department of Indiana is Patriot
3 Moorman, online. Okay. Asking to -- Patriot
4 Moorman.

5 MR. MOORMAN: To vote more?

6 MR. ADKINS: No. No. No. Just say present.

7 MR. MOORMAN: Present.

8 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Thank you. Department of
9 Indiana.

10 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

11 MR. ADKINS: Department of Iowa.

12 MR. HANSON: Department of Iowa Commander, Jack
13 Hanson.

14 MR. ADKINS: Department of Kentucky.

15 MR. SCHALTENBRAND: Department of Kentucky,
16 Commander Steve Schaltenbrand.

17 MR. ADKINS: Department of Michigan.

18 MR. ALLEN: Department Commander Ronald Allen.

19 MR. ADKINS: Department of Minnesota.

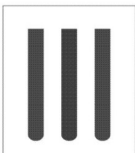
20 MR. BELLIS: Minnesota, Dave Bellis.

21 MR. ADKINS: Department of Missouri.

22 MR. PELLHUM: Department of Missouri, Commander
23 Garfield Pellhum.

24 MR. ADKINS: Department of Nebraska.

25 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Ohio.

2 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

3 MR. ADKINS: Department of West Virginia.

4 MR. DEBERSIG: Senior vice, David Depersig.

5 MR. ADKINS: Department of Wisconsin.

6 MR. BANDA: Department of Wisconsin, George
7 Banda.

8 MR. ADKINS: We're going to start now with
9 Region 3. Region 4, please start lining up.

10 MR. GRAY: Credentials, Keith Gray. I just
11 need to clarify. We have Illinois or Indiana
12 online.

13 MR. ADKINS: It was Tom Moorman. He is
14 Indiana.

15 MR. GRAY: Thank you.

16 MR. ADKINS: If I go too fast, come and slow
17 down.

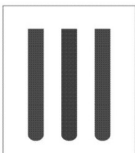
18 MR. GRAY: No. You're good. It is just you
19 called Indiana twice and then he said absent. So I
20 just wanted to make sure I had the clarification
21 correct.

22 MR. ADKINS: All right. Region 3 commander.

23 MR. RUPO: Region 3, Commander Lawrence Rupo.

24 MR. ADKINS: Department of Alaska.

25 MR. BLAIR: Steve Blair, Commander.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Department of Idaho.

2 MR. NICKEL: Senior Vice, George Nickel.

3 MR. ADKINS: Department of Oregon.

4 MR. WHITTNEBEL: Keith Wittnebel, Department of

5 Oregon.

6 MR. ADKINS: Department of The Dakotas.

7 MR. FLIPPO: Bill Flippo, Senior Vice.

8 MR. ADKINS: Department of Washington.

9 MS. HORN: Commander, Jennifer Horn, present.

10 MR. ADKINS: Thank you. And Department of

11 Wyoming.

12 MR. GASDEK: Barry Gasdek, Commander.

13 MR. ADKINS: Thank you. All right. I'm going

14 to start with Region 4. Region 5, start lining up.

15 Region 4 commander.

16 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Commander Francis Figueroa-

17 Lowe, present.

18 MR. ADKINS: Department of Alabama.

19 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

20 MR. ADKINS: Department of Florida.

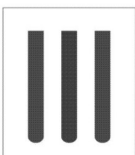
21 MR. WERTHEIM: Craig Wertheim, Department

22 Commander, present.

23 MR. ADKINS: Department of Georgia.

24 MR. GIBSON: Vice Commander, Alan Gibson,

25 present.

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1 MR. ADKINS: I'm sorry, could -- was that Adam
2 Gibson?

3 MR. FERGUSON: Alan Gibson.

4 MR. ADKINS: Okay. All right. Alan Gibson.
5 He's present. All right. Department of
6 Mississippi.

7 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

8 MR. ADKINS: Department of North Carolina.

9 MR. LAZZARA: My name is Lazzara, Department of
10 North Carolina, present.

11 MR. ADKINS: Are you sure? Department of South
12 Carolina.

13 MR. LOPEZ: Department of South Carolina,
14 Commander Carl Lopez, present.

15 MR. ADKINS: Department of The Caribbean.

16 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

17 MR. ADKINS: We're going to now start with
18 Region 5. Region six, please line up. Region 5
19 commander.

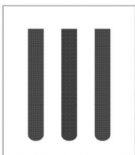
20 MR. WITTSCHACK: Gus Wittschack. Region 5
21 Commander.

22 MR. ADKINS: Department of Arkansas.

23 MR. JUNSEE: Tommy Junsee, Arkansas.

24 MR. ADKINS: What position, sir?

25 MR. JUNSEE: Sergeant in arms, Arkansas.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Thank you. Department of
2 Colorado.

3 MR. DOWDING: Sergeant Major Peter Dowding,
4 present.

5 MR. ADKINS: Good to have you here, Pete.
6 Department of Kansas.

7 MR. WITTSCHACK: Absent.

8 MR. ADKINS: Department of Louisiana.

9 MR. SANTINI: Darren Santini, Commander.

10 MR. ADKINS: Department of New Mexico.

11 MR. NEWALL: Roger Newall, Finance Officer,
12 present.

13 MR. ADKINS: Department of Oklahoma.

14 MR. REED: Mitch Reed, Senior Vice Commander of
15 Oklahoma.

16 MR. ADKINS: Department of Texas.

17 MR. MATTHEWS: Michael Matthews, Commander.

18 MR. ADKINS: All right. Region 6.

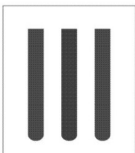
19 MR. C. ANDERSON: Region 6 commander, Charles
20 Anderson.

21 MR. ADKINS: Department of Arizona.

22 MR. GRAY: Department of Arizona commander,
23 Keith Gray, present.

24 MR. ADKINS: Department of Asia Pacific.

25 MR. C. ANDERSON: Absent.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Department of California.

2 MS. KELLER: Department of California, Jo

3 Keller, present.

4 MR. ADKINS: And Department of Nevada.

5 MR. C. ANDERSON: Hawaii.

6 MR. ADKINS: Department of Hawaii.

7 MR. TANAKA: Present. Thomas Tanaka.

8 MR. ADKINS: He is the junior vice for the

9 Department of Hawaii. Department of Nevada.

10 MR. LEPEILBET: Andrew LePeilbet, the

11 Department of Nevada commander.

12 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, sir. All right.

13 National Commander -- I'm sorry, I skipped Region 1.

14 My bad.

15 MR. PRATTS: You don't like us because we're

16 number one.

17 MR. ADKINS: Commander of the Department,

18 Region 1.

19 MR. PRATTS: Absent.

20 MR. ADKINS: Department of Connecticut.

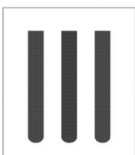
21 MR. PRATTS: Absent.

22 MR. ADKINS: Department of Delaware.

23 MR. PRATTS: Absent.

24 MR. ADKINS: Department of Maryland.

25 MR. PRATTS: Absent.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Department of New Jersey.

2 MR. PRATTS: Absent.

3 MR. ADKINS: Department of New York.

4 MR. PRATTS: Department of New York commander,
5 Ruben Pratts, present.

6 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Pennsylvania.

7 MR. ARNOLD: Phil Arnold, Commander.

8 MR. ADKINS: And Department of Virginia.

9 MR. KING: Ben King, Commander.

10 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Now National Commander. Are
11 you present?

12 MR. FERGUSON: I'm present. Sorry.

13 MR. ADKINS: That's Carder Ferguson.

14 MR. FERGUSON: My mind is gone. Sorry, guys.

15 MR. ADKINS: National Senior Vice.

16 MR. OLIVAREZ: Present.

17 MR. ADKINS: National Junior Vice, Tracey
18 Brown-Greene.

19 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Present.

20 MR. ADKINS: National Judge Advocate, Walter
21 Kroptavich. Is he online?

22 MR. KROPTAVICH: Present.

23 MR. ADKINS: National Finance Officer, Ernie
24 Rivera.

25 MR. RIVERA: Present.

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1 MR. ADKINS: Okay. But how will you be voting
2 today, sir?

3 MR. RIVERA: As Past National Commander Rivera.

4 MR. ADKINS: Okay. National Inspector, David
5 Jackson.

6 MR. JACKSON: Present.

7 MR. ADKINS: David Jackson is present. National
8 Sergeant in Arms.

9 MR. WITT: Present.

10 MR. ADKINS: And that's Gary Witt. National
11 Finance Chair, Dennis Wallot?

12 MR. WALLOT: Yes, sir.

13 MR. ADKINS: National Finance Member, Paul
14 Pickart.

15 MR. PICKART: Here.

16 MR. ADKINS: National Finance Member, Craig
17 Wertheim.

18 MR. WERTHEIM: Here.

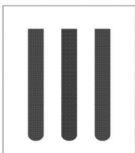
19 MR. ADKINS: But you will be voting as Florida,
20 correct?

21 MR. WERTHEIM: Correct.

22 MR. ADKINS: Okay. National Finance Member,
23 Jim Anderson.

24 MR. J. ANDERSON: Here.

25 MR. ADKINS: National Publications Committee



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1 Chair, Larry Leighton. Is -- Larry? We know you're
2 there. All right --

3 MR. LEIGHTON: He is here. Larry is here.

4 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And National Publications
5 Committeeman, Alan Gibson. Okay. But he -- he
6 wasn't in. Was that him with Larry? Okay. Alan
7 Gibson is present. Past National Commanders. Past
8 National Commander, Frank Athanason.

9 MR. ATHANASON: I pass.

10 MR. ADKINS: Oh, thank you. Past National
11 Commander Boyd Barclay.

12 MR. BARCLAY: Pass.

13 MR. ADKINS: Past National Commander Jim
14 Blaylock.

15 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

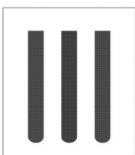
16 MR. ADKINS: Past National Commander James
17 Durkin. Past National Commander Felix Garcia.

18 MR. GARCIA: Here, sir.

19 MR. ADKINS: Past National Commander Hershel
20 Gober. Past National Commander William Hutton.
21 Past National Commander James McCormick. Past
22 National Commander Bruce McKenty. Past National
23 Commander Ernie Rivera.

24 MR. RIVERA: Present.

25 MR. ADKINS: Past National Commander Jeffrey



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1 Roy. Past National Commander Ron Siebels.

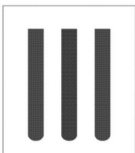
2 MR. SIEBELS: Here, sir.

3 MR. ADKINS: Past National Commander Alfred
4 Silvano. Past National Commander Fred Taylor.

5 MR. TAYLOR: Present.

6 MR. ADKINS: And Past National Commander
7 Cornelius Van-Ess. Did I miss anyone? Okay. At
8 this time, Scott, would you please place the numbers
9 on? Thank you, sir. And at this time I will turn it
10 over to the Credentials Committee, and they are
11 going to go through the numbers. These will be the
12 finals up here. The numbers are in your delegate
13 book. But again, as we stated at the beginning,
14 there was an error in the formula which added up.
15 These are the correct grand totals. Patriot Gray.

16 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, Credentials Committee.
17 I'm going to run through the numbers by state and
18 then give you the totals. Alaska has a 35. That is
19 your delegate vote plus your charter vote. And
20 that'll be the same for all of them. I'm just going
21 to read the numbers. Arkansas 42, Arizona 93,
22 California 264, Colorado 70, The Dakotas 20, Florida
23 255, Georgia 126, Hawaii 36, Iowa 31, Idaho 24,
24 Illinois 71, which doesn't mean they don't have any
25 votes, Indiana 45, Kentucky 63, Louisiana 74,



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2 Carolina 219, New Mexico 64, Nevada 41, New York
3 203, Oklahoma 65, Oregon 56, Pennsylvania 195, Texas
4 387, Virginia 150, Washington 82, Wisconsin 53, West
5 Virginia 49, Wyoming 12. That's our total possible
6 -- sorry. So the grand total possible, as you can
7 see, is displayed on there is 48,344. When you
8 divide that out by 12, that is 4,029. That includes
9 the charter votes. Our 50 plus one is 2015. That's
10 all I will reveal today. Our two-thirds is 2,686.
11 And our 75 percent is 3,022. Now in the event of a
12 roll call vote total NEC votes is 51. The 50 plus
13 one is 27. The two-thirds is 34, and the 75 percent
14 is 30.

15 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, sir. Yes, ma'am.

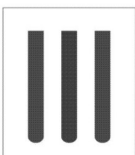
16 MR. GRAY: Any questions on those?

17 MS. ALLEN: Cottie Allen, Senior Vice
18 Commander. You did not have South Carolina on
19 there.

20 MR. GRAY: Sorry, I've overlooked that. South
21 Carolina is 91.

22 MR. ADKINS: 91.

23 MR. WETZEL: Raymond Wetzels, Senior Vice
24 California. You did not announce either Guam or
25 Asia Pacific. Either one of them?



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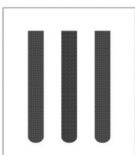
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1 MR. GRAY: Well, yeah. I think it was East Asia
2 Pacific.

3 MR. ADKINS: The ones I didn't announce are
4 ones that don't have anybody present to cast a vote.
5 Okay. So anybody that wasn't present or has no
6 voting officer here did not get announced. That is
7 less confusion.

8 MR. FLIPPO: Bill Flipppo, Credential Committee.
9 It is imperative that everybody listen to what I'm
10 getting ready to say. When you guys come up to
11 vote, it doesn't take talking, and you guys need to
12 remain as quiet as possible. That way we make sure
13 that we record accurately the votes that are cast.
14 And I assure you that if we can do this, it will
15 speed up this process significantly, because if not,
16 if the conversation's to the side over power what we
17 can hear, we'll have to redo the votes. We've done
18 it in the past. We don't like to do it. All I ask
19 is if you guys help us out with that. Thank you.

20 MR. FERGUSON: All right an announcement. But
21 because we have a short amount of time, I would like
22 to let you know that the box lunches are outside.
23 Now you can go out and get one, come back inside.
24 Anyone that is up for a vote stays in here, but you
25 can have someone bring yours in. So -- okay. So my



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1 stomach is growling. Okay. So -- are we should
2 still in session?

3 MR. ADKINS: We're still in session.

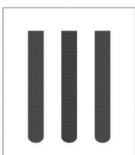
4 MR. FERGUSON: Okay. Is the election going to
5 be called when the voters reached, or is everyone
6 going to get the vote?

7 MR. FLIPPO: Bill, for our credential
8 committee, negative. We will run all the way
9 through the vote group because we don't have the
10 capability to run multiple screens to know when
11 we've reached the threshold.

12 MR. ADKINS: Okay.

13 MR. FERGUSON: Save everybody's seat at the
14 door. We will stand and salute before you go get
15 your lunch. Attention. Just go get your lunch.
16 Attention. We weren't doing that. No. That's no
17 that's why I said, if you once -- ones who are not
18 voting to get the lunch for the ones who are voting.
19 We're going to continue on. That's why we got a box
20 lunch. We're in time. I'm sorry if I keep
21 repeating it.

22 MR. ADKINS: Again, if you are a voting
23 delegate, please remain in the room and have a non-
24 voting individual bring you a box lunch inside. We
25 need the voting individuals to remain in the room.



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1 All right. I need Region 2 to line up followed by
2 Region 3. I recognize Patriot Andrew James.
3 Everybody be quiet. The podium recognizes Patriot
4 Jim Anderson, Deputy National Finance Officer.

5 MR. T. ANDERSON: Jim Anderson. I request that
6 the Adjutant cast one vote for all non-opposed
7 candidates.

8 MR. ADKINS: I need a second.

9 MR. SIEBELS: Siebels second.

10 MR. T. ANDERSON: Second. All right. Terry
11 Anderson.

12 MR. ADKINS: Whoever comes to the mic, make the
13 second and identify who you are.

14 MR. T. ANDERSON: Terry Anderson Region 2
15 commander. Second.

16 MR. FERGUSON: We got a first and second. All
17 in favor?

18 AUDIENCE: Aye.

19 MR. FERGUSON: Any discussion? And I'm sorry,
20 any opposed? National Anthem.

21 MR. ADKINS: Chuck Adkins, National Anthem. I
22 cast a vote for all unopposed candidates for
23 positions in which they are running. One vote for
24 each -- for all unopposed.

25 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. All right. I know



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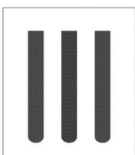
1 we got Region 2 lined up. As soon as the National
2 Anthem gets up here we'll get a roll call. That's
3 on that. And then Region 3 is already lined. Thank
4 you. Make sure that you sound off. Everybody else,
5 please keep it down so we can get this roll call. I
6 mean, the election going.

7 MR. ADKINS: Are you ready Credentials
8 Committee?

9 MR. WHITTNEBEL: I will ask when you are
10 voting, I need you to state your state or your
11 title, if you're a region commander, so I put it in
12 the right slot and the amount of votes that you want
13 to go. Again, the region commanders, you state
14 region commander, your vote. If you're voting for a
15 state, I need you to state the state because that's
16 how I have it listed on my sheet, is by state's
17 name. Yes.

18 MR. ADKINS: And please remember that, you
19 know, departments can have split votes, and you need
20 to make sure that you indicate that clearly so our
21 credentials committee can properly log in the right
22 votes. I recognize Jack Hanson. I think he has a
23 question.

24 MR. HANSON: Jack Hanson, Department of Iowa.
25 Are we vote for one person now or are we going to



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1 state all of them?

2 MR. ADKINS: We're going to vote for, you know,
3 the positions by individual. Just like the national
4 commander, we have two. So is this better? Is that
5 better for you, Lynsi? Okay. All right. For
6 National Commander we have two candidates. We have
7 the National Senior Vice Robert Olivarez, and we
8 have PNC Fred Taylor. All right. For National
9 Commander, Commander Region 2, identify who you are
10 and how you cast your vote.

11 MR. T. ANDERSON: Region 2 commander, Terry
12 Anderson. I vote for Robert Olivarez.

13 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And Department of Illinois
14 is absent?

15 MR. T. ANDERSON: I was told Illinois is
16 online.

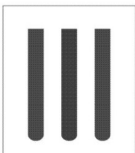
17 AUDIENCE: Tom Moorman online?

18 MR. ADKINS: No. He's Illinois. Tom Moorman's
19 Indiana. Okay. Okay.

20 MR. T. ANDERSON: I hope that one's right.
21 They're not on, absent.

22 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Indiana. Tom
23 Moorman.

24 MR. MOORMAN: Tom Moorman, Indiana, votes for
25 Robert Olivarez.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Iowa.

2 MR. HANSON: Standby.

3 MR. WHITTNEBEL: We went over the numbers. I
4 need you to state how many votes you're putting for
5 a candidate. Not just that you're voting for the
6 candidate.

7 MR. ADKINS: Yeah. That's right. So you can
8 say all candidates. I mean --

9 MR. WHITTNEBEL: I need your number.

10 MR. ADKINS: My fault. I'm sorry. All right.

11 MR. MOORMAN: You all good to go up here?

12 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Let's back up a minute.

13 Okay. So we have -- all right. Department of
14 Illinois.

15 MR. WHITTNEBEL: Is absent.

16 MR. ADKINS: And we have Department of Indiana,
17 has 44 delegate votes. Patriot Moorman, how do you
18 cast your vote?

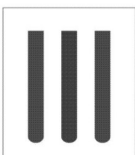
19 MR. MOORMAN: All votes for Robert Olivarez.

20 MR. ADKINS: That will be 44 delegate votes.

21 MR. WHITTNEBEL: So that number, does it not
22 include the delegate vote -- or the charter votes,
23 sorry, so they have 45?

24 MR. ADKINS: Correct.

25 MR. WHITTNEBEL: So your number's up there.



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1 You'll need to add one.

2 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And we have the Department
3 of Kentucky.

4 MR. SCHALTENBRAND: Department of Kentucky.
5 Commander Steve Schaltenbrand. Hold 63 votes.
6 Department of Kentucky. 32 votes for Fred Taylor.
7 Delegate charter vote, 31 votes for Robert Olivarez.

8 MR. ADKINS: Department of Michigan.

9 MR. ALLEN: Department of Michigan. Ron Allen.
10 We have 135 votes for Robert Oliva.

11 MR. ADKINS: Olivarez.

12 MR. ALLEN: Olivarez, sorry.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll get it right.

14 MR. ADKINS: All right. So that is Department
15 of Michigan, 135 votes for Robert Olivarez. We have
16 Department of Minnesota.

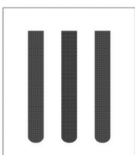
17 MR. BELLIS: Department of -- Department of
18 Minnesota, Dave Bellis. 105 votes, Robert Olivarez.

19 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, sir. That is
20 Department of Minnesota. 105 votes for Robert
21 Olivarez. All right. Department of Missouri.

22 MR. PELLHUM: Department of Missouri votes for
23 Robert Olivarez, 79 votes.

24 MR. ADKINS: Department of Nebraska.

25 MR. FERGUSON: Nebraska is absent.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Ohio.

2 MR. FERGUSON: Ohio is absent.

3 MR. ADKINS: Department of Wisconsin.

4 MR. BANDA: Department of Wisconsin, George
5 Banda. 53 votes for Robert Olivarez.

6 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And Department of West
7 Virginia.

8 MR. DEBERSIG: David Depersig, Senior Vice, and
9 I've got 25 for Robert Olivarez and 24 for Fred
10 Taylor.

11 MR. ADKINS: Actually, your only -- that would
12 be 49. Since you're not the department commander,
13 there's no charter vote, so you need to -- so it's
14 25. You got to readjust there.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: --

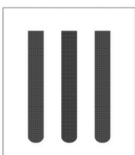
16 MR. ADKINS: Well, he's got 48 total delegate
17 votes. If he was the department commander he would
18 have 49. He just said 25, 24, which is 49. He does
19 not have that.

20 MR. DEBERSIG: It's 24 to 24.

21 MR. ADKINS: I couldn't hear for the --

22 MR. DEBERSIG: 24, Robert Olivarez, and 24 for
23 Fred Taylor.

24 MR. ADKINS: Okay. So we have a split vote. 24
25 for Robert Olivarez and 24 for Fred Taylor. That is



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1 Department of West Virginia. Thank you, sir. All
2 right. We're going to start --

3 MR. HANSON: Did you forget -- did you forget
4 Iowa? You forget Iowa?

5 MR. ADKINS: Iowa? I know I called them.
6 Department of Iowa, Jack.

7 MR. HANSON: The Department of Iowa will cast
8 31 votes for Robert Olivarez.

9 MR. ADKINS: All right. We have 31 votes from
10 the Department of Iowa for Robert Olivarez. All
11 right. We're going to start with Region 3. Region
12 4, please line up. All right. Region 3 commander.

13 MR. RUPP: Region 3 Commander Larry Rupp. I
14 vote for Robert Olivarez.

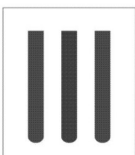
15 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's Region 3
16 Commander. One vote, Robert Olivarez. All right.
17 Department of Alaska.

18 MR. BLAIR: Department of Alaska Commander. 35
19 votes, Robert Olivarez.

20 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Alaska. 35
21 votes, Robert Olivarez. We have the Department of
22 Dakotas.

23 MR. FLIPPO: Bill Flipppo. Department of
24 Dakotas. 20 votes for Robert Olivarez.

25 MR. ADKINS: Can we have the Department of



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1 Idaho?

2 MR. NICKEL: 24 votes, Robert Olivarez.

3 MR. ADKINS: And -- yeah. State your position,
4 please?

5 MR. NICKEL: Senior Vice.

6 MR. ADKINS: And restate the number of votes,
7 sir?

8 MR. NICKEL: 24.

9 MR. ADKINS: Okay. 24 votes for Robert
10 Olivarez.

11 MR. NICKEL: Robert Olivarez.

12 MR. ADKINS: All right. Department of Montana.
13 I know, I -- you're right. That would be a chapter.
14 All right. Department of Oregon?

15 MR. WITTNEBEL: Department of Oregon. 56 votes
16 for Robert Olivarez.

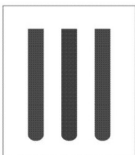
17 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's -- and your
18 name, sir.

19 MR. WITTNEBEL: Keith Wittnebel, Commander.

20 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And we -- so we have 56
21 votes from the Department of Oregon for Robert
22 Olivarez. And we have the Department of Washington.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's online.

24 MS. HORN: Commander Jennifer Horn. Do I have
25 81 votes?



1 MR. ADKINS: You're the department commander,
2 correct?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

4 MS. HORN: Correct.

5 MR. ADKINS: Okay. You actually have 82.

6 MS. HORN: 82 for Robert Olivarez.

7 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, ma'am. And now we have
8 the Department of Wyoming.

9 MR. GASDEK: Barry Gasdek, Commander. Six
10 votes for Olivarez, six votes for Taylor.

11 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Wyoming is
12 split. Six for Robert Olivarez and six for Fred
13 Taylor. I will now start with Region 4. Region 5,
14 please line up. Region 4 Commander.

15 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Region 4 Commander, Frances
16 Figueroa-Lowe. My vote for Robert Olivarez.

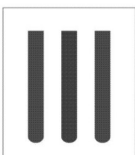
17 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Alabama.

18 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

19 MR. ADKINS: Department of Florida.

20 MR. WERTHEIM: Frank Wertheim, Department
21 Commander. On behalf of the Patriots of the
22 Department of Florida, all 255 votes to Patriot
23 Robert Olivarez.

24 MR. ADKINS: All right. So that is the
25 Department of Florida, 255 votes for Robert



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1 Olivarez. Go to the mic, Patriot -- PNC Taylor.

2 MR. TAYLOR: PNC, Fred Taylor. Point of order.

3 The vote there is incorrect. My chapter, Chapter
4 705, unanimously voted to support me at the
5 convention and pledged their delegates. The
6 department has no authority or auspices under which
7 to overturn that vote. The department commander must
8 vote what the chapter vote committee as to the
9 remainder of of the votes.

10 MR. ADKINS: All right.

11 MR. WERTHEIM: I stand corrected.

12 MR. ADKINS: All right. Patriot Wertheim, you
13 can restate the Department of Florida vote, or you
14 can do --

15 MR. WERTHEIM: Eight -- 18 votes.

16 MR. ADKINS: Oh, okay. Split the vote. 18 --

17 MR. WERTHEIM: 18 to Frederick Taylor. The
18 balance to --

19 MR. ADKINS: You got to state the balance.

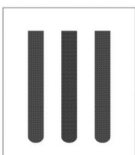
20 MR. WERTHEIM: 237 to Robert Olivarez.

21 MR. ADKINS: Okay. So 207 for Patriot --

22 MR. WERTHEIM: 37.

23 MR. ADKINS: -- and 18 for Patriot -- PNC
24 Taylor.

25 MR. WERTHEIM: PNC Taylor.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Do we have that? Okay. Department
2 of Georgia.

3 MR. WERTHEIM: And I apologize.

4 MR. ADKINS: No problem. It happens.
5 Department of Georgia. Do we have the --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is he online?

7 MR. ADKINS: We'll come back. Remind me.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Allen on there?

9 MR. ADKINS: All right.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He is on. He's on.

11 MR. ADKINS: Okay. I -- can you --

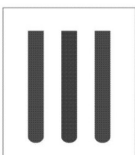
12 MR. GIBSON: Department of Georgia. Junior
13 Vice Commander Gibson. All 126 votes, Robert
14 Olivarez.

15 MR. ADKINS: Okay, sir. You would actually
16 only have 125. You are not the department
17 commander, so you cannot carry the charter vote, so
18 please restate.

19 MR. GIBSON: Department of Georgia. Junior
20 Vice Commander Gibson. All 125 votes for Robert
21 Olivarez.

22 MR. ADKINS: That is the Department of Georgia.
23 125 votes for Robert Olivarez. Department of
24 Mississippi --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hold on.



1 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

2 MR. ADKINS: Department of North Carolina.

3 MR. LAZZARA: Department of North Carolina.

4 Lenny Lazzara. 219 votes for Robert Olivarez.

5 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of North
6 Carolina. 219 votes, Robert Olivarez. Department
7 of Caribbean. I'll get to that. I hadn't
8 forgotten.

9 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

10 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And now the Department of
11 South Carolina.

12 MR. LOPEZ: Carl Lopez, Department Commander,
13 Department of South Carolina. Cast 91 votes for
14 Robert Olivarez.

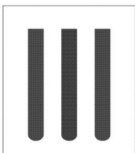
15 MR. ADKINS: That is the Department of South
16 Carolina, 91 votes for Robert Olivarez. Department
17 of Tennessee. Absent.

18 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

19 MR. ADKINS: All right. We're going to start
20 with Region 5. Region 6, please line up. All
21 right. Region Commander 5.

22 MR. WITTSCACK: Region 5 Commander Gus
23 Wittschack. One vote for Robert Olivarez.

24 MR. ADKINS: And we have the Department of
25 Arkansas.



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1 MR. JUNSEE: Tommy Junsee, Sergeant at Arms,
2 Arkansas. 42 votes for Robert Olivarez.

3 MR. ADKINS: You are not the department
4 commander so you would only have 41. Please
5 restate.

6 MR. JUNSEE: 41 votes, Arkansas.

7 MR. ADKINS: For?

8 MR. JUNSEE: Robert Olivarez.

9 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, sir. Go Hogs.
10 Department of Colorado. Is he --

11 MR. DOWDING: Peter Dowding, Department
12 Commander, Department of Colorado. Cast 78 votes
13 for Robert Olivarez.

14 MR. ADKINS: Department of Kansas.

15 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

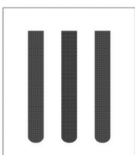
16 MR. ADKINS: Department of Louisiana.

17 MR. SANTINI: Darren Santini, Commander. 75
18 votes, Robert Olivarez.

19 MR. ADKINS: I think that's it. There's 73 on
20 the book. And please restate. It's only 73.

21 MR. SANTINI: They said I had 74.

22 MR. ADKINS: Well you're not -- oh, that's
23 right. You're the Department Commander. I'm still
24 thinking of you as Senior Vice. That's my fault.
25 It is 74 votes, Department of Louisiana, for --



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1 MR. SANTINI: Robert Olivarez.

2 MR. ADKINS: Robert Olivarez. Thank you. My
3 apologies. Department of New Mexico.

4 MR. NEWALL: Department of New Mexico, Roger
5 Newall, Finance Officer. 64 votes to Robert
6 Olivarez.

7 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, sir. Department of
8 Oklahoma.

9 MR. REED: Mitch Reed, Senior Vice Commander of
10 Oklahoma. 55 votes for Robert Olivarez.

11 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Oklahoma. 55
12 votes department -- for Robert Olivarez. Department
13 of Texas.

14 MR. MATTHEWS: Michael Matthews, Commander,
15 Department of Texas. 388 votes for Robert Olivarez.

16 MR. ADKINS: What -- what's your position, sir?

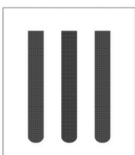
17 MR. MATTHEWS: Commander.

18 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Actually, it is only 387,
19 so please restate.

20 MR. MATTHEWS: You told me it was 387 plus my
21 delegate vote.

22 MR. ADKINS: But that's 386 plus your charter
23 vote.

24 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. All right. Commander
25 Michael Matthews, Department of Texas. 387 votes



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1 for Robert Olivarez.

2 MR. ADKINS: That's Department of Texas. 387,
3 Robert Olivarez. Thank you, sir. And Region 6.

4 MR. C. ANDERSON: Region 6 Commander, Charles
5 Anderson. All votes for Olivarez.

6 MR. ADKINS: Okay. State the number.

7 MR. C. ANDERSON: One.

8 MR. ADKINS: Okay. You said all. I know it's
9 one, but I want it stated. Yeah. Department of
10 California.

11 MS. KELLER: Department of California. 264
12 votes, Robert Olivarez.

13 MR. ADKINS: That's Department of California.
14 260 votes -- four votes, Department -- for Robert
15 Olivarez.

16 MS. KELLER: Yes.

17 MR. ADKINS: Department of Asia Pacific.

18 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

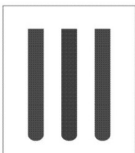
19 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Absent.

20 MR. ADKINS: Department of Hawaii.

21 MR. TANAKA: Hawaii, 36 votes. Robert
22 Olivarez.

23 MR. ADKINS: Actually, sir, you would only have
24 35, so please restate.

25 MR. TANAKA: 35 for Robert Olivarez.



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1 MR. ADKINS: That's Department of Hawaii, 35
2 votes --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hold on. Hold on.

4 MR. ADKINS: -- for Robert Olivarez. Department
5 of Nevada.

6 MR. LEPEILET: Andy LePeilbet, Commander. 41
7 votes, Olivarez.

8 MR. ADKINS: Thank you, sir. And guess who I'm
9 not going to forget this time?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Arizona.

11 MR. ADKINS: Department of Arizona. He's at --
12 he's in region -- Department Commander, Region 6.

13 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, Department Commander,
14 Arizona. We are going 22 votes to Past National
15 Commander Taylor and 71 votes, Robert Olivarez.

16 MR. ADKINS: Okay. So that is Department of
17 Arizona. 22 votes for PNC Taylor and --

18 MR. GRAY: 71 votes for Robert Olivarez.

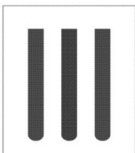
19 MR. ADKINS: -- 71 votes for Robert Olivarez.
20 Thank you, sir. Region 1.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

22 MR. ADKINS: Commander?

23 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

24 MR. ADKINS: All right. Department of
25 Connecticut.



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1 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

2 MR. ADKINS: Department of Delaware.

3 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

4 MR. ADKINS: Department of Massachusetts.

5 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

6 MR. ADKINS: Department of Maryland.

7 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

8 MR. ADKINS: Department of New Jersey.

9 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

10 MR. ADKINS: Department of New York.

11 MR. PRATTS: Department of New York, Commander

12 Pratts. 203 for Robert Olivarez.

13 MR. ADKINS: That would be Department of New

14 York. 203, Robert Olivarez. Department of

15 Pennsylvania.

16 MR. ARNOLD: Department of Pennsylvania. Phil

17 Arnold, Commander. 195 for Robert Olivarez.

18 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of

19 Pennsylvania. 195 for Robert Olivarez. Department

20 of Virginia.

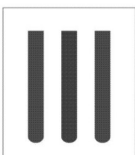
21 MR. KING: Ben King, Department Commander. 150

22 for Robert Olivarez.

23 MR. ADKINS: That will be the Department of

24 Virginia. 150 votes, Robert Olivarez.

25 MR. PRATTS: Adjuvants. What's -- there's no

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1 Department for Massachusetts, for your correction,
2 sir.

3 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Thanks. All right. That's
4 all right. All right. Okay. All right. We'll
5 come to the head table and then I will follow with
6 PNCs. National Commander Carder Ferguson.

7 MR. FERGUSON: National Commander casts one
8 vote for Robert Olivarez.

9 MR. ADKINS: National Senior Vice, Robert
10 Olivarez.

11 MR. OLIVAREZ: I cast one vote for myself.

12 MR. ADKINS: That is Senior Vice Robert
13 Olivarez casting a vote for him --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's not running.

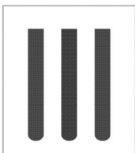
15 MR. ADKINS: Oh, I know that.

16 MR. OLIVAREZ: He's running for Robert
17 Olivarez.

18 MR. ADKINS: There you go. Yeah. Okay. And --

19 MS. BROWN-GREENE: One vote for Robert
20 Olivarez.

21 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That's -- that is Junior
22 Vice Tracy Brown-Greene. One vote, Robert Olivarez.
23 And your vote is for the PNC, correct? Okay, so
24 let's skip that. National Inspector. National
25 Inspector Dave Bellis?



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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. No.

2 MR. ADKINS: I mean Dave Jackson. They're
3 twins.

4 MR. JACKSON: One vote for PNC Taylor.

5 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Patriot Dave Jackson. One
6 vote for PNC Fred Taylor. National Judge Advocate.
7 Is he online?

8 MR. KROPTAVICH: One vote -- one vote for --
9 one vote for Robert Olivarez.

10 MR. ADKINS: That is Walter Kroptavich,
11 National Judge Advocate. One vote, Robert Olivarez.
12 National Sergeant at Arms.

13 MR. WITT: National Sergeant at Arms, Gary
14 Witt. Abstain.

15 MR. ADKINS: Okay. All right. He -- the
16 National Sergeant at Arms, he abstains. Okay. PNC
17 Garcia.

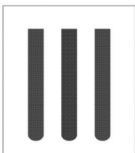
18 MR. GARCIA: PNC Garcia. One vote for PNC
19 Taylor.

20 MR. ADKINS: All right. PNC Garcia. One vote
21 for PNC Fred Taylor. PNC Ron Siebels.

22 MR. SIEBELS: Fred Taylor.

23 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's one vote. Ron
24 Siebels, PNC, for PNC Taylor. PNC Taylor.

25 MR. TAYLOR: PNC Taylor. Taylor.



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1 MR. ADKINS: PNC Taylor. One vote for PNC
2 Taylor. And PNC Rivera.

3 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera. One vote for Robert
4 Olivarez.

5 MR. ADKINS: And that's PNC Ernie Rivera for
6 one vote, Robert Olivarez. Okay. That's it.

7 MR. WALLOT: Finance Committee --

8 MR. ADKINS: Yeah. We're waiting on the tally.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They don't know --

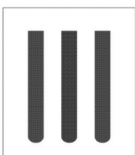
10 MR. LEIGHTON: You still missed some people on
11 the phones.

12 MR. ADKINS: Oh, I'm sorry. National
13 Publications Committee Chair Larry Leighton.

14 MR. LEIGHTON: All the committee members are
15 not going to vote in the general election.

16 MR. ADKINS: That's what I thought. Thank you.
17 Yeah. Yeah. Because -- yeah. We're done. We're
18 done. Just waiting on the tally. Yeah. Go ahead
19 and start lining up for the National Finance Officer
20 vote in the same order. Region 2 followed by three.
21 All right. We have the report from the Credentials
22 Committee for the national commander position.

23 MR. GRAY: All right. Keith Gray, Credentials
24 Committee. We have 106 total votes for Past
25 National Commander Taylor and 3,066 for Senior Vice



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1 Alvarez [sic].

2 MR. ADKINS: Congratulations. Yeah. Please
3 repeat the numbers, sir.

4 MR. GRAY: 106 votes for Past National
5 Commander Taylor. 3,066 votes for Senior Vice
6 Alvarez.

7 MR. ADKINS: Okay.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We got fire.

9 MR. ADKINS: All right. Let's get started. All
10 right. Line it up again. Region 2, followed by
11 three, and once one gets done. Four, please move
12 up. We have the region commander. Remember, for
13 finance officer, it's either Patriot James Anderson
14 or Patriot Ernie Rivera. Region Commander.

15 MR. T. ANDERSON: Region Commander 2, Terry
16 Anderson for Olivarez -- or Anderson.

17 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Screen's -- all right. Come
18 on screen. All right. Department of Iowa.

19 MR. HANSON: Department of Iowa. Jack Hanson
20 casts 31 votes for Ernie Rivera.

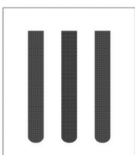
21 MR. ADKINS: Department of Illinois. Terry?

22 MR. T. ANDERSON: Oh, excuse me. Absent.

23 MR. ADKINS: Department of Indiana.

24 MR. MOORMAN: 45 votes for Jim Anderson.

25 MR. ADKINS: That is Tom Moorman. 45 votes for



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1 pro -- Jim Anderson, and this -- Tom Moorman, he's
2 Indiana. All right. Let's see here. Department of
3 Kentucky.

4 MR. SCHALTENBRAND: Commander Steve
5 Schaltenbrand, Department of Kentucky. 63 votes for
6 Ernie Rivera.

7 MR. ADKINS: That's Department of Kentucky. 63
8 votes for Ernie Rivera.

9 MR. SCHALTENBRAND: Yes.

10 MR. ADKINS: Department of Michigan.

11 MR. ALLEN: Department of Michigan. Ron Allen.
12 135 votes for Ernie Rivera.

13 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Michigan.
14 135 for Ernie Rivera. Department of Minnesota.

15 MR. BELLIS: Dave Bellis. Department of
16 Minnesota. 105 for Rivera.

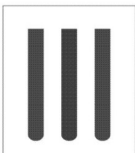
17 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Minnesota,
18 105 votes. Department of Minnesota. Department of
19 Missouri.

20 MR. PELLHUM: Department of Missouri commander
21 Garfield Pellhum. 79 votes for Rivera.

22 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Missouri. 79
23 votes for Patriot Rivera. Department of Nebraska.

24 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

25 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Ohio.



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1 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

2 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Wisconsin.

3 MR. BANDA: Department of Wisconsin. 53 votes
4 for Ernie Rivera.

5 MR. ADKINS: That's Department of Wisconsin. 53
6 for Rivera. Department of West Virginia.

7 MR. DEBERSIG: David Depersig. 48 votes for
8 Rivera.

9 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That is Department of
10 Virginia -- of West Virginia. 48 votes, Rivera.
11 Moving on to Region 3. Region 4, please start
12 lining up. All right. Region commander.

13 MR. RUPP: Larry Rupp. Region 3 Commander.
14 I'll vote for Ernie Rivera.

15 MR. ADKINS: All right. Department of Alaska.
16 Oh, that is Region Commander 3, one vote for Ernie
17 Rivera?

18 MR. RUPP: Correct.

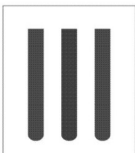
19 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Alaska.

20 MR. BLAIR: Alaska. 35 votes, Rivera.

21 MR. ADKINS: All right. Alaska, 35, Rivera.
22 Department of the Dakotas.

23 MR. FLIPPO: Bill Flipppo, Senior Vice. 20
24 votes, Ernie Rivera.

25 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Dakotas. 20



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1 votes for Ernie Rivera. Department of Idaho.

2 MR. NICKEL: George Nickel, Senior Vice. 24
3 votes, Rivera.

4 MR. ADKINS: Department of Idaho. 24 votes for
5 Rivera. Nope. Skip Montana. Department of Oregon.

6 MR. WITTNEBEL: Keith Wittnebel, Commander,
7 Department of Oregon. 56 votes for Rivera.

8 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's Department of
9 Oregon. 56 votes for Rivera. Department of
10 Washington. Department Commander Horn, I know you're
11 online.

12 MS. HORN: I'm here. Sorry. 82 for Rivera.

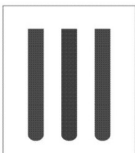
13 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That's Department of
14 Washington. 82 votes for PNC -- or current National
15 Finance Officer Ernie Rivera. Department of
16 Wyoming.

17 MR. GASDEK: Terry Gasdek, Commander. 12
18 votes, Rivera.

19 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That is Department of
20 Wyoming. 12 votes for Rivera. We are now going to
21 Region 4. Region 5, please start lining up. Region
22 4 commander.

23 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Region 4 Commander Frances
24 Figueroa-Lowe. I'll vote for Ernie Rivera.

25 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's Region 4



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1 Commander. One vote, Rivera. Department of
2 Alabama.

3 MR. FERGUSON: Absent.

4 MR. ADKINS: And we have the Department of
5 Florida, our host.

6 MR. WERTHEIM: Craig Wertheim, Department
7 Commander. 255 votes, Rivera.

8 MR. ADKINS: All right. Department of Florida,
9 255 for Rivera. Department of Georgia.

10 MR. GIBSON: Department of Georgia. Junior
11 Vice Commander Gibson. 125 votes, Rivera.

12 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That is Department of
13 Georgia. 125, Rivera. We're going to skip
14 Mississippi. We know they're absent. Department of
15 North Carolina.

16 MR. LAZZARA: Lenny Lazzara, Department of
17 North Carolina. 219 votes, Ernie Rivera.

18 MR. ADKINS: Okay. And we are going to go with
19 Department of South Carolina.

20 MR. LOPEZ: Carl Lopez, Department Commander
21 South Carolina. 91 votes for Ernie Rivera.

22 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That's the Department of
23 South Carolina. 91 votes for Ernie Rivera. And
24 Tennessee and Mississippi are not here. We will now
25 go to Region 5. Region 6, please start lining up.



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1 MR. WITTSCHACK: Gus Wittschack, Region 5
2 Commander. One vote for Jim Anderson.

3 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's Region 5
4 commander. One vote, Anderson. Department of
5 Arkansas.

6 MR. JUNSEE: Tommy Junsee, Sergeant at Arms,
7 Arkansas. 41 votes, Jim Anderson.

8 MR. ADKINS: And it's Department of Arkansas.
9 41, Jim Anderson. Department of Colorado.

10 MR. DOWDING: Peter Dowding, Department of
11 Colorado. 78 votes for Ernie Rivera.

12 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Colorado. 78
13 votes for Rivera. Department of Kansas is absent.
14 We will go to the Department of Louisiana.

15 MR. SANTINI: Senior Vice Commander, Department
16 of Louisiana. 74 votes, Jim Anderson.

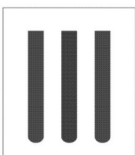
17 MR. ADKINS: All right. That is -- well wait a
18 minute. Where's Patriot Santini?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He went out.

20 MR. ADKINS: Okay. He's -- if he's going to
21 get his charter vote, he's got to come up and cast.
22 He may swallow first.

23 MR. SANTINI: Department of Louisiana, Darren
24 Santini, Commander. 74 votes, Jim Anderson.

25 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's Department of



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1 Louisiana. 74 votes, Anderson. Department of New
2 Mexico.

3 MR. NEWALL: Department of New Mexico, Roger
4 Newall, Finance Officer. 64 votes for Rivera.

5 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of New Mexico.
6 64, Rivera. Department of Oklahoma.

7 MR. REED: Senior Vice Commander Mitch Reed. 55
8 votes for Rivera.

9 MR. BELLIS: Point of order. A finance officer
10 cannot carry the department chapters that are not
11 here, only the Commander, senior or junior can carry
12 it. The finance officer can't carry that.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: --

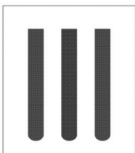
14 MR. BELLIS: There is an exception to that
15 rule, that if the department convention votes to
16 have -- to allow an elected officer, then they can
17 carry the vote, but they have to -- that has to be
18 sent in prior to the convention.

19 MR. ADKINS: Okay. So which department are
20 you --

21 MR. BELLIS: Who had the finance officer
22 reported -- had a vote. You can't vote --

23 MR. ADKINS: I understand it, but do you
24 remember which department that was?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: New Mexico.



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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: New Mexico.

2 MR. ADKINS: New Mexico? I have his letter on
3 file and I -- I've stated that. I also have
4 Arkansas's.

5 MR. BELLIS: Okay. Fine. I didn't hear that.

6 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That's fine. I mean moving
7 on. That's fine, David. At least you challenged
8 him. You know, you're trying to keep it straight and
9 we appreciate it. All right Department of Oklahoma,
10 please restate.

11 MR. REED: Senior Vice Commander Mitch Reed. 55
12 votes for Ernie Rivera.

13 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Department of Oklahoma. 55,
14 Ernie Rivera. Department of Texas.

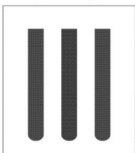
15 MR. MATTHEWS: Department of Texas. Michael
16 Matthews, Commander. 387 for Jim Anderson.

17 MR. ADKINS: And okay, so Department of Texas,
18 387, Jim Anderson. Thank you, sir. Moving on to
19 Region 6.

20 MR. C. ANDERSON: Region 6 Commander Charles
21 Anderson. One vote for Anderson.

22 MR. ADKINS: All right. Department of
23 California.

24 MS. KELLER: Department of California. 260
25 votes for Anderson.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Okay. We know that Guam is
2 absent. We'll skip that. Department of Hawaii.

3 MR. TANAKA: Hawaii. 35 votes, Jim Anderson.

4 MR. ADKINS: That's the Department of Hawaii.
5 35 for Jim Anderson. Department of Nevada.

6 MR. LEPEILET: Department of Nevada. 41 votes,
7 Jim Anderson.

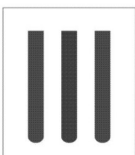
8 MR. ADKINS: Department of Nevada. 41, Jim
9 Anderson. And there is no Utah, so that completes
10 -- oh, Department of Arizona.

11 MR. GRAY: Department of Arizona. Commander
12 Keith Gray. 42 for Jim Anderson, and 51 to Ernie
13 Rivera.

14 MR. ADKINS: So that is 42 for Jim Anderson and
15 51 for Ernie Rivera. That is the Department of
16 Arizona. All right. Coming to the head table. Ready
17 Region 1? I didn't forget you. I know I'm
18 terrible. Who are they again?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm going to have to
20 sneak up and mug him.

21 MR. ADKINS: Yeah. Definitely. It'll be
22 warranted. All right. No region Commander, so
23 we'll just -- and Connecticut's not here.
24 Delaware's not here. Massachusetts' not here.
25 Maryland's not here. New Jersey's not here. So we



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1 will go with the Great State of New York.

2 MR. PRATTS: Thank you, sir. Department of New
3 York, Commander Pratts, 203. Oh, God. It's so
4 annoying.

5 MR. ADKINS: You're right. Do you see what you
6 did to me?

7 MR. PRATTS: Ernie Rivera.

8 MR. ADKINS: All right. So that's Department
9 of New York, 203 for Rivera. All right. Department
10 of Pennsylvania?

11 MR. ARNOLD: Philip Arnold, Commander of
12 Pennsylvania, 195 for Rivera.

13 MR. ADKINS: All right. Department of
14 Pennsylvania, 195 for Patriot Rivera. Department of
15 Virginia.

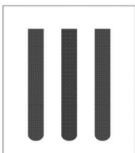
16 MR. KING: Ben King, Department Commander, 150
17 delegates to Ernie Rivera.

18 MR. ADKINS: That is Department of Virginia,
19 150 for Ernie Rivera. All right. National
20 Commander Ferguson.

21 MR. FERGUSON: National Commander Ferguson, one
22 vote Jim Anderson.

23 MR. ADKINS: National Senior Vice.

24 MR. OLIVAREZ: One vote Ernie Rivera, National
25 Senior Vice Robert Olivarez.



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1 MR. ADKINS: That's one vote from Senior Vice
2 Robert Olivarez for Ernie Rivera. National Junior
3 Vice, Tracy Brown-Greene.

4 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Abstain.

5 MR. ADKINS: She abstains. Well, you don't get
6 to vote. So National Inspector.

7 MR. JACKSON: One vote for Jim Anderson.

8 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That is National Inspector
9 Dave Jackson for Jim Anderson. We have the National
10 Judge Advocate. Is he still online?

11 AUDIENCE: He abstained.

12 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Did he abstain?

13 AUDIENCE: Yes.

14 MR. ADKINS: Okay. That is the National Judge
15 Advocate, abstained. National Sergeant at Arms.

16 MR. WITT: Sergeant at Arms Gary. We're going
17 to abstain.

18 MR. ADKINS: Okay. National Sergeant at Arms
19 abstains. That -- PNC Garcia.

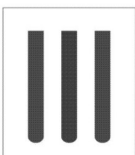
20 MR. GARCIA: PNC Garcia, one vote for Rivera.

21 MR. ADKINS: All right. PNC Garcia, one vote
22 Rivera. PNC Siebels.

23 MR. SIEBELS: One vote for Ernie Rivera.

24 MR. ADKINS: PNC Taylor.

25 MR. T. ANDERSON: PNC Taylor Anderson.



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1 MR. ADKINS: PNC Taylor Anderson and PNC
2 Rivera.

3 MR. RIVERA: Abstain.

4 MR. ADKINS: Abstains. PNC Rivera abstains.
5 That completes the vote. We will -- shall await the
6 tally. And then once that's done, that will
7 complete the National Officers, you know, the
8 headquarters level, and then we will go into Region
9 Commanders.

10 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray for --

11 MR. ADKINS: Yes, sir.

12 MR. GRAY: 932 for Jim Anderson. 2,231 for
13 Ernie Rivera.

14 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Please restate it one more
15 time.

16 MR. GRAY: Absolutely. 932 for Jim Anderson.
17 2,231 for Ernie Rivera.

18 MR. ADKINS: We have a finance officer. All
19 right. We are now going to start with the regions.
20 Well, I guess we -- oh, well, I'm going to wait
21 until he comes up, and then we'll see what's going
22 on. Recognize Patriot Jim Anderson.

23 MR. J. ANDERSON: Jim Anderson. I'd like to
24 congratulate Ernie Rivera.

25 MR. ADKINS: All right. Region command --



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1 these are, you know, the votes for Region Commander.
2 All right. We're going to start with Region 2 with
3 -- these are nominations for Region Commander.

4 AUDIENCE: Are we nominating, or are we voting?

5 MR. ADKINS: Well, they got --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's only one, and
7 that's it.

8 MR. ADKINS: Yeah.

9 MR. BELLIS: Dave Bellis, Department Commander
10 Minnesota, Chief of Staff Region 2. The nomination
11 is for Terry Anderson and vote for Terry Anderson
12 for Region 2 Commander.

13 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Well, if it's the department
14 nominating -- yes, you're nominating. So --

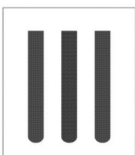
15 MR. BELLIS: It's Terry Anderson nominating
16 Dave Bellis for Region 2.

17 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Any other nominations for
18 Commander Region 2? Any other nominations for
19 Commander Region 2? Any other nominations for
20 Commander Region 2? Hearing none, going to Region 3.

21 MR. SIEBELS: Region 3, PNC Robert Siebels. One
22 unanimous, unopposed vote for Larry Rupp.

23 MR. ADKINS: All right. That's fine. So
24 there's no one opposed?

25 AUDIENCE: Unopposed.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Okay. Yeah. We're still
2 nominating. So are there any other nominations for
3 Commander Region 3? Any other nominations for
4 Commander Region 3? Any other nominations for
5 Commander Region 3? Hearing none. Region 4.

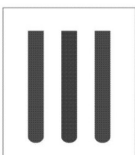
6 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera. I have the
7 distinguished honor to nominate the current
8 Department Commander of Florida Craig Wertheim. He
9 has currently done an outstanding job on this
10 convention, so I think he's going to be a huge asset
11 to Region 4. So I, with honor, nominate him to be
12 the Region Commander.

13 MR. ADKINS: Any other nominations for
14 Commander Region 4? Any other nominations for
15 Commander Region 4? Any other nominations for
16 Commander Region 4? Hearing none. Region 5.

17 MR. GARCIA: PNC Garcia. I nominate Gus
18 Wittschack.

19 MR. ADKINS: All right. Any other nominations?
20 Gus Wittschack, Region 5. Any other nominations for
21 Commander Region 5? Any other nominations for
22 Commander Region 5? Any other nominations Commander
23 Region 5? Hearing none. Region 6.

24 MS. KELLER: Department of California nominates
25 Charles Anderson as Region 6 Commander.



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1 MR. ADKINS: Region 6 nominates Patriot Charles
2 Anderson. Are there any other nominations for
3 Commander Region 6? Are there any other nominations
4 for Commander Region 6? Are there any other
5 nominations for Commander Region 6? Hearing none.
6 And then, what's that region I keep forgetting?
7 Region 1 -- nominations for Commander Region 1.

8 MR. ARNOLD: Philip Arnold Commander
9 Pennsylvania, nominate Charles Eggelston.

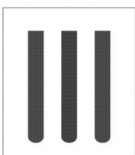
10 MR. ADKINS: All right. We have Charles
11 Eggelston for Commander Region 1. Are there any
12 other nominations? Are there any other nominations
13 for Commander Region 1? Are there any other
14 nominations for Commander Region 1? Hearing none.
15 The nominations are closed. We have all Region
16 Commanders unopposed.

17 MR. GARCIA: National Adjutant, sir, as
18 National Commander Garcia, the boat has been casted
19 already to -- during the last of the national
20 officers, the vote got casted earlier, got all
21 unopposed National Officers would be --

22 MR. ADKINS: That was for these guys.

23 MR. GARCIA: But they're still considered
24 National Officers.

25 MR. ADKINS: I understand that, but it was a



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1 separate vote.

2 MR. GARCIA: I'll -- I made the motion that --
3 didn't cast one vote for the unopposed officers.

4 MR. FERGUSON: We're okay. We can get through
5 this. Give us a couple seconds guys.

6 MR. ADKINS: Chuck Adkins, National Adjutant
7 cast one vote to affirm all unopposed Region
8 Commanders.

9 MR. SMRT: Point of order, procedurally. Smrt,
10 Kentucky. There was a motion. Technically, there
11 should have been a second in order to direct the
12 adjunct. I appreciate his aggressiveness of getting
13 to the floor. Guys, we're tired, we're late, but
14 let's do it right.

15 MR. ADKINS: All right. Is there a second?

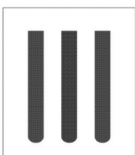
16 MR. SMRT: That -- that's why I rose to second.
17 We needed an official second of the motion.

18 MR. ADKINS: Any discussion?

19 MR. FERGUSON: I'll take care of this. So we
20 have a first. We have a second. Any discussion?
21 Any discussion? All in favor?

22 AUDIENCE: Aye.

23 MR. FERGUSON: All opposed? Any abstains? No.
24 Wait a minute. Any abstains? Move forward. The
25 motion passes.



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1 MR. ADKINS: All right. I thank Patriot Smrt
2 for keeping us on track in doing the right thing.
3 So once again, Chuck Atkins, National Adjutant, I
4 cast one vote to affirm all unopposed Region
5 commanders.

6 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. Congratulations. PNC
7 Taylor?

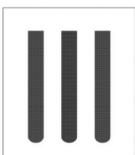
8 MR. TAYLOR: Yes. PNC Taylor. I wanted to
9 congratulate Robert Olivarez personally. We already
10 did it privately, but on the record, I endorsed him,
11 and I want everyone to get behind him. We need to
12 have a good year, so Robert can count on all of us.
13 Thank you, sir.

14 MR. OLIVAREZ: Thank you.

15 MR. FERGUSON: I tell you, give everybody else
16 a round applause. We got through the most important
17 thing that we had to do for the Order here. Thank
18 you all. Are we ready to get out of here?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

20 MR. FERGUSON: No? I got some other people
21 want to stay. Okay. I got you, Mitch. I
22 understand that. So main thing, what we're going to
23 get ready to do is -- actually, I think every
24 rewards have been given out. I can't think of -- am
25 I missing anything? Okay. That's tonight. I just



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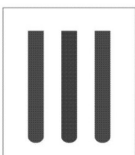
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1 want to make sure I got things -- so let's -- I do
2 think there was an award that's right here. So I'm
3 going to have -- the National Junior Vice has some
4 awards that she wants to give out. Then after that,
5 I know Department of Louisiana has something.

6 MS. BROWN-GREENE: I'm going to make this very,
7 very quick. I'm going to give out some streamers,
8 and I'll let you all go get some water, do some
9 other things. You just want me to use the mic?
10 Okay. So even when using the mic, here we go. I
11 would like -- let me pull you on up. Let's get it
12 on the screen.

13 So Region 4, please step up. Region 4 -- to
14 date, Region 4 has increased our membership 104.
15 I'm getting everybody out of the way faster than
16 not. Okay. Once again, Region 4 has brought in the
17 most members this year. So because Region 4 has
18 brought in the most members, Region 4 will receive a
19 recruiting award. This will go down to the
20 department that received the most, but I'm just
21 giving it to the region today. So on behalf of your
22 department, they gave you 105 to reach this goal.
23 Thank you so much for everything that you do. Okay.
24 Thank you.

25 The next one was Region 5. And as Region 5



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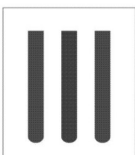
1 comes up, because I didn't tell him that he was
2 getting anything, so he just looked at me like I was
3 crazy. What are you doing? Yes. You are getting a
4 telephone award, if that's what you want to call it.
5 Reason 5 brought in 60 new members. So because I'm
6 in Region 5, my Region 5 Commander would try to give
7 me a hard time. Picture that.

8 Next, I need Region 1. Region 1, could you
9 come up here? One of you from Region 1. I don't
10 care which one of you come up, but one of you please
11 come up. So Region 1 gave us 54 new members.

12 Next, can I get Region 2? Region 2? Region --
13 okay. So Region 2 is not coming up. All right.
14 Region 2 brought us in 47. Oh, there we go. No
15 trumpet this time. So Region 2 brought in 47 new
16 members.

17 All right. Region 6. Region 6, can you come
18 up, please? Region 6 brought us 23 new members this
19 year. Thank you. You brought up -- you gave us 23
20 new members, and we appreciate all your hard work.

21 All right. And last but not least, I need
22 Region 3 to come up, please. So out of everything
23 that we do in so many different ways, we have
24 different departments and regions that do
25 outstanding jobs. So it's not about how many



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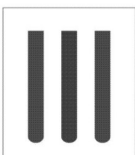
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1 members they bring in, it's about how much they do
2 for the Order. And Region 3 has done more than
3 that. This Commander has worked with different
4 ladies to bring in funds for us. He has done -- has
5 gone above and beyond and because of you going above
6 and beyond, I am presenting you with the Phoenix
7 Award for the year.

8 MR. FERGUSON: So I know the Department of
9 Louisiana -- do you all have something?

10 MR. SANTINI: This is just something that we --
11 Colleen -- so this is a little something that
12 Colleen would like to -- Colleen up here as well.
13 And we have this for Commander Carder Ferguson for
14 doing an outstanding job. It's just a little -- a
15 little something to show our appreciation. And --
16 if you want to step up and take a look at it -- and
17 if you don't mind, those of you have not signed the
18 back of it, I have some Sharpies right here. If you
19 don't mind coming up here and signing the back so
20 that Commander Ferguson can have the honor of
21 knowing who signed and who didn't, who likes him and
22 who didn't. So just something in our -- to show our
23 appreciation for all your hard work and dedication
24 for the Order and what you have done and what you
25 continue to do to make it a better organization for



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1 all of us. Thank you.

2 MR. FERGUSON: This is -- I know many -- as we
3 know through the military, one of the symbols you
4 used to give for leaving is actually you get a flag
5 of your units and things here. So this really does
6 mean a lot. I -- from the heart, I mean, so I -- now
7 I got a "Love you" wall now. I got to put something
8 on there. So now I got to make a bigger spot for
9 it, so -- awesome. Thank you all so much. And
10 remember, it wasn't just me to make this successful,
11 it's everybody in this room. So thank you all very
12 much.

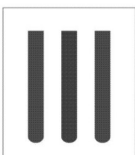
13 So I'd like all the candidates that has been
14 duly elected come up front -- officers -- I'm sorry.
15 All the officers to come up front. Online?

16 MR. LEIGHTON: Commander?

17 MR. FERGUSON: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. We got a
18 question. Yes.

19 MR. LEIGHTON: This is -- this is Larry
20 Leighton. I'd like to make a motion to approve the
21 recommendations for a printed Purple Heart Magazine
22 as presented in the Purple Heart Magazine
23 subscription decision rating included in the 204 --
24 2024 Convention Delegate Book.

25 MR. FERGUSON: So we've got a motion that's on



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1 the floor to approve the publications as the printed
2 magazine that's in the Delegate Book. Do I have a
3 second?

4 MR. T. ANDERSON: Region 2. Terry Anderson.
5 Second.

6 MR. FERGUSON: Have a second. Open for
7 discussion.

8 MR. RIVERA: Page numbers in Delegate Book.

9 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. Definitely. PNC Rivera --
10 Finance Officer Rivera. What's the cost, and has it
11 gone through the Finance Committee? Okay.

12 MR. RIVERA: It's the first that we're hearing
13 about it with a cost factor. There is a cost of it,
14 right, or is it free?

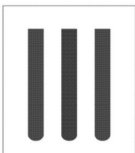
15 MR. FERGUSON: No. It's not free.

16 MR. RIVERA: Okay. So yeah. The --

17 MR. LEIGHTON: That is something --

18 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. I say we table it, so --
19 discussion online? Larry Leighton.

20 MR. LEIGHTON: It is not the first time we've
21 heard about it. The convention got a good look with
22 the outline. How do we -- we propose and see, is a
23 adopt and adapt recommendation, and study what the
24 cost was presented to go forward. But we at least
25 have to have the approval to move forward, or we



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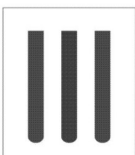
1 won't be developing any costs at all. There are no
2 other options.

3 MR. FERGUSON: Joe, hold on just minute. So in
4 other words, if I'm understanding correctly, this
5 was the survey that was taken by the Publications
6 Committee. They took around 5,000 members to find
7 out how many would want the Purple Heart Magazine in
8 a hard copy edition, how many would go with the
9 online edition. Then he came up with the factors of
10 the numbers, if I remember right, what it was going
11 to cost for that, if the Patriots were willing to
12 pay, I think it was \$35 or \$30 a year, to get the
13 hard copy additions. Am I correct? Larry Leighton?

14 MR. LEIGHTON: We don't know the cost. We
15 don't know the total number of pages. We don't know
16 how it's going to be distributed. The
17 recommendations in the book -- let me pull up the
18 book so I can read it to you. An implementation
19 plan to be fixed in such a way that printing and
20 distribution costs are not incurred prior to
21 collecting subscription payments to cover those
22 losses.

23 MR. FERGUSON: Got you.

24 MR. WALLOT: Chairman National Finance
25 Committee, Dennis Wallot. Until we see some printed



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1 figures down there, there's no way to anticipate a
2 cost to put it into the budget. So I'm going to
3 either ask to either table this until we see some
4 written material. It'd be helpful if he was here,
5 but he's not. So I'd like to make a motion to table
6 this.

7 MR. FERGUSON: All right. We've got a motion.
8 -- did we finish up the other motion before we go --
9 I know it was first, second, we're open to
10 discussion, correct?

11 AUDIENCE: The table takes precedent.

12 MR. FERGUSON: The table does take precedent.
13 I'm making sure I get it correct. Got it. Yes.

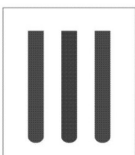
14 MR. SMRT: Seconded. Smrt, Kentucky. Motion
15 -- second to motion to the table.

16 MR. FERGUSON: All right. So we got a first
17 and second to the -- table this motion. Any -- no
18 discussion that's on this? All in favor?

19 AUDIENCE: Aye.

20 MR. FERGUSON: All opposed? Motion carries. We
21 will table this until next time with Finance
22 Committee All right. Now we're going into the next
23 thing. Now we need all the elected officers to come
24 up front.

25 MR. MCINTOSH: Commander, while they're getting



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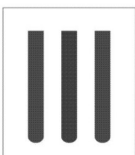
1 ready to get up there and mill around a lot, I have
2 a couple of things as National Historian I'd like to
3 bring forward.

4 MR. FERGUSON: We've got a few minutes.

5 MR. MCINTOSH: Okay. Giving perspective, I
6 came to my first convention in 1985. I was first
7 appointed as National Historian in 1989. And so for
8 36 or 39 years, they come to the convention, I've
9 been able to wear this white hat. So I've seen a
10 lot. And today, when you swear in this group, you
11 will be setting a historical -- you'll see a
12 historical event. The trend of the historical event
13 started last year when we elected Tracy as the
14 Junior Vice, first female. This year, you elected
15 the second female, and she has an accomplishment
16 that none, and I say, none -- going back to 1932,
17 she has accomplished something that none of the
18 commanders have. You know what the question is.
19 Will the Junior Vice tell us how old your child is?

20 MS. BROWN-GREENE: He is three months today.

21 MR. FERGUSON: All right. Thank you. We're
22 going to get ready for the -- I call it -- used to
23 call it the Spit and Swear Act that, but there's no
24 swearing. So please everybody get ready and get
25 ready to get the pictures.



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1 All right. All right. Let's get all dressed up
2 in here. Suck it in. All right. Raise your right
3 hand. Okay. Make sure you got it right. Give her
4 your name and say I and repeat after me. I --

5 AUDIENCE: I --

6 MR. FERGUSON: -- do hereby sovereign promise --

7 AUDIENCE: -- do hereby solemnly promise --

8 MR. FERGUSON: -- that to the best of my
9 ability --

10 AUDIENCE: -- that to the best of my ability --

11 MR. FERGUSON: -- I will faithfully discharge --

12 AUDIENCE: -- I will faithfully discharge --

13 MR. FERGUSON: -- the duties of this office --

14 AUDIENCE: -- the duties of this office --

15 MR. FERGUSON: -- which I hereby assume --

16 AUDIENCE: -- which I hereby assume --

17 MR. FERGUSON: -- according to the
18 constitution --

19 AUDIENCE: -- according to the constitution --

20 MR. FERGUSON: -- bylaws --

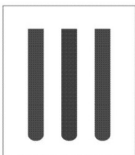
21 AUDIENCE: -- bylaws --

22 MR. FERGUSON: -- regulations --

23 AUDIENCE: -- regulations --

24 MR. FERGUSON: -- rituals --

25 AUDIENCE: -- rituals --



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1 MR. FERGUSON: -- of the Military Order of the
2 Purple Heart USA.

3 AUDIENCE: -- of the Military Order of the
4 Purple Heart USA.

5 MR. FERGUSON: And the bylaws of this Order --

6 AUDIENCE: -- and the bylaws of this Order --

7 MR. FERGUSON: -- I will further promise that
8 I --

9 AUDIENCE: -- I will further promise that I --

10 MR. FERGUSON: -- will relinquish all
11 authorities of my office --

12 AUDIENCE: -- will relinquish all authorities
13 of my office --

14 MR. FERGUSON: -- and the properties --

15 AUDIENCE: -- and the properties --

16 MR. FERGUSON: -- and money --

17 AUDIENCE: -- and money --

18 MR. FERGUSON: -- in my possession --

19 AUDIENCE: -- in my possession --

20 MR. FERGUSON: -- to my successor --

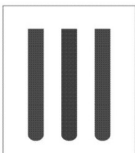
21 AUDIENCE: -- to my successor --

22 MR. FERGUSON: -- when elected or appointed --

23 AUDIENCE: -- when elected or appointed --

24 MR. FERGUSON: -- by the constitution --

25 AUDIENCE: -- by the constitution --



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1 MR. FERGUSON: -- and provisions --

2 AUDIENCE: -- and provisions --

3 MR. FERGUSON: -- of this Order.

4 AUDIENCE: -- "of this Order."

5 MR. FERGUSON: All this --

6 AUDIENCE: All this --

7 MR. FERGUSON: -- I pledge on my honor --

8 AUDIENCE: -- I pledge on my honor --

9 MR. FERGUSON: -- as an active member --

10 AUDIENCE: -- as an active member --

11 MR. FERGUSON: -- of the Military Order of the

12 Purple Heart U.S.A.

13 AUDIENCE: -- of the Military Order of the

14 Purple Heart U.S.A.

15 MR. FERGUSON: Congratulations. You can lower

16 your hands now. Please, everybody, let's give them

17 a round of applause for your next -- hold on. Let

18 them get a picture first before everybody does our

19 congratulations. Now we can go through and give

20 them congratulations.

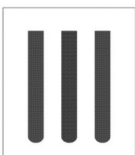
21 MR. ADKINS: Quick announcement. If you did

22 not get a meal, there's still some out there, but

23 they are going to clear them out in five minutes.

24 They have vegetarian and extra regular. Oh, and

25 please do not forget the silent auction.

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1 MR. FERGUSON: As soon as you all get your
2 congratulations, so let's get back to the seats so
3 we can finish up the convention. Okay. If we can
4 get moving because we've got to be out of here
5 within another hour. We've still got a lot of more
6 business to cover.

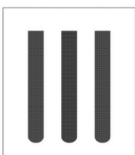
7 Everybody, getting to start, please, taking
8 your seat. Thank you all. Thank you, Patriots.
9 See, the quicker we get this done, if we get out
10 earlier, that's great for us.

11 MR. CANNON: --

12 MR. FERGUSON: Yeah. We -- that's -- that will
13 come up. We've got finance and publication, so
14 we'll get that -- we still haven't finished up the
15 convention yet. Yeah. The convention, then it goes
16 to post-NEC. So before we do much anything, I think
17 we need something from greater above to keep us in
18 line, so, chaplain, would you please come up here?

19 MR. CANNON: Congratulations to all of the ones
20 that were -- I use the term promoted, or -- their
21 new positions and assignments. But as the Commander
22 said, we need to look to that higher being,
23 especially with that that has been visualized and
24 things that we are wanting to accomplish.

25 I believe that we've got great days ahead of



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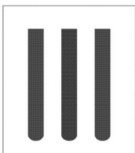
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1 us. I believe that. And we all pull together,
2 camaraderie, and just being who we are, combat-
3 wounded veterans, I believe something good is going
4 to happen. So I'm going to ask a blessing -- a
5 special blessing on the new leaders that have been
6 voted in, and I want you to join me in that, that
7 God's hand will be upon us. Let us pray.

8 Dear Heavenly Father, Lord, you have shown your
9 hand of authority upon us. Yes, there were those
10 that have been voted in their new positions. We
11 know that. But we also know that your hand was upon
12 that. Now we're asking as they assume their new
13 roles and their new tasks, we pray for thy
14 anointing. We ask for strength. We ask for the
15 vision to go forward. Now, keep us and let us not
16 forget that we are all comrades, that we're all
17 together in this thing and as one, the Military
18 Order of the Purple Heart, combat-wounded veterans.
19 Thank you, and God bless each and every one of you.
20 Amen.

21 AUDIENCE: Amen.

22 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. We're going to do a
23 ceremony that's here that's -- everybody have their
24 seat. I'm sorry. We're going to do a little
25 ceremony. Most people will recognize this from the



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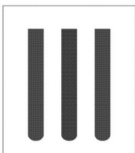
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1 military. Remember, we talked about historic history
2 and passing things on, so I'm going to ask the two
3 sergeant at arms to assist me. Naturally, ask you
4 to -- if you can, kind of explain the part, what's
5 going to go through this.

6 MR. ADKINS: In every military tradition in
7 every unit, when you have a change of command,
8 there's a ceremony where you pass the flag from the
9 old commander to the new commander. And that is
10 what we are going to do today.

11 It will be passed by National Sergeant at Arms,
12 to provide N. Schwartz (phonetic) to the past
13 national commander -- now past National Commander
14 Carder Ferguson, who will then transfer it to the
15 new national commander, Robert Olivarez, who will
16 then in turn pass it to his sergeant at arms, Gary
17 Witt. We shall now pass the colors.

18 MR. FERGUSON: Okay. -- do it one more time.
19 Hey, like I said, we'll have an AAR on that, but
20 it's -- it is important. If anybody's ever been in
21 the military has, and at all the times, seen the
22 change of command, to me, that's our symbolism.
23 That is our flag. That's what we are all about.
24 And it's entrusted through the next national
25 commander, which entrusted to the sergeant at arms



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1 to take care of that. So I think that is awesome.

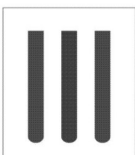
2 Now I want to bring it up for the good of the
3 Order. So we're going to have Keith Gray. Keith's
4 going to come up and bring up a program he wants to
5 talk about.

6 MR. GRAY: Thank you, Past National Commander.
7 Keith Gray, Department Commander, Arizona.

8 MR. ADKINS: Hey, Scott? Scott. Okay. He's
9 working.

10 MR. GRAY: So this is a program. I ended up
11 just running into a representative from the company
12 called LegalShield. All of us need to have some
13 legal protection. Some of you may already have this
14 program, but in Arizona we've kind of adopted it and
15 we are using it. And they're going to partner with
16 us and give us a cut of the subscription to get
17 signed up. We will have our own link. You'll get a
18 discounted rate on top of that, and we'll go through
19 it. Hopefully it'll pop up here in a minute. So
20 they give the presentation way better than I will.
21 The regional VP that we are dealing with is out of
22 Hawaii. I have some information on him that'll pop
23 up.

24 Essentially, just making sure our members are
25 protected. You can use it for anything. As we get



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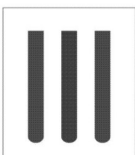
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1 older, we want to make sure our estates are in
2 order, so planning wills. If you get a little heavy
3 on the gut, golf carts around here in Florida that
4 you get a speeding ticket. They'll help you with
5 that. If you get sued, you can definitely reach on
6 to have a lawyer on-call 24/7. You can purchase
7 extra stuff on top of the base plans, like gun owner
8 plans. If you own guns, it's similar to the USCCA
9 protection that's out there, but it's the leading
10 one in the country. It's one of the biggest legal
11 protections that we have.

12 There we go. Okay. There we go. This is our
13 regional, Ben Hellinger (phonetic). He's the
14 regional vice president that is leading the way in
15 helping us and wants to make sure that all patriots
16 are protected, and he -- as a veteran himself.

17 This is their regional headquarters and some of
18 their partners that they partner with out of Ada,
19 Oklahoma. So you might know where that is.

20 Here's a list of some things that they help you
21 with it, and it works out. I actually have an
22 appointment scheduled when I get back for an issue I
23 was dealing with. Myself and past National
24 Commander Ferguson signed up with them and already
25 put into use.



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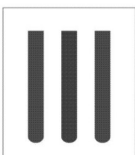
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1 Again, this is some other things that they help
2 you with that just helps you to be legally
3 protected, which is something I feel is big, making
4 sure you're always protected. You just want to
5 protect the assets that you have. And this is an
6 additional protection for yourself to make sure --
7 you know, identity theft. It kind of watches all
8 that, and that's part of the package that we're
9 signing up with. I've already got this done.

10 These are the current group rates. These are
11 not our discounted rates. I was told that it's in
12 the neighborhood of \$5 off for the single and \$7 off
13 for the family. They're still waiting to get us our
14 numbers. They kind of want to see how many of us are
15 going to sign up for it, and then as we pay monthly,
16 we can set up to get a little rebate. That's also
17 going to be a conversation to have with the national
18 leadership to find out how we want to receive that
19 rebate from the company. The other option we can do
20 is we can also sell this program and get a larger
21 rebate. So that's another conversation we'll have
22 and keep you guys informed and get your input on
23 that before making decisions.

24 Again, malicious. Some of the LegalShield,
25 IDShield that you can get protection and additional



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1 coverages. But you also get perks for being a
2 member. So all of these companies you get discounts
3 at just by being a member of LegalShield. That's
4 it. I can try to answer any questions you have, but
5 it's really just kind of scratching the surface with
6 this and more will come to follow.

7 MR. WALLOT: But the Order is going to get a
8 cut of it?

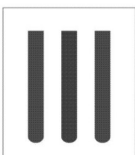
9 MR. GRAY: Correct. The Order or the fund,
10 however it's the most beneficial to set it up,
11 whether it's a small monthly estimated payment, or
12 what -- we're going to fish out those details in the
13 coming days. Thank you.

14 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you, Department Commander
15 Keith Gray. And I will tell you one of the reasons
16 why I signed up for it, I didn't know how this
17 convention was going to go, so I wanted to make sure
18 I had some coverage. So all right.

19 MR. GRAY: You need to talk to a licensed
20 health agent.

21 MR. FERGUSON: I did. Yeah. I need to do that,
22 too. I am correct on that one. So I know we have
23 one more speaker, but I see two at the microphones.
24 So Pennsylvania?

25 MR. SEGWAN: Hi. Mine's a little -- real easy.



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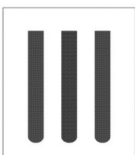
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1 It's a good -- honestly, it's a good news story, but
2 it shows why it's so important for us to have a seat
3 at the table when we're going to different
4 committees and meetings, and conferences all across
5 the nation.

6 Because of the good work of that man in the
7 corner, Phil, and many like him in Pennsylvania, we
8 recently got one of our state benefits actually not
9 going out to the veterans again.

10 To give you the short version of it, what it is
11 is in Pennsylvania, they say that veterans get 100
12 percent of their property tax. You don't have to
13 pay, right? 100 percent. You don't have to worry
14 about it. What it isn't is -- well, now, is they put
15 a monetary amount that you cannot make below a
16 certain point. Okay, somewhat fair. They count our
17 disability against us and our military benefits
18 against us, and that puts it above absolutely anyone
19 that has maybe a job or their wife has a job, or
20 spouse.

21 So because of the great efforts of that man
22 right there and others like him going to all these
23 meetings and pushing it it got back to where that
24 now has been redacted and it's just 100 percent for
25 those who are involved. So he, and people like him,



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1 and all of you who work on the state levels with
2 your state heads, and things on those lines, he just
3 helped thousands of veterans across the state of
4 Pennsylvania. So I just wanted to give him a round
5 of applause.

6 MR. FERGUSON: That's awesome.

7 MR. ARNOLD: Great to be here.

8 THE REPORTER: What was your name, sir?

9 MR. FERGUSON: You don't mind sharing that with
10 the national, so then that way, if we've got any
11 other departments may work on that same issue, that
12 would be something great.

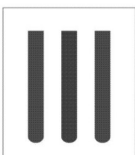
13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please return to the mic
14 and identify your --

15 MR. FERGUSON: Sorry about that. I know he's
16 from Pennsylvania. That's about it.

17 MR. SEGWAN: Shawn Segwan from the Great State
18 of Pennsylvania.

19 MR. FERGUSON: Barry?

20 MR. GASDEK: Barry Gasdek, Commander, Wyoming.
21 I'd just like to thank and give a shout out to PNC
22 Ernie Rivera for training over 350 service dogs. In
23 particular, Tango. He's been my constant companion
24 since '22, December, when my spouse passed away, and
25 actually through the day before Christmas.



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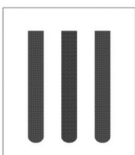
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1 Having both PTSD and TBI, I needed some help.
2 And from that, Tango has been my constant companion
3 since then. He's been my Foxwell buddy and at the
4 church and a church working dog.

5 Tango's been to the National Cemetery in
6 Arlington, the National Cemetery. We attended the
7 Veteran Day's affairs. You get a chance to fly and
8 use a shuttle bus taxi, Uber, learn how to do the
9 escalators, elevators, and we were able to
10 experience and do things that I couldn't do when I
11 was 2 years old. Tango is 2, by the way.

12 Tango is actually a future alpha dog in
13 training. And you probably noticed yesterday, he
14 got a consult by Brody, who -- who is actually his
15 great- grandfather and -- so he just wanted to make
16 sure you knew that you have to -- he wanted to thank
17 all of you for your tolerance, patience, and
18 understanding, and then tell you that any barking is
19 just some doggy stuff. Some -- you might see a
20 pecking order stuff. So Ernie, thanks a lot for all
21 you do for the veterans with a service dog. I think
22 it's a fantastic program. Thank you.

23 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you. Are you good from
24 there, Ben? Are you good from there, or do you want
25 to go up?



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1 MR. KING: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Ben --

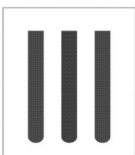
2 MR. FERGUSON: What's your name? So that way --

3 MR. KING: Ben King, Virginia Department
4 Commander. Last year, I mentioned that the
5 Department of Virginia was going to develop, with
6 permission of the Order, an augmented reality Purple
7 Heart. An AR Purple Heart. What this is is a
8 capability that enables us to turn the Purple Heart
9 medal into an augmented reality symbol that can be
10 projected by anyone through their smartphone.

11 Proud to pronounce that Virginia has done the
12 job done. The AR Purple Heart exists. I can show
13 it to you in its current form. And within the next
14 month, it will be in its fullest form, accessible to
15 anyone with the link. That will all be accessible
16 through our Purple Heart Richmond website.

17 So to just repeat what I said last year, we
18 said -- Virginia said we would create the AR Purple
19 Heart with permission of the Order. The Order said
20 okay. And this year, it's been created, and it will
21 be finished in a month, and ready for use by
22 everyone by the end of the summer. So I just wanted
23 to pass that along.

24 MR. FERGUSON: That is an awesome job. He did
25 show me on the phone. So let's give him a round of



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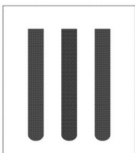
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1 applause. It's a lot of work. Now we're going to
2 give a briefing from the MOPH Fund.

3 MS. BROWN-GREENE: So we at the MOPH Fund would
4 like to show you an opportunity. If you -- well,
5 Pen left yesterday -- this morning. There was a
6 lady out there that's named Pen, and Pen is the
7 pretty much owner of American Dreams Program. This
8 program is set up to if you buy the program, it will
9 cover your house with all of your needs from
10 dishwashers to refrigerators, to anything in your
11 house. You will get an extreme discount instead of
12 just going to Lowe's and Home Depot.

13 For this weekend only -- when I say this
14 weekend only, because my mind is in the weekend.
15 Until Thursday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., we are doing
16 a deal. That means if you buy into this program,
17 which is only \$100. \$50 will go back to your
18 chapter. She is waiving her \$25 fee right now. If
19 you buy at any other time, you will get -- you'll
20 pay \$100, she'll get 25, the Fund will get some, and
21 your chapter will get \$25. But during this
22 convention only, you will get \$50 instead.

23 The program is -- it's a good program. The
24 discounts are real, and it actually works. So if
25 you would like to -- this is the website so you can



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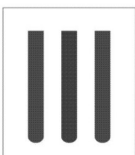
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1 see it in front of you. This is our website for the
2 MOPH Fund, and you can come out here to this
3 ambassador page, and it pops up for you. And you
4 can go down the page and see everything from
5 registration. You'll go down and here is where you
6 can complete the process. And if you just don't
7 want to do that and you decide, oh, well, I'll do a
8 donation, there's a donation page.

9 Here are our partners. If you have somebody
10 who wants to donate a vehicle, they can come on here
11 and follow these steps and donate vehicles. If you
12 buy any of these products, we get it right back.
13 They send us a check when you buy some of these
14 products. Thank you.

15 MR. GRAY: National Junior Vice, about the
16 American Dream Program, it originated in Arizona and
17 then was moved over to the Fund. I have had a
18 patriot in Arizona utilize that program to do some
19 simple remodeling, replacing toilets in the house.
20 And then the three toilets they replaced, they sell
21 -- saved almost double what they paid for the
22 program. So it is beneficial for anybody that has
23 any honey-to-do list. And I know in talking with
24 Pen, she says you take that list and e-mail it over,
25 her staff will do a cost analysis and show you what



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1 it would cost you to run out and do it on your own
2 at Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace, whichever hardware store
3 you use, versus going through her program. So I
4 encourage anyone in the Order nationwide. You got
5 that honey-to-do list, send it to them, let's get it
6 resolved and let's help the Order out at the same
7 time. Thank you.

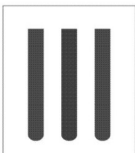
8 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Thank you. Okay. Thank you
9 all.

10 MR. FERGUSON: Roger Newall.

11 MR. NEWALL: Thank you, Commander. Just want
12 to bring the Congress up to date recently with
13 legislative assistance of a friend of ours. New
14 Mexico is a Purple Heart state and we're very proud
15 of that. We have over 3,000 plus living, past and
16 present.

17 The second move with working within the
18 Department of Transportation is to take I-25 from
19 south of Las Cruces, there is -- at beginning, and
20 make that a Purple Heart trail. My hope is that
21 Colorado, Wyoming will pick up on that and we'll
22 have a north, south Purple Heart trail in the
23 nation.

24 MR. FERGUSON: Awesome. Has anybody else got
25 anything for the good of the Order?



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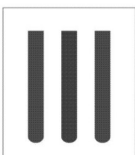
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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Boy, everybody just got
2 quiet, huh?

3 MR. FERGUSON: I like that. So one of the
4 things I wanted to bring back up, I like traditions
5 real quick. So everybody's seen the convention
6 pins. Each year, there's a board that's got the old
7 convention pins and things that's on there. So one
8 of the things that you've noticed, this is the
9 fourth time that Orlando has hosted and been in as
10 the National Convention. But one of the things you
11 all may not have seen, the 65th that was in Tampa in
12 1997. So I have one of the packets up here. So
13 keeping on with the traditions of handing things
14 through here, passing on. Remember that the
15 patriots are probably that held us back, what they
16 were discussing and the things that they were going
17 on, we're still carrying the torch and that's the
18 key of -- we want to pass this on and pass things
19 through here.

20 So I know that's one of the things I remember.
21 Please, and I want to tell you all thank you for
22 everything, but please remember where we're at, what
23 we're doing, and promote the Order. So, then,
24 without further ado, if there's no other business
25 that needs to be conducted for the National



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1 Convention -- yes, Major Hanson.

2 MR. HANSON: Jack Hanson, Department of Iowa.

3 Many of you might not know him, but Doug Middleton
4 has a new home.

5 MR. FERGUSON: So yes. I think if I remember
6 right, from Georgia to Florida. So now -- he wanted
7 to go a little farther south. That's all.

8 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Shall I transfer him now?

9 MR. RIVERA: I'd say transfer him.

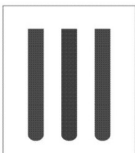
10 MR. JOHNSON: Patriot Jeremy Johnson, Commander
11 of Tampa. I accept Doug Middleton into my chapter.
12 And with the past national commander that has
13 already failed, we're going to figure out what kind
14 of job he can do for us. Thank you.

15 MR. FERGUSON: All right. Got that. So next --

16 MR. JOHNSON: Got to switch his numbers.

17 MR. FERGUSON: Got to switch his numbers. So
18 next, we're going to go into the post-NEC.
19 Remember, in the post-NEC, that's where we're going
20 to turn around and nominate anybody for the finance
21 committee and publications committee. Once that's
22 done, we'll have that election for that.

23 And then after that gets finished with the
24 post-NEC, new national commander officer will be
25 making his marks. We will close that. And



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1 immediately after that will be the finance meeting.
2 And then immediately after that will be the
3 publications meeting and we'll move forward. That's
4 on -- we need to be out of this room -- I keep
5 saying 2:30, but I think we've got a few extra
6 minutes on that, but that's fine. But we also got
7 to tear some of this stuff down here, so getting
8 this out of here, because everything has to be out
9 of this. And I know the national adjutant will give
10 us some more comments. So you've got anything else,
11 National Adjutant? So National Adjutant Adkins.

12 MR. MIDDLETON: Dough -- Doug Middleton,
13 delegate from Georgia. Move to adjourn the 91st
14 National Convention.

15 MR. FERGUSON: I have a motion to adjourn the
16 91st Convention. Do I have a second?

17 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, Department Commander,
18 Arizona. Second that.

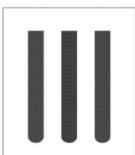
19 MR. FERGUSON: So I have a first and second.
20 Any discussion?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. No.

22 MR. FERGUSON: No discussion. No. No
23 discussion. All in favor?

24 AUDIENCE: Aye.

25 MR. FERGUSON: Any of oppose?



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1 MS. FIGUEROA-LOWE: Yes.

2 MR. FERGUSON: All right. Got to ask the
3 abstain. Any abstain? All right. We've got one
4 abstain. All right. I now declare the 91st
5 National Convention closed.

6 (Meeting concluded at 1:38 p.m. ET)

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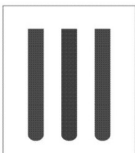
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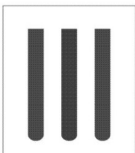
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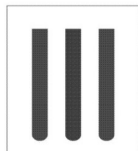
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PROCEEDINGS

MR. ADKINS: Is the Sergeant-At-Arms here?
Please stand. Sergeant-At-Arms.

THE SERGEANT: Please stand. Face the flag.
Salute. Two.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I pledge allegiance --

GROUP: -- to the flag of the United States of
America and to the republic for which it stands, one
nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.

MR. ADKINS: PNC Rivera.

MR. RIVERA: National Finance Officer. Ernie
Rivera. National Commander, I make a request that
you reappoint Jim Anderson as the Deputy National
Finance Officer for this coming year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: Take it under
advisement.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: --

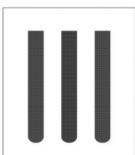
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: Yeah, just a
recommendation.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 4: -- accept.

MR. OLIVAREZ: Patriot Anderson, do you accept?

MR. ANDERSON: Jim Anderson. Yes.

MR. OLIVAREZ: I -- I appoint Jim Anderson as
deputy finance officer for the 2024, 2025 year.



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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Thank you.

2 MR. OLIVAREZ: So -- so I have a -- an adjutant
3 to appoint. There's Keith Gray out of Arizona.

4 MR. GRAY: I accept.

5 MR. OLIVAREZ: We can make your appointments
6 first and then roll call. Americanism, Ed Abbey.

7 MR. ABBEY: Accept.

8 MR. OLIVAREZ: Chaplain, Carlton Cannon.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And he's not in here.

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: But he did walk up to him and
11 said continue. Chief Information Officer, Kevin
12 Bucek.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not present.

14 MR. OLIVAREZ: Historian, Nick McIntosh.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: He's not here.

16 MR. OLIVAREZ: Purple Heart reunited, is that
17 Zachariah Fike, but he said to continue, I spoke
18 with him. POW/MIA would be Joe Tormala. He did
19 request that, said he would keep. Social media
20 director would be Beth Bucek. Suicide awareness, I
21 have two patriots that did mention they would want
22 to take that position, so I have to confirm with
23 them, once again. Surgeon, we have Robert Bibeau,
24 and VAVS would be Chuck Adkins. We still have empty
25 positions for Gold Star, Legislative, and Public



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1 Relations.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who do you have --

3 MR. OLIVAREZ: Was going to talk with Ed, but I
4 had something for you that I wanted to change with
5 their DC. Okay. Moving on. Open for discussion.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 4: --

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: What was that? Oh, sorry,
8 skipped youth services.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 4: I accept.

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: Yeah. So I do a NEC roll call
11 vote for appointment of my National Adjutant.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have one online.

13 MR. OLIVAREZ: Is that --

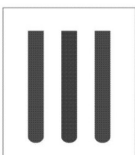
14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Kevin [sic] Gray is
15 not here --

16 MR. LEIGHTON: This is Larry Leighton, and I
17 make a motion that we approve the nomination of
18 Keith Gray as the National Adjutant.

19 MR. RIVERA: National Finance Officer Rivera. I
20 second that motion.

21 MR. OLIVAREZ: If you're an NEC member and in
22 favor of this appointment, please stand or raise
23 your hand. All those opposed? Any abstentions?
24 No? Passes. Congratulations. --

25 MR. ADKINS: That's a quorum.



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1 UNIDENTITIFED SPEAKER: That's a quorum.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Quorum. We have a
3 quorum. Yeah, we have quorum.

4 MR. ADKINS: Quorum is 27.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 5: It's only 51 percent --

6 MR. OLIVAREZ: Okay. So all here at all
7 appointments, can you come up here so we can swear
8 you in? All that are appointed for this year,
9 please come up so we can swear you in? You will
10 raise your right hand and give your name when you
11 say aye and repeat after me. I do solemnly
12 promise --

13 GROUP: Do solemnly promise --

14 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- that to do the best of my
15 ability --

16 GROUP: -- to do the best of my ability.

17 MR. OLIVAREZ: I will faithfully discharge --

18 GROUP: I will faithfully discharge --

19 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- the duties of the office --

20 GROUP: -- the duties of the office --

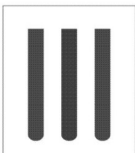
21 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- for which I hereby assume --

22 GROUP: -- for which I hereby assume --

23 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- according to the

24 constitution --

25 GROUP: -- according to the constitution --



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1 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- and bylaws, regulations, and
2 rituals --

3 GROUP: -- and bylaws, regulations, and
4 rituals --

5 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- of the Military Order of the
6 Purple Heart of the USA.

7 GROUP: -- of the Military Order of the Purple
8 Heart of the USA.

9 MR. OLIVAREZ: And the bylaws of this order --

10 GROUP: And the bylaws of this order --

11 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- I further promise that I will
12 relinquish --

13 GROUP: -- I further promise that I will
14 relinquish --

15 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- all authority of my office --

16 GROUP: -- all authority of my office --

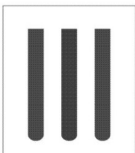
17 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- and all property and monies
18 in my possession --

19 GROUP: -- and all properties and monies in my
20 possession --

21 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- to my successor when elected
22 or appointed.

23 GROUP: -- to my successor when elected or
24 appointed.

25 MR. OLIVAREZ: By the constitutional provisions



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1 of the order --

2 GROUP: By the constitutional provisions of the
3 order --

4 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- all this I pledge on my
5 honor --

6 GROUP: -- all this I pledge on my honor --

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- as an active member --

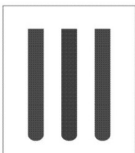
8 GROUP: -- as an active member --

9 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- of the Military Order of the
10 Purple Heart of the USA.

11 GROUP: -- of the Military Order of the Purple
12 Heart of the USA.

13 MR. OLIVAREZ: Congratulations.

14 MR. MCINTOSH: Nick McIntosh, historian. Jeremy
15 Johnson, who has been our doorkeeper back there has
16 done a fantastic job, and he just came up and gave
17 to some people in Pennsylvania something that he
18 found that he wanted to return. What he wanted to
19 return was this, and the other one -- and this --
20 that World War II veteran got. What it is, this is
21 a medal that was made either in late 1944 or early
22 1945. And he was able to get this, and he was going
23 to take it and put it back where the kid got -- it
24 came from, which was Pennsylvania. And the rest of
25 the details, when I submitted an article for the



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1 magazine.

2 MR. OLIVAREZ: Any other business? No? We are
3 closing --

4 MR. MIDDLETON: -- you have elections.

5 MR. ADKINS: Yeah, we got to do --

6 MR. MIDDLETON: You have elect --

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: What's that? Elections. Okay.

8 For that --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Publications and --

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: Financing. All right, we still
11 got elections for publications and finance. Two for
12 finance, right?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, we have one on
14 finance.

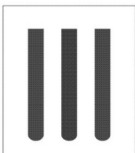
15 MR. OLIVAREZ: One? Okay. Oh that's right.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: There's only one
17 position on finance.

18 MR. OLIVAREZ: Oh that's right. They go --

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: I would just go
20 publications --

21 MR. OLIVAREZ: Starting with publications, we
22 have two openings for publications. I believe it
23 would be a one year and two year. Do we have
24 anybody who'd like to be on the publications team?
25 Anyone for publications? Okay. Anybody for the one



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1 year on publications?

2 MR. LEIGHTON: Commander, point of order?

3 MR. OLIVAREZ: Go ahead.

4 MR. LEIGHTON: If Alan and I were elected for
5 the three- and four-year last year, we move up, so
6 we'll now be the four year and the one year are
7 open.

8 MR. OLIVAREZ: So the one year and the four
9 year are currently open. Anyone for the one year?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nope. Jo Keller.

11 MR. OLIVAREZ: Anybody for the four-year
12 position on publications? Anyone for the four year?
13 As I said, I close the one and four year for the
14 publications.

15 MR. LEIGHTON: Were there any nominations? I
16 didn't hear it.

17 MR. OLIVAREZ: There were no nominations.

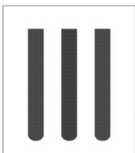
18 MR. LEIGHTON: Thank you.

19 MR. OLIVAREZ: Hold on, re-opening. Okay. Re-
20 opening. Go ahead.

21 MS. KELLER: Jo Keller for the one year.

22 MR. OLIVAREZ: For publication? So I have Jo
23 Keller at Region 6 for one year? Jo. Yeah. Yes.

24 MR. RIVERA: I nominate -- I nominate -- I
25 nominate Jo Keller for the one year publications.



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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What -- what's your
2 name, sir?

3 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera.

4 MR. GARCIA: Commander, PNC Garcia. Same.
5 Second.

6 MR. OLIVAREZ: Second. For first and second
7 for Jo Keller.

8 MR. MIDDLETON: We don't need a second on a
9 nomination. We don't need a nominate -- We don't
10 need a second on a nomination.

11 MR. OLIVAREZ: All right. Any other
12 nominations for one year? Any other nominations for
13 one year? Any other nominations for one year? One
14 year closed. Congratulations, Jo Keller, you ran
15 unopposed, so you are now the one year on
16 publications. Come to the mic.

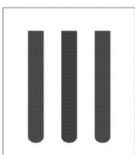
17 MR. MCINTOSH: I make a motion that any
18 unopposed office that the National Adjutant be
19 directed to cast one unanimous vote.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we get a second?

21 MR. RIVERA: I second. PNC Rivera. Second.

22 MR. GARCIA: PNC Garcia, seconds that.

23 MR. GRAY: Thank you. National Adjutant, Keith
24 Gray, the vote, then approve Jo as the one year for
25 the publications committee.



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1 MR. ADKINS: From the floor?

2 MR. GRAY: I cast my vote for Jo for the
3 publications committee, one year.

4 MR. ADKINS: Amen.

5 MR. GRAY: Congratulations, Jo.

6 MS. KELLER: Thank you, Commander.

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: Any nominations for four year
8 for publications? Any nominations for four year for
9 publications? Any nominations for four year for
10 publications? Anything on -- anyone online, Pat?

11 MR. WILBURN: No --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- with great benefits.

13 MR. OLIVAREZ: With no nominations, we are
14 closing for the four year on publications. Our
15 finance committee, which ones are open?

16 MR. MIDDLETON: One four year.

17 MR. WALLOT: One four year?

18 MR. MIDDLETON: Paul is a four year, so --

19 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

20 MR. MIDDLETON: Craig is now three. No.
21 Craig's off now.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Craig's off.

23 MR. WALLOT: Why is he off?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, because --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: -- he's still --



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1 MR. OLIVAREZ: Gentlemen, the discussion still
2 needed to be recorded for the record.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: Yeah, four year.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's --

5 MR. GARCIA: PNC Garcia nominates Paul Pickart
6 for the four years.

7 MR. PICKART: I accept.

8 MR. MCINTOSH: Nick McIntosh, historian. I
9 think the question that they were trying to discuss,
10 could you have a regional commander on the NEC. A
11 few years ago, that question came up when Charles
12 Eggelston was on the publications committee and
13 became the region commander, we did a deep dive
14 research and it can -- it can happen, so you can be
15 on the committee and the regional commander.

16 MR. OLIVAREZ: Okay. PNC?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, we don't have any.

18 MR. ADKINS: Oh, Jack Capper (phonetic).

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: We don't have --

20 MR. ADKINS: Yep, we got it.

21 MR. FERGUSON: I got to make sure I say this.
22 Past national commander Ferguson. Wow. First time
23 to say PNC. First time to say something like that.
24 Past National Adjutant, can you pull up that e-mail
25 from Jack Capper? The reason why I'm bringing this



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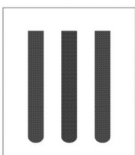
1 up, so, yes, that was a decision that what the
2 McIntosh was bringing up. But it was also signed
3 back as Jack Capper who was the judge applicant that
4 passed away. He had turned around and made the
5 decision on that that you cannot hold a national
6 offices that is elected. That -- that's on that and
7 also have another one. The only way he said that
8 that's supposed to be -- now I want him to read the
9 e-mail correctly. But that was one of the things
10 because I know this was asking me earlier. So we
11 did some research with the judge advocate and the --
12 and going back through the e-mails. No, I -- I'm
13 just telling you what was on the e-mail. I don't
14 need to say he can't -- he's wrong. Let him look at
15 the e-mail.

16 MR. EGCELSTON: Charles Egcelston, Region 1
17 committee. A judge advocate can't make that
18 decision. He can't.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's not making the
20 decision. He's making a recommendation.

21 MR. EGCELSTON: He can't even make that
22 decision because you made it sound like a decision.
23 And one is it -- yeah. I know. And he was wrong,
24 because we did.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You can't take -- it



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1 doesn't set precedent.

2 MR. MCINTOSH: The judge -- he said that the
3 judge advocate made a decision.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He made a
5 recommendation.

6 MR. MCINTOSH: No. He --

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: Gentlemen. Courtesies need to
8 be extended. One speaker at a time. Please
9 identify yourself.

10 MR. MCINTOSH: McIntosh, National historian. I
11 heard him say that judge -- judge advocate made a
12 decision. He cannot make a decision. He only
13 advises the commander. So since the commander
14 didn't do anything, it stands that he can still be
15 on the publications committee and be a region
16 commander because the judge -- the judge advocate
17 has no authority to make that decision. And nothing
18 is done about his comment.

19 MR. LEIGHTON: Commander Larry Leighton.

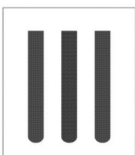
20 GROUP: Go ahead, Larry.

21 MR. OLIVAREZ: Go ahead, Larry.

22 MR. ADKINS: Go ahead, Larry.

23 MR. LEIGHTON: Yeah, this is Larry Leighton.

24 The command the request to the judge advocate was in
25 his opinion is a committee member a -- as an elected



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1 committee member considered a national officer. His
2 opinion was yes. And because if his opinion said
3 that the committee men were national officers, they
4 cannot hold two national positions.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: -- asked.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEARK 2: Yeah, were they --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: One was a PNC.

8 MR. FERGUSON: Request permission to speak,
9 Past National Commander Ferguson, second time?

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: The request is for the PNC to
11 have a second time. All in favor?

12 GROUP: Yeah.

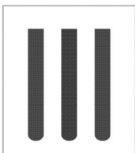
13 MR. OLIVAREZ: Opposed? Go ahead, PNC.

14 MR. FERGUSON: This is PNC Ferguson. Yes. I
15 may have misspoken saying that's why I was asking
16 for the Past National Adjutant to read the e-mail,
17 so all times that he made a decision, so it was a
18 recommendation. And like I said now, he read the e-
19 mail and it's in his opinion.

20 MR. OLIVAREZ: Dennis, was it -- Dennis, was it
21 one year or four year that's open?

22 MR. WALLOT: Four year.

23 MR. MCINTOSH: Commander, Nick McIntosh. He --
24 okay. He corrected. He made an opinion. He gave
25 the opinion to the commander. The commander did not



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1 take any action that Charles remained on both the
2 publications committee as Region 1 commander, so
3 that is the decision the commander made because he
4 did not stop it from happening. He did not take the
5 opinion of the judge advocate and act on it.

6 MR. OLIVAREZ: No -- noted.

7 MR. MCINTOSH: Thank you.

8 MR. OLIVAREZ: Moving on for four year for the
9 finance committee. We had Paul Pickart who was
10 nominated. Any other nominations?

11 MR. WERTHEIM: Craig Wertheim, Region 4
12 commander. I second the nomination.

13 MR. OLIVAREZ: Any other nominations?

14 MR. LEIGHTON: This is for the four year
15 position.

16 MR. OLIVAREZ: Four years.

17 MR. LEIGHTON: Four years. Okay.

18 MR. OLIVAREZ: Any other nominations for four
19 years?

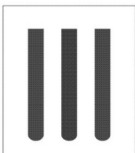
20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No --

21 MR. OLIVAREZ: Okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three times.

23 MR. OLIVAREZ: That was three times. Okay.

24 MR. RIVERA: Being only one nomination, I make
25 a motion that the National Adjutant counts one vote



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1 for Paul Pickart to the four-year NEC National
2 Finance Committee position.

3 MR. GARCIA: I second. PNC Garcia seconds
4 that.

5 MR. GRAY: Keith Gray, National Adjutant, casts
6 one vote for Paul Pickart for the four-year position
7 on the National Finance Committee.

8 MR. OLIVAREZ: All in favor for Paul Pickart?

9 GROUP: Aye.

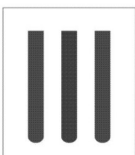
10 MR. OLIVAREZ: All opposed? Any exceptions?
11 Congratulations, for four year. That was the only
12 one, right? All -- all positions are taken care of
13 for finance. What's that? Anything for the good of
14 the order? Anyone have anything for good of the
15 order? Anyone have anything good of the order? No.
16 All right. With that, we'll be closing the posts as
17 seen and then I will ask if anybody can help us
18 break down.

19 MR. MIDDLETON: You need to swear those -- him
20 in.

21 MR. OLIVAREZ: Oh, swear.

22 MR. MIDDLETON: And we have the finance
23 committee meeting --

24 MR. OLIVAREZ: What's that? Yeah. So can the
25 one year and the four year -- one year for



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1 publications and four year for finance please come
2 to the front?

3 MS. BROWN-GREENE: And get up here and face the
4 audience and we're going to swear you in. Yes, you
5 have to -- okay. Now, get up. All right.

6 MR. OLIVAREZ: Raise your right hand. Give
7 your name when I say I and repeat after me. I --

8 GROUP: I --

9 MS. HEATHER: Heather --

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- do hereby solemnly promise --

11 GROUP: -- do hereby solemnly promise --

12 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- have, to the best of my
13 ability --

14 GROUP: -- have, to the best of my ability --

15 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- I will faithfully
16 discharge ---

17 GROUP: I will faithfully discharge --

18 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- the duties of my office --

19 GROUP: -- the duties of my office --

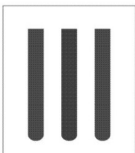
20 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- which I hereby assume --

21 GROUP: -- which I hereby assume --

22 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- according to the
23 constitution --

24 GROUP: -- according to the constitution --

25 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- bylaws, regulations, and



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1 rituals --

2 GROUP: -- bylaws, regulations, and rituals --

3 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- of the Military Order of the

4 Purple Heart of the USA --

5 GROUP: -- of the Military Order of the Purple

6 Heart of the USA --

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- and the bylaws of this order.

8 GROUP: -- and the bylaws of this order.

9 MR. OLIVAREZ: I further promise that I will

10 relinquish --

11 GROUP: I further promise that I will

12 relinquish --

13 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- all authority of my office --

14 GROUP: -- all authority of my office --

15 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- and all properties and monies

16 in my position -- possession --

17 GROUP: -- and all properties and monies in my

18 possession --

19 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- to my successor when elected

20 or appointed --

21 GROUP: -- to my successor when elected or

22 appointed --

23 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- by the constitutional

24 provisions of the order.

25 GROUP: -- by the constitutional provisions of



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1 the order.

2 MR. OLIVAREZ: All this I pledge on my honor --

3 GROUP: All this I pledge on my honor --

4 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- as an active member --

5 GROUP: -- as an active member --

6 MR. OLIVAREZ: -- of the Military Order of the
7 Purple Heart of the USA.

8 GROUP: -- of the Military Order of the Purple
9 Heart of the USA.

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: Congratulations.

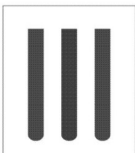
11 MR. ADKINS: Mr. Chuck Adkins, Past National
12 Adjutant. In Article 15, Section 2, Elected
13 Officers, Paragraph A says, "No person shall hold
14 more than one elected office in the national
15 organization or to a department." Now, the National
16 Judge Advocate opined that, you know, positions in
17 question were in fact national officer position, so
18 therefore they cannot hold more than one elected
19 office.

20 I kind of agree with Patriot McIntosh that the
21 commander at that time did not take action, but
22 that's in the past. The decision now would be his.

23 MR. WALLOT: Commander?

24 MR. OLIVAREZ: Yes, sir.

25 MR. WALLOT: Way back when we were going to buy



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1 the white house in Oklahoma City, I also had the
2 same position. I was going to sign the real estate
3 documents to buy that building. And I was told by
4 an attorney out there that I was not a national
5 officer and my signature on that, I was just the
6 head of a committee member. So therefore, being on
7 the committee is, according to that attorney, at
8 that time, I was not a national officer.

9 THE REPORTER: If you guys are making comments,
10 please make sure to say them into the microphone
11 with an introduction of who you are so I can keep a
12 clean record. Thank you.

13 MR. WALLOT: Dennis Wallot.

14 THE REPORTER: You're good.

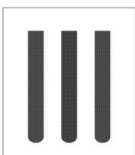
15 MR. ADKINS: Chuck Adkins, Past National
16 Adjutant. The current bylaws say that he is.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

18 MR. OLIVAREZ: Mr. Rivera?

19 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera. National Commander
20 Olivarez, what if -- you're the national commander
21 so you have received the information. It -- it's --
22 it's your call to make. And I think that's where
23 the most important part of it is for you to make a
24 decision on this, sir.

25 MR. OLIVAREZ: So National Commander -- the way



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1 I see it is that he is a committee member, not the
2 chair, so I'll elect to keep him in the position to
3 keep moving forward and will direct a bylaws.
4 Patriot Anderson.

5 MR. ANDERSON: Commander, Jim Anderson. In the
6 NEC, since we have a region commander, that is also
7 on the finance committee, he would actually be
8 entitled to two votes. One as a region commander
9 and one as a finance in the NEC.

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: They do not get to pick or
11 choose which one they want to do it.

12 MR. ANDERSON: Well, yeah. But see, that's
13 where the conflict comes in.

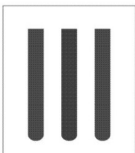
14 MR. OLIVAREZ: He voted as a department
15 commander, even when he was on the finance
16 committee. He did not have two votes.

17 MR. ADKINS: He gets one vote.

18 MR. OLIVAREZ: He had one vote. He had to pick
19 who he was going to represent, and he chose to
20 represent this department, not the finance
21 committee.

22 MR. ADKINS: You're correct.

23 MR. OLIVAREZ: If we want to change it in the
24 future, we will have a bylaws committee review this
25 and make the correct changes this way, so we don't



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1 fall into the same problem again. And I will
2 direct --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bylaws changes today.

4 MR. ADKINS: The bylaws -- Chuck Adkins, Past
5 National Adjutant. The bylaws say no one shall have
6 more than one vote, regardless of how many positions
7 they hold.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're right.

9 MR. ADKINS: And that's why I always ask here,
10 in what position shall you be voting in because no
11 one -- and this was put in during the '17 -- '16,
12 '17 rewrite that no position, no individuals have
13 more than one vote, regardless of position.

14 MR. EGCELSTON: Charles Egcelston, Region 1,
15 commander. You're absolutely right, adjutant. Or
16 past adjutant. That is the -- that is the order.

17 MR. OLIVAREZ: Patriot McIntosh.

18 MR. MCINTOSH: Take it back.

19 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Hold it down. Hold it down.

20 MR. OLIVAREZ: Let's keep it down.

21 MR. MCINTOSH: That is -- that particular bylaw
22 means that he cannot vote in both positions. He has
23 to choose.

24 MR. OLIVAREZ: Correct. As he did earlier
25 today.



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1 MR. SIEBELS: I did.

2 MR. OLIVAREZ: Are we done? PNC Siebels.

3 MR. SIEBELS: PNC Siebels. Let's be careful
4 what we do here. We got to go by the bylaws. I
5 don't want to invalidate this whole NEC meeting.

6 MR. ANDERSON: Region 2 Commander Terry
7 Anderson. I chose to vote the way I did without
8 going to the fund. I was aware of the option. I
9 could vote either way, but I chose to stay where I
10 was.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As procedure.

12 MR. ANDERSON: I'm a national officer, I could
13 vote --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Right.

15 MR. OLIVAREZ: We'll have to -- operations.
16 Make sure it's taken care of. Thank you. All
17 right. With that being said, we're going to close
18 this Post NEC and move on to the National Finance.

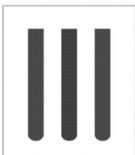
19 MR. SMRT: Motion to close the NEC.

20 MR. OLIVAREZ: We have a motion on the floor to
21 close the NEC.

22 MR. SMRT: Smrt, Kentucky.

23 MR. MIDDLETON: You're not a member, are you --
24 Smrt?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that's senior vice



1 commander of the department. --

2 MR. SCHALTENBRAND: Commander Steven
3 Schaltenbrand, Department of Kentucky. Move to
4 close this meeting.

5 MR. RIVERA: PNC Rivera, member of the NEC. I
6 second the motion.

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: We have first and second. All
8 in favor, say aye.

9 GROUP: Aye.

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: All opposed? Meeting closed.

11 (Meeting concluded at 2:22 p.m. ET)

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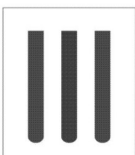
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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MR. OLIVAREZ: National Commander Robert
3 Olivarez at the finance meeting. Going over the
4 2024, 2025 budget -- the recommended budget. Sorry.

5 MR. WALLOT: Wrong start. First you have the
6 Finance Committee, then you have to elect a
7 chairman.

8 MR. OLIVAREZ: Sure. So this is the Finance
9 Committee. Now we are going to elect our chairman
10 for the Finance Committee.

11 MR. WALLOT: Someone has to nominate somebody.

12 MR. WERTHEIM: I make a motion to elect Dennis
13 Wallot as the chairman of the 2024, '25 Finance
14 Committee for The Military Order of the Purple
15 Heart.

16 MR. PICKART: Paul Pickart. I second the
17 motion.

18 MR. RIVERA: Do you accept, sir?

19 MR. WALLOT: I accept.

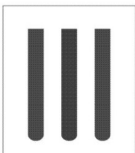
20 MR. LEIGHTON: Move to second. All those in
21 favor?

22 MR. OLIVAREZ: All those in favor?

23 THE GROUP: Aye.

24 MR. WALLOT: Okay. Only the five members of --

25 MR. WERTHEIM: This is Craig Wertheim, District



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1 of Florida Commander. Made the motion.

2 MR. WALLOT: Now your job is done, and my job
3 is starting. I -- did Tim send in a letter that
4 said he wanted to be on the committee?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He did.

6 (A recess was taken.)

7 MR. WALLOT: It's usually -- I'll accept the
8 position if nominated. Nobody nominated --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nobody even nominated
10 him.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good point of order.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- all nominations you
13 may implore.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There was no
15 nomination.

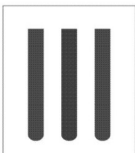
16 MR. WALLOT: Thank you.

17 MR. ADKINS: Yeah. There was no nomination.

18 MR. WALLOT: Okay, team. Here's the agenda for
19 this meeting. We should have had this in the book.
20 It wasn't in there, so I just made up one. This is
21 what we follow. Ladies -- lady -- where did my lady
22 go?

23 MS. BROWN-GREENE: She's coming right back.

24 MR. WALLOT: Right. Hand that to Francis once
25 she gets here. As you can see, we have a roll call.



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1 Chairman, we need to call the order. We did that.
2 Pledge. This is what we usually do when we get
3 fancy, and we have the time. How much time do we
4 have for this meeting?

5 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Like four minutes.

6 MR. WALLOT: Four minutes. Okay.

7 MR. RIVERA: No. We have 29 minutes.

8 MR. WALLOT: 29 minutes?

9 MR. RIVERA: Uh-huh.

10 MS. BROWN-GREENE: He told me it was six
11 minutes --

12 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

13 MS. BROWN-GREENE: -- before I walked out here.

14 MR. WALLOT: This is --

15 MR. RIVERA: Well, it's --

16 MR. WALLOT: -- the official agenda.

17 MR. RIVERA: -- until 3:00.

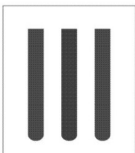
18 MR. WALLOT: Usually that's how it's been in
19 the past. National Adjutant, would you do the roll
20 call, please? Do you know the officers or the
21 committee members' names?

22 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Chair Wallot?

23 MR. WALLOT: Here.

24 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Member Wertheim?

25 MR. WERTHEIM: Here.



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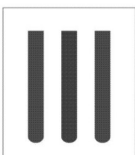
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1 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Member Anderson?
2 MR. J. ANDERSON: Here.
3 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Member Pickart?
4 MR. PICKART: Here, sir.
5 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Member Figueroa?
6 MS. FIGUEROA: Here.
7 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Member Greene?
8 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Present.
9 MR. K. GRAY: Committee Member Rivera?
10 MR. RIVERA: Present.
11 MR. K. GRAY: And Committee Member Olivarez?
12 MR. OLIVAREZ: Present.
13 MR. K. GRAY: And National Adjutant Keith Gray,
14 present.
15 MR. WALLOT: Very good. Thank you. Commander,
16 would you like saying any opening remarks?
17 MR. OLIVAREZ: Yes. Hopefully we can get this
18 budget approved.
19 MR. WALLOT: Nothing to do with the budget.
20 MR. OLIVAREZ: And I look forward to working
21 with the committee this year and seeing what we can
22 do and streamline our process.
23 MR. WALLOT: There you go. Thank you very
24 much. Minutes of the last meeting I do not have. I
25 presume they were in a delegate book, if they were.

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1 I didn't see them in there.

2 MR. RIVERA: Well, no. It would have been the
3 meeting we had prior.

4 MR. WALLOT: I wasn't here.

5 MR. RIVERA: No. We were -- the meeting before
6 the -- the prior meeting that we just had. Did --
7 Chuck -- Chuck was supposed to have minutes before
8 that meeting?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You need to be on the
10 mics, people.

11 MR. RIVERA: National Finance Officer Rivera,
12 passing --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Use the mic, please.

14 MR. RIVERA: Oh. Okay. Sorry. Okay. Chuck,
15 do you have minutes for the Finance Committee
16 meeting prior to the convention?

17 MR. ADKINS: Just closed my computer down. They
18 are online. If you can get to the MOPH website --

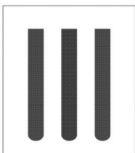
19 MR. RIVERA: No. The -- the minutes that we had
20 on --

21 MR. WALLOT: Three days ago.

22 MR. RIVERA: -- Saturday --

23 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. Three days ago.

24 MR. RIVERA: -- or Sunday when we first got
25 here.



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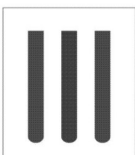
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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Monday.
2 Monday.
3 MR. RIVERA: Monday. I'm sorry.
4 MR. ADKINS: Oh, the -- from the first session?
5 No, they haven't -- she hasn't posted them yet.
6 MR. RIVERA: They haven't been printed yet.
7 MR. WALLOT: Okay. Were any minutes available
8 for last year when I was not here?
9 MR. ADKINS: This year or last year?
10 MR. RIVERA: Chuck -- last year.
11 MR. ADKINS: Last year's minutes of the
12 convention are posted online. I just shut my
13 computer down.
14 MR. WALLOT: But it's Finance Committee.
15 MR. ADKINS: For -- it includes Finance
16 Committee, PNC, and Cost Committee.
17 MR. WERTHEIM: Oh, they were approved.
18 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. Okay.
19 MR. WERTHEIM: Those were approved.
20 MR. ADKINS: And, Lynsi, that was Chuck
21 Adkins --
22 MR. WALLOT: Now, was there any unfinished
23 business from last year, because I wasn't here?
24 MR. RIVERA: No, sir.
25 MR. WERTHEIM: No.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Recollection, no.

2 MR. WALLOT: Okay. New business. Stuff that
3 we got in here. This is the only investment policy
4 that we have. This is something I wrote in 2004.
5 Like I said, this is not legalized. This is just --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A guide.

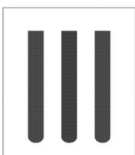
7 MR. WALLOT: -- experience at the time -- at
8 the time. And our protocol then was to have a 80/20
9 budget, 80 percent in equities today. The NASDAQ
10 got pounded down 500 points. Dow was up, though.
11 And 20 percent in fixed. This year we made
12 \$524,000. Hopefully we can do that again next year.
13 It will not be that high. I can probably guarantee
14 you that almost, unless we move some of the stocks
15 around into defense stocks, depending on who's going
16 to win the election. If Biden wins the election,
17 it's going to be social programs in those stocks.
18 If Reagan wins the election, it's going to be
19 military stuff. We go into those stocks.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You mean Trump.

21 MR. WALLOT: Or Trump. What did -- what did I
22 say, Reagan?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Reagan. You said
24 Reagan.

25 MR. WALLOT: Reagan? Bomb them Ronnie. I



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1 loved him. I'm telling you.

2 MS. BROWN-GREENE: I was like, did you say
3 Reagan?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh boy.

5 MR. WALLOT: I'm old. I'm old. That's what I --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Stricken from the record.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: She wasn't even around
8 then.

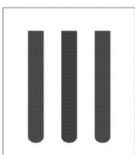
9 MR. WALLOT: Yeah.

10 MS. BROWN-GREENE: I was like, maybe that's a
11 nickname.

12 MR. WALLOT: So this investment policy, the
13 only thing, if we -- right now, it's all managed.
14 80 percent of it -- of our stuff now, when we take
15 the money out, we reposition a portfolio, so it goes
16 back to an 80/20 to start the year off with, and
17 that is after the funds are withdrawn for the double
18 dip for the chapters and departments, and the 60
19 percent for national, right?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

21 MR. WALLOT: Okay. Everybody knows about the
22 money. Now we got 524. Out of that, we've still
23 got the loan that's going to be paid off. That's
24 going to come out of the share for the National
25 Organization.



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1 MR. PICKART: Amount?

2 MR. WALLOT: \$4,115.60.

3 MR. PICKART: Pay out to?

4 MR. WALLOT: The general fund.

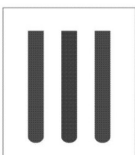
5 MR. PICKART: Thank you, sir.

6 MR. WALLOT: Okay. That's coming off of their
7 portion of 60 percent. Then the loan will be taken
8 care of. We won't talk about that anymore.

9 Okay. The only other thing we have, the reason
10 you gave me your name and address, the banker's
11 going to be calling you as well as the -- we've got
12 three accounts at Chase. One equity, one fixed, and
13 one ETF portfolio, exchange-traded funds. That is
14 in -- that is in healthcare, energy, financial, and
15 IT stuff. Those are the four big ones that usually
16 pay, okay, the highest rate of return compared to
17 utilities and other things like that. So we're
18 going to keep those four.

19 And the other thing we have is TVA bonds. We've
20 got about \$200,000 in TVA bonds. Those pay -- and
21 they're going to go probably lower because the
22 interest rate now. It's 100 percent that the fed
23 now -- the percentage rate gets. It's 100 percent
24 that the Fed's going to lower in September.

25 MR. PICKART: What's the lifetime of those



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1 bonds? They're traded any way we want to?

2 MR. WALLOT: They vary.

3 MR. PICKART: Okay. But --

4 MR. WALLOT: Three years to 30.

5 MR. PICKART: Just what -- thank you.

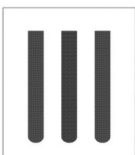
6 MR. WALLOT: Okay? So when we bought them 25
7 years ago, and they renew, some of them, could have
8 been five-year bonds then that renewed last time
9 around at 2 percent year-and-a-half ago. So if we
10 sold \$1,000 bond today -- you were going to buy a
11 bond for \$1,000. You can buy a bond that pays 6
12 percent interest for \$1,000, or you can buy my bond
13 that I want to sell you that only pays 2 percent,
14 but you're only going to give me \$850 for it because
15 of the difference in the interest rate, okay? So
16 you're going to discount the bond because of the
17 interest rate that it's paying. All of our bonds
18 are paying less than three.

19 MR. PICKART: Wow.

20 MR. WALLOT: So we want to move a lot of that
21 stuff -- or at least the older ones. The older ones
22 are paying less than it. So we want to discount
23 those and get rid of some of those.

24 MR. PICKART: Who's our vendor?

25 MR. WALLOT: That is also through Chase.



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1 MR. RIVERA: Chase.

2 MR. WALLOT: That's the broker. Of those
3 bonds, I'd like to cash in the smaller ones from the
4 TVA account and balance out the portfolio a little
5 bit. Right now the cost in the four ETFs are about
6 \$30,000 a piece, and the bonds are, like, 125.

7 MR. PICKART: TVA, you charge that as utility,
8 commodity? Tennessee Valley Authority, yeah.

9 MR. WALLOT: Tennessee Valley Authority, that's
10 all utilities.

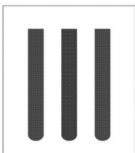
11 MR. PICKART: Okay.

12 MR. WALLOT: Okay? That's when they built the
13 water, built the dam, all that stuff. Dams.

14 MR. PICKART: And our -- and our previous --

15 MR. WALLOT: So we want to get out of that now,
16 and I think we should go into either utilities with
17 it -- that's kind of our safety net. That's our 20
18 percent that's the -- on the fixed side. We're
19 going to get a guaranteed rate of return when we use
20 that portion, okay?

21 So I'd like to move some of that, at least --
22 and rebalance that portfolio out. Right now our
23 equity portfolio and the bond portfolio are
24 basically balanced. No more than 3 percent of the
25 whole fund, the 2.5 million, basically -- 3 percent



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1 -- 3 percent of 3 percent, 3 percent, one-and-a-
2 half, one-and-a-half, one- and-a-half. No matter
3 what the stock is, that's how they give you a S&P
4 average of about 8 percent a year. Last year, we did
5 18.29 percent on our money, okay? But that's
6 because we had -- the way it's set up and the way
7 it's fixed. I think the 80/20 is still good for us.
8 We're perpetual, basically, and we should stay with
9 that.

10 Any questions about our money at all? How
11 that's going to work when this comes down?

12 MR. PICKART: Mr. Chairman, the reason why I
13 ask these questions is to help inform the new
14 people.

15 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

16 MR. PICKART: I'm not trying to kneel you. I'm
17 just trying to help you on and keep the railroad
18 running.

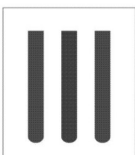
19 MR. WALLOT: You're just not trying to show me
20 how smart are?

21 MR. PICKART: No.

22 MR. RIVERA: Do we need a motion to -- to make
23 an adjustment on those, the 1.25 --

24 MR. WALLOT: I don't think so.

25 MR. RIVERA: -- or not?



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1 MR. WALLOT: I think it's just known.

2 MR. RIVERA: Investment.

3 MR. WALLOT: It's still in the investment.

4 We're not taking any money out of there, so -- but
5 the money we are going to take out of there 524,000,
6 plus another 205,000 after the loan's paid back for
7 the second payment to chapters and departments.

8 MR. RIVERA: That's coming out of the general
9 fund.

10 MR. WALLOT: Oh, that's coming out of the
11 general fund?

12 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. That's not coming out --
13 That's coming out of the general fund.

14 MR. WALLOT: Well, when I send you this money
15 that gets added to the general fund --

16 MR. RIVERA: Right. It's coming out --

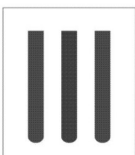
17 MR. WALLOT: It's coming out of there anyway.
18 Okay. So after we pay out the 524,000, and I'll
19 send you that as soon as you require it, we might as
20 well leave it invested in here --

21 MR. RIVERA: Can we --

22 MR. WALLOT: -- until we need the money.

23 MR. RIVERA: Uh-huh.

24 MR. WALLOT: Okay? That's going to leave us
25 with approximately -- where am I at here? I don't



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1 have my glasses, is what I don't have. No. That's
2 the last year.

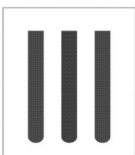
3 MR. PICKART: Is there -- okay.

4 MR. WALLOT: Okay. So we got five. We got 33.
5 We're going to have about \$2.8 million left in the
6 Life Membership Fund. That used to be closer to --
7 I don't think we ever got over five, but it was
8 right there. It's pretty close to 5 million.

9 What else I got in here? Okay. So you're
10 going to get two phone calls, actually. You're
11 going to get a phone call from -- we have the three
12 accounts that JP Morgan investment advisors have,
13 but we've got one account that's a money flop-
14 through checking account at Chase Bank with no
15 checks. It's just a transfer account between the
16 brokerage accounts and the checking account. So when
17 you send me money, it goes into the checking
18 account. I take it out of there and invest it.
19 When I send you money, I have to take it out of the
20 brokerage accounts --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Put it in -- yeah.

22 MR. WALLOT: -- send it to the checking account
23 and then send it to you. So the banker, just --
24 this is regular Chase Bank, is also going to be in
25 touch with you and you because -- or Commander --



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1 boy, that was a -- they just don't have to sit at
2 the end of the table, you know. You can sit in the
3 middle.

4 MS. FIGUEROA: The middle was taken.

5 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

6 MS. BROWN-GREENE: We will next time.

7 MR. WALLOT: So you're going to get two phone
8 calls from the bank. The names that are on that
9 account now, because there's usually five or 10,000
10 in there. That's a minimum we have to keep in there.
11 The names that are on there now are Jeff Roy and
12 Boyd Barclay, older people and me. It was just that
13 it was never used. You know, checking -- you know
14 -- you know, two transactions a year, possibly. So
15 you'll be in touch by two different people, and
16 they're going to want your Social Security number?

17 MR. GRAY: Yeah. Social Security.

18 MR. WALLOT: Driver's license number.

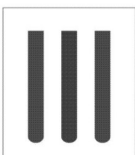
19 MR. GRAY: Driver's license, yeah.

20 MR. WALLOT: Because of the, what, money scams,
21 this, that, this.

22 MR. GRAY: Pay amount. Patriot Act and all
23 that. It was --

24 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. It was -- yeah. All that --

25 MR. GRAY: -- reauthorized.



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1 MR. PICKART: They don't want your mother's
2 maiden name, right?

3 MR. WALLOT: They almost want that.

4 MR. PICKART: Yeah. They use --

5 MR. WALLOT: And except for that, these are the
6 current funds that we have now with the mil -- and I
7 see this guy when I want to. They call me Mr.
8 Wallet when I walk in the bank because they think
9 this -- all this money is mine, so they call me Mr.
10 Wallet.

11 MR. PICKART: Proceed. Proceed.

12 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. So that's all, basically,
13 the business that we have that I missed last year
14 that I'll apologize for. As far as the total fund
15 package, you've got their name and address now.
16 This is not the banker with the 15,000 -- 30,000 we
17 got in there. This is the investor.

18 MR. RIVERA: This is the investor, yeah.

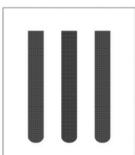
19 MR. WALLOT: This is the --

20 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. He sent me an e-mail.

21 MR. WALLOT: -- 3.5 million. Oh, has -- oh, he
22 has --

23 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. Yeah. He sent me an e-
24 mail. Yeah, yeah.

25 MR. WALLOT: His name is Mitch.



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1 MR. RIVERA: Yep. Mitch.

2 MR. WALLOT: He's pretty much on the ball.

3 MR. RIVERA: Yep.

4 MR. WALLOT: We used to have Matt.

5 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

6 MR. WALLOT: They keep us in the M category.

7 Money, Matt, Mitch, that kind of thing.

8 MR. RIVERA: Morgan.

9 MR. WALLOT: Yeah, Morgan. JP.

10 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. JP Morgan, Mitch, Matt.

11 MR. WALLOT: Any new business that we have to

12 follow? I'm really trying to speed up.

13 MR. OLIVAREZ: Yeah.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 MR. OLIVAREZ: All new business. Now can I

16 talk about the budget?

17 MR. WALLOT: Now we can talk about the budget.

18 MR. OLIVAREZ: Okay. New budget. We got the

19 2024, '25 budget. Ernie has graciously helped me,

20 and so has Jim, to get this to where we need it. So

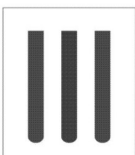
21 do we just go right through it? You ready?

22 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. Do you want me to do it or

23 you to do it?

24 MR. OLIVAREZ: Go right ahead. Here's a mouse.

25 You need to scroll down.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you just show him
2 where the changes are?

3 MR. WALLOT: Oh, yes.

4 MR. RIVERA: Everything's the same --

5 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

6 MR. RIVERA: -- except for the changes.

7 MR. WALLOT: So this is how we want this to
8 read. Here. Oh, start at the top again.

9 MR. RIVERA: Okay.

10 MR. PICKART: Of course you know more about
11 that stuff than I do.

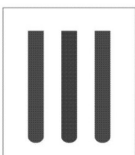
12 MR. WALLOT: We want this budget, Mr. Finance
13 Officer, easy to read by anybody that looks at it,
14 inexperienced, experienced, four columns, annual
15 budget for the year what we spent for the month.

16 MR. RIVERA: Oh, you want the month? Okay. Got
17 you.

18 MR. WALLOT: I want the -- first of all what we
19 spent for the month. That's the first column I
20 want.

21 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

22 MR. WALLOT: Okay? The next column we want is
23 year-to-date. The third column is going to be the
24 budget amount, okay? And the fourth column is going
25 to be the percent that we used.



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1 Okay. So therefore at the end of the year,
2 then, we can go look at that. Well, hell, we've
3 used 90 percent of this budget already, or we've
4 used 112 percent, and we need a -- we need the NAC
5 vote on this before we spend any more of that,
6 because then that makes you liable, and the
7 commander liable, and the adjutant liable for the
8 amount of monies that were over that were not
9 approved.

10 So before you sign a warrant, you're going to
11 get a copy of this budget and realize that we're
12 over budget on this. How come I got to write
13 another check for \$20,000, or sign a warrant for
14 \$20,000? So you're going to be able to look at a
15 nice four-column piece of paper, pow, pow, pow, pow,
16 and it's done. You don't need to put the previous
17 month on there, and you send it out, Ernie, to this
18 entire committee on a monthly basis. What -- when
19 did the statements come into headquarters, or when
20 do you guys get sent?

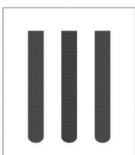
21 MR. J. ANDERSON: First part of the month.

22 MR. WALLOT: 10th? 12th.

23 MR. RIVERA: 5 to 10th.

24 MR. J. ANDERSON: Yeah. Around that time.

25 MR. WALLOT: And we're on -- we're on a regular



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1 calendar, or?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah. We are,
3 yeah. Yeah. Pretty much, yeah.

4 MR. WALLOT: We're now like Social Security
5 checks that come in on the 15th or the 23rd, or --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nope. No. We don't do
7 that. Can you still see that?

8 MR. WALLOT: Okay. So four columns.

9 MR. RIVERA: I got you.

10 MR. WALLOT: Monthly expense.

11 MR. RIVERA: Okay.

12 MR. RIVERA: Monthly. Okay.

13 MR. WALLOT: Year-to-date expense.

14 MR. RIVERA: Year-to-date. Okay.

15 MR. WALLOT: Total budgeted amount.

16 MR. RIVERA: Just go on this and just shift it
17 all over. See what I'm saying? Yeah. Shift. Just
18 put a -- one right there. Insert.

19 MR. WALLOT: And what program is this?

20 MR. RIVERA: Okay. One more insert. Excel.

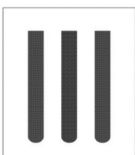
21 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One more insert?

23 MR. RIVERA: Insert one more.

24 MR. WALLOT: That's your Excel program?

25 MR. RIVERA: All right.



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1 MS. BROWN-GREENE: It's the new -- the new one.

2 MR. RIVERA: Okay. So here you want -- You

3 want monthly?

4 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. Monthly.

5 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Month. So we'll start with

6 July. So you should just put July on there, right?

7 Monthly?

8 MR. WALLOT: You can do that, or just --

9 MR. RIVERA: Okay.

10 MR. WALLOT: -- monthly. It's fine.

11 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Monthly. And then year-to-

12 date?

13 MR. WALLOT: Year-to-date.

14 MR. RIVERA: Year-to-date. Got it.

15 MR. WALLOT: Budgeted amount.

16 MR. J. ANDERSON: Over or under, and then

17 percentage?

18 MR. RIVERA: We got it. Yep.

19 MR. WALLOT: And then you're --

20 MR. RIVERA: Over, under --

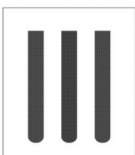
21 MR. WALLOT: And then you're going to go -- no,

22 you don't need over, under. You don't even need

23 that.

24 MR. RIVERA: Okay.

25 MR. WALLOT: Then you're going to put



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1 percentage there.

2 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Hold up. Yeah. You can put
3 -- so see how this has shifted like this?

4 MR. WALLOT: Yeah.

5 MR. RIVERA: So this -- if we leave it here and
6 take out that combination of each one, it'll add up
7 to the same.

8 MR. WALLOT: Yeah.

9 MR. RIVERA: Do you want to --

10 MR. WALLOT: Yeah.

11 MR. RIVERA: You just want this one gone,
12 right, or not? Because see, it's all -- this all
13 added up to, so -- so the --

14 MR. WALLOT: You can leave it there.

15 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Okay.

16 MR. WALLOT: Just being added work to do. And
17 then over here --

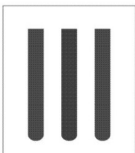
18 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

19 MR. WALLOT: -- you're going to put
20 explanation, if there's anything that's --

21 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Got you.

22 MR. WALLOT: -- you know, electric bill, you
23 know who you paid that to.

24 MR. J. ANDERSON: Did you change that one
25 around that I gave you?



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1 MR. RIVERA: So look, do -- right here. Yeah.
2 We're doing the same thing. Yeah. Because we -- I
3 made adjustments to yours. You know how you had the
4 percentage of everything? I had to zero that to --
5 we made some adjustments. Delete this.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Delete that one?

7 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

8 MR. WALLOT: Now, would anybody have a problem
9 reading that? How much did we spend this month,
10 what'd we spend a year-to-date?

11 MR. RIVERA: Delete that. Remaining, delete
12 that.

13 MS. BROWN-GREENE: No. That'd be --

14 MR. RIVERA: Okay. That's the percent right
15 there. You want the percent that we're at for the
16 year, correct?

17 MR. WALLOT: For the year.

18 MR. RIVERA: Okay.

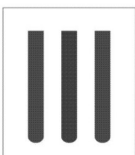
19 MR. WALLOT: For the year.

20 MR. RIVERA: The year. Percent, and just put
21 percent.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

23 MR. RIVERA: Well, here's the percentage. Right
24 here?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.



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1 MR. RIVERA: Leave this here. Just move this
2 over here and go percent year-to-date, and then
3 we're good. So we have monthly. We'll have this
4 month.

5 MR. WALLOT: Yep.

6 MR. RIVERA: We'll have a year-to-date. This
7 is what's budgeted.

8 MR. WALLOT: Yep.

9 MR. RIVERA: And then --

10 MR. WALLOT: For the year.

11 MR. RIVERA: For the year.

12 MR. WALLOT: And then the percentage that
13 was --

14 MR. RIVERA: And then the percentage that we've
15 spent --

16 MR. WALLOT: For the year.

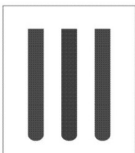
17 MR. RIVERA: -- for the year.

18 MR. WALLOT: And on an Excel program, you can
19 set it up formula-wise where it's going to
20 automatically do all that work.

21 MR. RIVERA: It does. This is all formulated
22 up. We just got to make some adjustments to these.

23 MR. WALLOT: So when you enter the monthly
24 numbers, that's all you'd have to enter.

25 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. We got it. We'll --



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1 MR. WALLOT: Okay?

2 MR. RIVERA: Got you. So we --

3 MR. WALLOT: Send that out once a month.

4 MR. RIVERA: Jim did it that way. We did it

5 that way --

6 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

7 MR. RIVERA: -- combinedly, but --

8 MR. WALLOT: Send it out, get everybody's e-

9 mail address.

10 MR. RIVERA: Got you.

11 MR. WALLOT: Send it out once a month to all

12 the members on the committee.

13 MR. RIVERA: Well, I've got -- right.

14 MR. WALLOT: And we're not going to have a

15 problem with this.

16 MR. RIVERA: So I have everybody's e-mail, all

17 -- that's currently on the committee, because the

18 committee didn't change.

19 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

20 MR. RIVERA: And then Junior, Senior, National

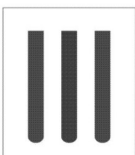
21 Commander, National Adjutant. So what we --

22 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

23 MR. RIVERA: -- need to make sure we do is get

24 the e-mails.

25 MR. WALLOT: And then the last column, if

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1 there's any -- if you got room on the paper --

2 MR. RIVERA: Explanation. Yeah. Yeah.

3 Explanation.

4 MR. WALLOT: Explanation.

5 MR. RIVERA: Got it.

6 MR. WALLOT: Okay?

7 MR. RIVERA: So a monthly. So when do you --

8 when would you like that?

9 MR. WALLOT: 15th? 20th?

10 MR. RIVERA: 15th? Okay.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you do a financial

12 narrative?

13 MR. RIVERA: On?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What we're -- this? I'll

15 show you one offline.

16 MR. RIVERA: No. I --

17 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

18 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

19 MR. WALLOT: I mean, we can put a quarterly

20 thing together. As far as finances, everybody's

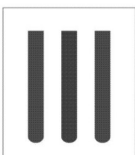
21 going to have access to the statements right now.

22 You're going to start to get a statement. Your

23 statement's going to go to headquarters, or wherever

24 Chuck had it sent. I believe headquarters.

25 MR. J. ANDERSON: Headquarters gets the

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1 statements.

2 MR. WALLOT: Headquarters gets the statements.

3 MR. J. ANDERSON: The statements are e-mailed
4 out to --

5 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

6 MR. J. ANDERSON: -- whoever --

7 MR. WALLOT: I'm going to try to -- okay.

8 Here's the statement.

9 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. Can you remove that
10 statement from my house?

11 MR. WALLOT: You get 78 pages --

12 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. Yeah.

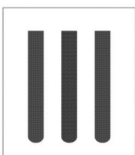
13 MR. WALLOT: -- and one statement for the
14 month. I got a cabinet this high full of statements
15 that are useless.

16 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. I've got a -- like, three
17 years of them.

18 MR. WALLOT: So I want them all digital now,
19 except that Tim put it in here that you wanted the
20 papers, and I don't know how that happened, but
21 that's been taken care of.

22 MR. RIVERA: Because you -- what we will be --
23 you will have electronic access once I get you on
24 Chase.

25 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. Electronic, electronic,



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1 electronic.

2 MR. RIVERA: Right. It'll be electronic,
3 electronic, yeah.

4 MR. WALLOT: If you want to look at these, and
5 they'll know that they're managed -- these are
6 managed funds, three out of the four are, where we
7 don't pick the investments. We don't do anything.
8 We're paying professional money managers up to 80
9 basis points to do this, and that's why we've got
10 some of these returns, except for a little bit of my
11 knowledge that I throw in there to make a few
12 choices.

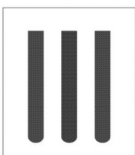
13 And we've done well. Like you heard Jim say,
14 we made 903,000. Maybe they want an explanation for
15 that. That's what we made that one year. We made
16 900,000. This year we made 500, and last year, 524.
17 So we're doing well with the monies that we've got.
18 We just have to be able to explain it to the
19 members, and the people, and the committee.

20 MR. RIVERA: And --

21 MR. WALLOT: Everybody understands it, okay?
22 Just so everybody understands.

23 MR. RIVERA: Yep.

24 MR. WALLOT: Okay. The additions to the
25 budget, you're going to send this out to everybody



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1 immediately?

2 MR. RIVERA: Yep. Right.

3 MR. WALLOT: So we really don't have to go over
4 it except for the changes that you want to put in
5 there now. Part of it was that \$35,000 deal.

6 MR. OLIVAREZ: Yes.

7 MR. RIVERA: The 35,000 and the 30K that was
8 both approved.

9 MR. WALLOT: And I don't know why we have to do
10 that. This is '24. We're talking '29. That's five
11 years. What's wrong with 10,000 a year for five
12 years, instead of --

13 MR. J. ANDERSON: Well --

14 MR. WALLOT: 35, five, five, five?

15 MR. J. ANDERSON: -- there -- because of the
16 amount of monies that we got in at headquarters last
17 year in the bequest, Carter was saying take \$35,000
18 out of one of those bequests --

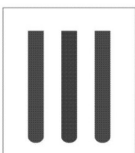
19 MR. WALLOT: Oh.

20 MR. J. ANDERSON: -- put it aside --

21 MR. WALLOT: Okay.

22 MR. J. ANDERSON: -- and starting adding to
23 that --

24 MR. RIVERA: Yeah. That was -- yeah. That's a
25 good point.



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1 MR. J. ANDERSON: -- so when '29 -- '29 comes
2 around, there's \$50,000 in there.

3 MR. WALLOT: Was the bequest for anything
4 special?

5 MR. J. ANDERSON: No.

6 MR. RIVERA: No. It was unrestricted.

7 MR. J. ANDERSON: It was all non-restricted.

8 MR. WALLOT: Unrestricted?

9 MR. RIVERA: Non-restricted.

10 MR. WALLOT: Okay. Well, then stick it in a
11 restricted fund for '29.

12 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

13 MR. WALLOT: But there'll be no budget thing we
14 have to put that under this year, though.

15 MR. RIVERA: Okay. So we don't --

16 MR. WALLOT: We don't even have to add that to
17 the budget.

18 MR. J. ANDERSON: We don't put it in there?

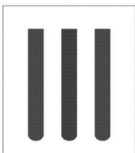
19 MR. RIVERA: No.

20 MR. J. ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MR. WALLOT: Because that could just go under a
22 restricted fund.

23 MR. RIVERA: Okay.

24 MR. WALLOT: Down at the bottom. Next year's
25 budget, when we add 5,000 to it.



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1 MR. WERTHEIM: Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

2 MR. RIVERA: So we'll just -- yeah. We'll do
3 the --

4 MR. WERTHEIM: Yeah. It'll show -- it'll show
5 on the budget as 5,000 going out.

6 MR. WALLOT: It should show on the budget --

7 MR. RIVERA: No. It's not. It's going to
8 show on the balance sheet for next year.

9 MR. WALLOT: for next year.

10 MR. RIVERA: Next year. Right.

11 MR. WALLOT: Now, it's only going to show up on
12 the balance sheet as an asset.

13 MR. RIVERA: Okay. So we don't need to -- we do
14 need to -- financial -- Finance Officer Rivera, we
15 do need to show them we did add the 30,000 that was
16 approved for the --

17 MR. WALLOT: Oh, yeah. Yeah. For the Ladies
18 Auxiliary.

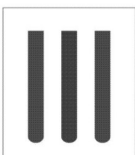
19 MR. RIVERA: -- for the Ladies Auxiliary. That
20 should not be an event. That should be in programs.

21 MR. WALLOT: Well, no --

22 MR. RIVERA: -- because we're making a -- we're
23 helping another organization.

24 MR. WALLOT: That's correct.

25 MR. RIVERA: Right?



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1 MR. WALLOT: Yes.

2 MR. PICKART: Okay. So then --

3 MR. RIVERA: You could put it -- I mean, we're

4 helping --

5 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. We don't know if that's

6 going to be an annual thing, because didn't talk

7 about that at all.

8 MR. RIVERA: The Auxiliary.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We did not talk about

10 that.

11 MR. ADKINS: Who approved that, though?

12 MR. RIVERA: We voted on it. It passed the

13 vote.

14 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Yeah. We voted on it. The

15 body --

16 MR. RIVERA: The body voted that in.

17 MR. WALLOT: So I have it.

18 MR. RIVERA: I brought that out --

19 MR. WALLOT: -- so take it out of events and

20 put it under programs?

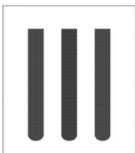
21 THE REPORTER: Guys, if you don't mind, just --

22 MR. RIVERA: Yeah.

23 THE REPORTER: -- one at a time.

24 MR. RIVERA: Okay. Sorry.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: National Commander

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1 Olivarez. So we're going to remove that from the
2 events?

3 MR. RIVERA: And put it under programs.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Put programs. Okay.

5 MR. RIVERA: Yes, sir.

6 MR. WALLOT: Okay. And let's -- Chairman,
7 let's get your last name pronounced correctly. I
8 heard 15 different things today on the floor.

9 MR. OLIVAREZ: Okay. Yeah. I know. I -- I
10 told Tracey someone will eventually. It's Olivarez.

11 MS. BROWN-GREENE: But can you say it, like,
12 white?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Olivarez. Olivarez.
14 Olivarez.

15 MR. OLIVAREZ: Like my ex-wife used to say, I
16 say it white. Olivarez.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Olivarez.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Make me an omelet.

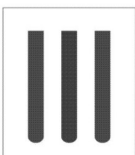
19 MR. WALLOT: We're getting somebody flustered
20 over here again. Okay?

21 THE REPORTER: Not flustered. It just might
22 not come out clear on the record.

23 MR. WALLOT: I see. Okay. Olivarez. Okay.

24 MR. OLIVAREZ: That's okay.

25 MR. WALLOT: Okay. That's going to swing. And



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1 so with that -- Dennis Wallot, chairmen. We're
2 still going to be on a positive side on the budget
3 with that 30,000, correct?

4 MR. RIVERA: Yes. We are.

5 MR. WALLOT: Okay. As long as everybody
6 understands that as well.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why did I go back
8 down there and delete there?

9 MR. PICKART: Question. If we send out this
10 monthly report, is this going to be the end of your
11 e- mails? Market standards and all that?

12 MR. WALLOT: Oh, no. No. If you guys -- I
13 mean, right now -- do you read any of that stock
14 stuff I send out?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I do.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: I do.

17 MR. WALLOT: Do you?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: Yeah. I do.

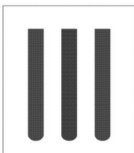
19 MR. WALLOT: I will need your e-mail or phone
20 number.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It would be the same.
22 Junior vice.

23 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Yeah.

24 MR. WALLOT: Oh, okay.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.



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1 MR. WALLOT: Yeah. Okay. Yeah. Does that --
2 does everybody read that?

3 MR. RIVERA: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I do.

5 MR. WALLOT: Yeah? Okay.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I read through it.

7 MR. PICKART: You always give us -- you always
8 give us a recipe.

9 MR. WALLOT: I haven't been sending --

10 MR. PICKART: Good reading here. Good, short
11 reading here.

12 MR. WALLOT: I haven't been sending out the
13 golf tips because I haven't been golfing because of
14 my leg, but once I get put back together, the golf
15 tips are coming up, because they're tested.

16 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Three minutes.

17 MR. WALLOT: Huh?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three minutes. Three
19 minutes.

20 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Three minutes and --

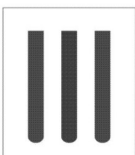
21 MR. WALLOT: Anything else under new business?

22 MS. BROWN-GREENE: How that going to happen?

23 MR. WALLOT: Anything else added to the budget?

24 MR. PICKART: Welcome the new members.

25 MR. WALLOT: Welcome to new members.



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1 MS. BROWN-GREENE: Thank you.

2 MR. WALLOT: Okay. Order of business. Anything
3 going to go to the order?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

5 MR. WALLOT: I think we just did that with the
6 knowledge of the financial sheet that's going to
7 come up. Any announcements? I'll see you guys in --

8 MR. PICKART: Don't forget your famous saying.
9 Oceans go up.

10 MR. WALLOT: Oceans go up, oceans go down.

11 MR. PICKART: Oceans go down.

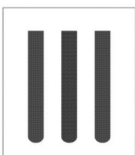
12 MR. WALLOT: I started it like that. Like I
13 said, the Dow was down -- Dow was up again, but --
14 so we're doing very well in the stuff that we've
15 got. I'm probably going to -- like I said, we
16 talked about that, as far as moving the investments
17 a little bit.

18 MR. PICKART: Well, some of my stuff's up.
19 What's the difference with the three breakdowns of
20 the stock?

21 MR. WALLOT: Well, the Dow's up 205.

22 MR. PICKART: What's the difference with the
23 three mark ups on the -- on the stock market? You
24 got three different --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're good?



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1 MR. WALLOT: I think we're good. Is there any
2 other business we talk about? Here. No? Oh, thank
3 you, though. All right. How far did it go down? I
4 can't see.

5 MR. PICKART: I need my glasses.

6 MR. WALLOT: I forgot mine in the buggy.

7 MR. PICKART: Dow.

8 MR. WALLOT: Dow's up.

9 MR. PICKART: 203.

10 MR. WALLOT: That's up.

11 MR. PICKART: NASDAQ down 503.

12 MR. RIVERA: All right.

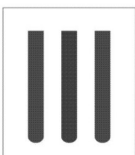
13 MR. WALLOT: The NASDAQ is comprised of Apple,
14 Google, Microsoft, all the tech stocks, so we're
15 pretty heavy into that, and -- on the one side and
16 the equities, so we probably lost money today, but
17 we made money yesterday.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's all I care. It
19 evens out.

20 MR. WALLOT: Oceans go up. Oceans go down.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sometimes it -- all
22 right.

23 MR. WALLOT: Any other business before this
24 Finance Committee? Patriots, thank you very much.
25 Commander, anything from you?



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1 MR. OLIVAREZ: No. Not at this time, but I will
2 give you a call.

3 MR. WALLOT: Meeting adjourned. We need a
4 second.

5 MR. WERTHEIM: Frank Wertheim, committee
6 member. Motion to close.

7 MR. WALLOT: We need a second.

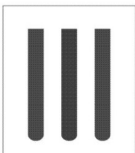
8 MS. FIGUEROA: Francis Figueroa, committee,
9 second.

10 MR. WALLOT: All those in favor?

11 THE GROUP: Aye.

12 MR. WALLOT: Opposed? Motion carried. Meeting
13 closed.

14 (Meeting concluded at 2:59 p.m. ET)
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PROCEEDINGS

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you come over here?

MR. OLIVAREZ: Go ahead, Larry.

MR. LEIGHTON: The National Publications Committee will now come to order. We still have people -- chairman Leighton. Roll call. National Commander Olivarez?

MR. OLIVAREZ: Present.

MR. LEIGHTON: Committee Member Jo Keller?

MS. KELLER: Present.

MR. OLIVAREZ: Present.

MR. LEIGHTON: Committee Member Alan Gibson Absent. -- senior and junior vice commanders are present.

MS BROWN-GREENE: Present.

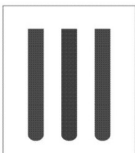
MR. LEIGHTON: Present.

MR. OLIVAREZ: I'm here.

MR. LEIGHTON: Do we have --

MR. OLIVAREZ: You're on Publications?

MR. LEIGHTON: I want to welcome Jo Keller and National Commander Olivarez in their new -- and congratulate them in their new positions, and representatives, welcome to the Publications Committee. Obviously, you're also welcome, the junior and senior vice commanders. The only new



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1 business we have for this meeting is to elect a
2 chairman.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's he saying? --

4 MR. LEIGHTON: Do I have any nominations for
5 chairman?

6 MS. KELLER: There. Don't say nothing.

7 MR. LEIGHTON: What did he say?

8 MS. KELLER: He's a chairman.

9 MR. LEIGHTON: --

10 MR. OLIVAREZ: Oh. Elect a chairman.

11 MS. KELLER: Yeah. He needs to elect a chair --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'm --

13 MS. KELLER: So --

14 MR. LEIGHTON: Do we have a mic next to me? Can
15 you hear me?

16 MS. KELLER: Yeah, we can hear you.

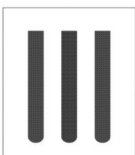
17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is this -- is this the
18 Fund?

19 MR. OLIVAREZ: No, no. It's not the fund.
20 That's why I asked you if you were on Publications.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Oh, they told me
22 the Funds. Jeez.

23 MR. OLIVAREZ: Make -- make a motion -- make a
24 motion to elect Larry, and last --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Huh?



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1 MS. KELLER: Okay.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay.

3 MS. KELLER: I make a motion --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.

5 MS. KELLER: -- to elect Larry Leighton as

6 Chairman of the Publications Committee.

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: Your name.

8 MS. KELLER: My name is Jo Keller.

9 MR. OLIVAREZ: Larry, do you accept?

10 MR. LEIGHTON: Yeah.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: I second.

13 MR. LEIGHTON: Any other nominations?

14 MR. OLIVAREZ: Any other nominations?

15 MR. LEIGHTON: No? All in favor?

16 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. LEIGHTON: All in favor?

18 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. OLIVAREZ: Aye. Everybody say aye.

20 MS. KELLER: Aye.

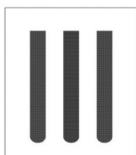
21 MR. LEIGHTON: Well, the only person in that

22 room that can vote is Jo. The rest of you are non-

23 voting members.

24 MS. KELLER: Oh.

25 MR. OLIVAREZ: Say it again.



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1 MS. KELLER: Aye. Jo Keller.

2 MR. LEIGHTON: Larry Leighton's elected as
3 chairman. Next agenda item is when are we going to
4 meet on a regular basis? I recommend Monday --
5 correction, monthly on the second Wednesday at 4:00
6 p.m., Eastern, which is currently what the schedule
7 is on the national commander's calendar. However,
8 that may change with the new commander.

9 MS. KELLER: -- it right, because I --

10 MR. LEIGHTON: If that remains the same, our
11 next meeting would be August 14th --

12 MR. OLIVAREZ: August 14th --

13 MR. LEIGHTON: -- at 4:00 p.m., Eastern.

14 MR. OLIVAREZ: 4:00 p.m., Eastern.

15 MR. LEIGHTON: Okay. And we have a reminder,
16 all you new officers need to have your articles in
17 for the September/October issue of the -- do we have
18 any other new business?

19 MR. OLIVAREZ: 4:00 p.m., Eastern.

20 MR. LEIGHTON: Any other business?

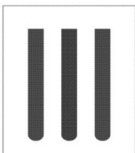
21 MR. OLIVAREZ: Do you have any other business?

22 Say no --

23 MR. LEIGHTON: I make a motion --

24 MS. KELLER: Not at this time.

25 MR. LEIGHTON: -- that the meeting be



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1 adjourned.

2 MR. OLIVAREZ: I second it.

3 MS. KELLER: I second it. I vote on it, too.

4 MR. LEIGHTON: All in favor, say aye.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. LEIGHTON: Meeting adjourned.

7 MR. OLIVAREZ: Thank you, Larry.

8 (Meeting concluded at 3:05 p.m. ET)

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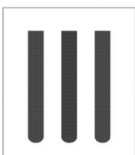
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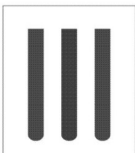
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