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RECONVENE

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9 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Ladies and  
10 gentlemen, we are back in session.

11 First of all, how are you feeling?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Awesome.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: How many of you went  
14 out and did a little [untranslatable noise] last night?

15 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Don't admit  
16 anything.

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Nobody admit  
18 anything, and we were all at --

19 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: The  
20 Christian Science reading room.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yeah. We were at  
22 the Christian Science reading room.

23 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I decline to  
24 answer on the advice of --

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And I have been told

1 to not answer on the advice from the Judge Advocate as  
2 to what I did last night, so....

3 But anyway, hope you guys had a good time last  
4 night. And we'll be having a lot of good closing  
5 remarks, but I know we've got a lot of business ahead of  
6 us still left over from last night; so let me tell you,  
7 if you are going to make a motion, you are going to --  
8 just like I told you yesterday. If you are going to  
9 make a motion, get up quickly. If you are going to  
10 second it, get up quickly. Get up to these mikes  
11 because we still have the rest of the order for today.

12 But, first, we've got to do things right.

13

14 CHAPLAIN'S INVOCATION

15

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Please uncover for  
17 the benediction.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: The benediction?

19 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Correction.

20 Invocation.

21 ALR DOC CHAPLAIN ESTRADA: You're trying to  
22 move things along.

23 Let us pray.

24 O Lord, be with us as we gather for this, the  
25 second day of our ALR Department of California

1 convention. May Your wisdom and counsel guide us as we  
2 seek for God and country to develop and authorize our  
3 programs to benefit the veterans of this great land.

4 Today, as we choose our new leadership, we  
5 pray, O God, that You grant us wisdom and ask for Your  
6 guidance and direction in your deliberations, ensuring  
7 that our choices are sound ones, are best for all, and,  
8 most importantly, are true to the aims and purposes of  
9 the American Legion and the American Legion Riders.

10 This we ask in Your name, amen.

11 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Have a seat.

13

14 ANNOUNCEMENTS

15

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right. So J.D.,  
17 do we have any other announcements, besides the one you  
18 made this morning? No?

19 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: Were  
20 you on Blackstone?

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I refuse to answer  
22 on the advice of counsel; so -- oh, okay. Yes. Very  
23 true.

24 Your badges -- okay? I know we don't need no  
25 stinking badges. You can keep the nameplate or the

1 little card inside, but off to the left over here there  
2 is a place for you to drop the plastic and the string.  
3 Please do so. And you are going to hear that again  
4 before we end the day. All right?

5 Any other announcements from you guys?

6 When we -- when we get to the -- when we get to  
7 the good of the Riders, if you want to make an  
8 announcement, please approach as quickly as possible,  
9 make your announcement, and then we will move on.

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#### RESOLUTIONS

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13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. So speaking  
14 of which, resolutions, where are you at? We are on  
15 number?

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Seven.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Seven.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Good  
19 morning, Mr. President.

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Good morning, sir.

21 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Good  
22 morning, Commander.

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: Good morning.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Good  
25 morning to the best Riders on the planet.

1 (Applause.)

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ:

3 Mike Muetz, Post 119, delegate to this convention, and  
4 assistant to the assistant to the assistant of the  
5 Resolutions Committee.

6 On number seven, which pertains to convention  
7 fees, you can almost put this to music.

8 Whereas, the annual convention of the  
9 American Legion Riders is a necessary and required  
10 administrative function of the program;

11 Whereas, the annual convention of the  
12 American Legion Riders incurs significant costs as  
13 necessary to ensure the due administration of the  
14 program;

15 Whereas, the prompt and complete collection of  
16 such convention registration fees from each member  
17 chapter is necessary to ensure the due administration of  
18 the program;

19 Whereas, the payment of convention registration  
20 fees is a fair and reasonable cost to be paid by all  
21 member chapters;

22 Whereas, a clear statement of and ensuring the  
23 collection of such funds is necessary to the due  
24 administration of the program.

25 Be it resolved that the bylaws of the

1 American Legion Riders shall be amended to read:

2 Administration, Section 4: Convention  
3 registration fee shall be set by the Executive Committee  
4 at their first meeting following the previous  
5 convention. Convention registration fees are necessary  
6 to ensure the due administration of the ALR program.

7 Convention registration fees shall be  
8 a required fee to be paid by the individual chapters as  
9 follows:

10 The secretary shall bill each chapter at the  
11 time the chapter is notified of the number of delegates  
12 to which it is entitled. Said sum shall be paid thirty  
13 days before the opening date of the convention, and no  
14 delegate shall be accredited if sum -- said sum has not  
15 been paid. Failure to timely pay convention fees as  
16 billed shall also subject the offending chapter to  
17 disciplinary action, including suspension. \$3 of said  
18 sum shall be made available to the Convention City  
19 Corporation or such organizations as may be charged with  
20 the management of the convention upon the condition that  
21 any surplus remaining after all expenses have been paid  
22 shall be paid to the department to be held in a fund to  
23 be used for subsequent conventions to defray the  
24 expenses thereof.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Wait. Wait. Don't

1 go away.

2 How does the committee find? What is the  
3 recommendation?

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Well,  
5 I knew you would ask that. We recommend to accept it.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

7 I'm willing to accept the motion to accept the  
8 resolution.

9 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON: Good  
10 morning, Comrade President.

11 Fred Branson, District 9.

12 I move that we accept the resolution as  
13 presented.

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

15 I have a motion on the floor.

16 Is there a second?

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY: I'll do  
18 it. Stephanie Early, Chapter 872.

19 I second the motion.

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I have a motion on  
21 the floor that has been seconded.

22 Any discussion?

23 Sir.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS: Good  
25 morning, sir.

1 Leonard Phillips, delegate to this convention.

2 A couple a questions for this resolution. We  
3 already do this.

4 What -- what are we -- what are we mandating  
5 here?

6 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Want me to  
7 answer?

8 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS: It  
9 sounds like punishment. If you don't make your fees,  
10 you get punished. And, I mean, we are already doing  
11 that already. If you don't pay your fees, you don't get  
12 to come; so why are we --

13 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: If you don't  
14 pay your fees, you don't get to come.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS: True.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Okay?

17 74, Chapter 70, if you don't pay the fee, there  
18 is no money to actually hold the convention, which is  
19 required administration; so the only way to make people  
20 accountable at that point -- okay? -- is to say  
21 something a little more here. In other words, if you  
22 don't want to pay any convention fees at all, which the  
23 group has decided in whole in the past, there is no new  
24 fee. It is just simply guaranteeing it is collected.  
25 In other words, if the chapter fails to pay it. Okay?

1 And what we are doing is basically saying if the  
2 convention costs X number of dollars, we are going to  
3 charge every chapter this amount --

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS: So....

5 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: -- for  
6 a delegate. And that's how we raise the funds to pay  
7 for the things that we do here. Well, if a bunch of  
8 people decided not to pay even though they have come,  
9 they get all of the benefits of the convention, they get  
10 all of the benefits of the administration of the  
11 program, but there is no teeth in our current bylaws  
12 saying that if don't pay it, we just don't get the  
13 delegates, but, in reality, that doesn't ensure that the  
14 collection is done.

15 So the only addition is if a chapter doesn't  
16 pay it or refuses to pay it, then as an executive board  
17 in an executive action that chapter could be eventually  
18 suspended if they failed to participate in the due  
19 administration of the program. That's a term I wrote.  
20 Sorry, guys. I didn't realize that none of that rhymed.  
21 I don't believe that it --

22 But it is to make sure that everyone equally  
23 bears, under something that we have already agreed to  
24 do, the cost of administering a convention, which is  
25 a requirement of us as a nonprofit organization and the

1 administration of the program.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS: Okay.  
3 So basically, we are saying, so I am clear, how we are  
4 doing it -- how we are talking is, essentially,  
5 regardless if you show up or not, you need to pay your  
6 piece?

7 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Yes.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Yes.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS: All  
10 right. I'm good with that.

11 Thank you.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN:

13 Mr. President, Bob Wathen, Chapter 136, a delegate to  
14 the convention.

15 Just for point of clarification for me. The  
16 fees are assessed on the number of delegates that you  
17 have available to you, not the number of delegates that  
18 actually are going to come to the convention?

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Right; correct.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Yes.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's correct.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: Okay.

23 That was a clarification.

24 Thank you.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Any further

1 discussion?

2 ALR DOC SAFETY OFFICER MATHES: Question.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I've got one.

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: He changed his mind.

5 ALR DOC SAFETY OFFICER MATHES: Marc Mathes,  
6 Chapter 3, delegate to the convention.

7 With the number of members that you have in  
8 each chapter, that decides how many delegates that you  
9 are allowed.

10 And it also decides the number of delegates  
11 that you have to pay for; is that correct?

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's correct.

13 ALR DOC SAFETY OFFICER MATHES: Okay. That is  
14 all I wanted to know.

15 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: That's correct.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And the question has  
17 been called.

18 All in favor of said motion signify by saying  
19 aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Motion carries.

24 Number eight.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ:

1 Mr. President.

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes, sir.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: This  
4 number eight addresses the concept of forming a national  
5 American Legion Riders organization. I don't write  
6 them. I just read them.

7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: In other words,  
8 don't shoot the messenger.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Paul Revere.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Trust me, I know all  
11 about that one.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Is that still  
13 Marc Mathes?

14 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Okay.  
15 Here we go.

16 Whereas, the American Legion Riders is  
17 a national program of the American Legion, as passed by  
18 American Legion National Executive Committee by  
19 Resolution 35 on October 17-18, 2007, and Resolution 37  
20 on May 4 and 5, 2011; and

21 Whereas, the American Legion Riders are  
22 a program of the American Legion in fifty states and  
23 four countries; and

24 Whereas, membership in the American Legion  
25 Riders has grown to include more than 100,000 members of

1 the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and  
2 the Sons of the American Legion; and

3           Whereas, the American Legion Riders, like the  
4 Sons of the American Legion, are a national program of  
5 the American Legion; and

6           Whereas, the Sons of the American Legion have  
7 a National Commander and executive meeting, to include  
8 a national constitution and bylaws; and

9           Whereas, the American Legion Riders do not have  
10 a national President, national Vice President, regional  
11 Vice President, Executive Committee, constitution, or  
12 bylaws; and

13           Whereas, the American Legion Riders have an  
14 ad hoc committee which only serves as an advisory  
15 committee to the National Commander; and

16           Whereas, the American Legion Riders have become  
17 a program that requires national guidance with national  
18 leadership, bylaws, and a constitution.

19           Now, therefore, be it resolved by the  
20 Department of California Executive Committee of the  
21 American Legion Riders in regular meeting assembled in  
22 Clovis, California, on April 17th through 19th, 2015,  
23 that the American Legion Riders Department of California  
24 requests the American Legion Department of California to  
25 submit to the American Legion National Executive

1 Committee a resolution to form a national  
2 American Legion Riders; and

3 Be it further resolved that the American Legion  
4 National Executive Committee will commit to the  
5 formation of a national President, national  
6 Vice President, regional Vice Presidents, national  
7 Executive committee, national constitution, and national  
8 bylaws in the image of our parent organization, the  
9 American Legion, and brother program, the Sons of the  
10 American Legion.

11 Thank you.

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. How does the  
13 Resolutions Committee recommend?

14 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Point of order.

15 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Sir.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: The resolution  
17 is invalid.

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: How is the  
19 resolution invalid?

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: The resolution  
21 requires that the American Legion National Executive  
22 Committee will commit. We have no power to do so.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Microphone.

24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Hang on. Actually,  
25 come here. It is much easier this way.

1           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I'll be honest  
2 with you guys, it is not that I disagree with the issue.  
3 I think it is an issue that we eventually need to  
4 address. But, unfortunately, in the form that this  
5 resolution is in, the last paragraph saying resolved,  
6 the American Legion national Executive Committee will  
7 commit to the formation, we do not have the power to  
8 pass a resolution that tells the American Legion  
9 national Executive Committee what they must do.

10           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: But they can --  
11           (Applause.)

12           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: But they can fill the  
13 resolution out if they want.

14           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: No. We don't  
15 have the power to tell them.

16           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: That's what  
17 a resolution does.

18           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: We don't have  
19 the power to tell the American Legion what to do.

20           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay.

21           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I agree with  
22 the spirit, but we can't tell the American Legion what  
23 to do.

24           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: I think we can pass  
25 it.

1           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I agree with the  
2 spirit of it, but it -- as written, we can't tell them  
3 what to do, just like we can't tell Janet --  
4 Commander Wilson what to do. Okay?

5           However -- not yet, Jim. Hang on just  
6 a second.

7           ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE SEWELL: Okay.

8           ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Yes,  
9 Mr. President.

10          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: How does the  
11 committee recommend we go on that?

12          ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: We do not  
13 propose it, and we do not oppose it.

14          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chicken.

15          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. So that is  
16 a very noncommittal, very political kind of comment.

17          ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Yes,  
18 Mr. President.

19          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So -- but hang on.

20          However, we do need to know whether the  
21 committee recommends it for approval or does not want it  
22 to come out of committee.

23          ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: I -- well,  
24 this is my own personal opinion since --

25          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You can't have

1 a personal opinion. I need the opinion of the  
2 committee.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Oh, dear.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Table it.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: What they were saying  
6 in the meeting.

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: What they  
8 were saying in the whole room while we were reading  
9 this, if we would have noticed that paragraph, then we  
10 would have said thumbs down.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So in other words,  
12 thumbs down?

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Yes, sir.

14 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: So it is  
15 tabled.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Have a seat.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: It cannot pass.

18 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It cannot pass  
19 because it is not --

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: It can't be tabled.

21 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: Point  
22 of order.

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Jim.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE SEWELL:  
25 Jim Sewell, Chapter 555, delegate to the convention.

1           That sounded to me like the committee didn't  
2     have an opinion and that that is his opinion. If we  
3     would have read that part or if we would have noticed  
4     that part, it would have been thumbs down? They didn't  
5     notice it. They either have to recommend it or not  
6     recommend it, but not if we had.

7           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's correct. And  
8     that's why I told him, I can't have your personal  
9     opinion. I need the opinion of the committee.

10          ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE SEWELL: Right.

11          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: But he is  
12     a representative of the committee.

13          ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT:  
14     Mr. President, point of order.

15          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Can they make  
16     a motion?

17          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: J.D., come on up.

18          ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: We have  
19     a Resolutions Committee that sets and reviews the  
20     resolutions, and when they -- when they review those,  
21     the committee makes a determination. And like we just  
22     discussed, it is not an opinion. It is what did the  
23     committee decide when they walked out of that room? And  
24     if the committee decided to support that, then we need  
25     to know that as a body, and if they decided to oppose

1 it, we need to know that. That needs to be a clear,  
2 decisive decision from that committee when they are done  
3 with that Resolutions Committee.

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: They are only  
5 reviewing it for form.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The committee was  
7 supposed to review it for form, not just making sure  
8 that it was very well worded.

9 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Yes.  
10 Absolutely.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: But it wasn't in  
12 this case. If -- and your comment of if we had noticed  
13 that one particular word -- which, as we all know, one  
14 word changes everything; so therefore, we're --

15 Smokey, where do we go from here?

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: We can vote.

17 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: If the --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Parliamentary procedure, you  
19 have --

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Stand by.

21 Smokey?

22 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Pursuant to the  
23 requirements of our constitution and bylaws, we cannot  
24 exceed the authority granted therein.

25 And as the Judge Advocate, I will reject this

1 resolution as being improperly on the floor.

2 (Applause.)

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So we move on. You  
4 should have stayed at the mike.

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: I enjoy  
6 this exercise, Mr. President.

7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: There you go.

8 And we are on the --

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Number  
10 nine.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Last one.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: We saved  
13 the best for last.

14 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: You want to  
15 duck before he reads it?

16 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ: Really?

17 This pertains for a proposed uniform manual for  
18 the American Legion Riders Department of California.

19 Whereas, the American Legion Riders is  
20 a sponsored program of the American Legion with the same  
21 goals and purposes of the American Legion; and

22 Whereas, the berets and vests displaying the  
23 American Legion emblem is the most recognized public  
24 face of the American Legion Riders program;

25 Whereas, to ensure continuity and compliance

1 with the program guidelines, said guidelines are  
2 reasonable and necessary to ensure that the display of  
3 the American Legion emblem on the vest and beret is  
4 consistent with the ideals of the American Legion and  
5 its purposes; and

6           Whereas, a consistent uniform regalia display  
7 tends to show unity and is an outward display of the  
8 ideals of the member and promotes a showing of unity and  
9 purpose among all American Legion Riders Department of  
10 California members; and

11           Whereas, it is reasonable and necessary to  
12 provide American Legion Riders Department of California  
13 members a clear and concise guideline to the display  
14 of the regalia worn on the beret and vest of the  
15 American Legion Riders Department of California members;  
16 and

17           Whereas, guidelines for regalia display are  
18 reasonable and necessary to ensure that the members'  
19 beret and vest displays items in conformity to the  
20 bylaws and regulations of the American Legion Riders  
21 program; and

22           Whereas, an American Legion Riders uniform  
23 manual will outline and define for the membership the  
24 proper, consistent, and respectful wearing of the  
25 American Legion emblem, end confusion, and establish

1 clear and enforceable guidelines for the display of the  
2 American Legion emblem on the members' beret and vest.

3 Be it resolved that the attached  
4 American Legion Riders Department of California uniform  
5 manual be adopted as the official statement and the  
6 proper display of the American Legion Riders beret and  
7 vest regalia.

8 Be it resolved that all members of the  
9 American Legion Riders Department of California members  
10 shall immediately bring all berets and vests displaying  
11 the American Legion emblem containing the  
12 American Legion emblem into compliance with the attached  
13 uniform manual.

14 And I might say that the committee proposes  
15 that we adopt this resolution.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You saved me  
17 a question. Thank you.

18 I'm willing to entertain a motion to -- for the  
19 acceptance of the resolution.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO:  
21 Anthony Sario, Chapter 31, elected delegate for this  
22 convention.

23 I make a motion to postpone further decision  
24 and call the vote for this resolution for exacting  
25 uniform standards until such time as members have had no

1 less than thirty days to review and discuss with the  
2 Executive Committee Uniform Committee said resolution to  
3 ensure members' voices are heard.

4 Further, it is my intent to ensure the  
5 resolution before us has been proper vetting amongst all  
6 members not present, ensuring all exacting standards can  
7 be met.

8 Finally, I would like to state for the record  
9 my intent is to not to lay upon the table or to kill  
10 this resolution.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

12 I have a motion on the floor.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: He just  
14 made a motion, and I second the motion to remove the --  
15 to -- to postpone voting on this resolution until people  
16 have had more time to think it over.

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I have a motion and  
18 a second to postpone this resolution, basically tabling  
19 it -- no. Not tabling it. Postpone the vote until  
20 later.

21 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO:  
22 Parliamentary procedure. A common misunderstanding of  
23 Robert's Rules of Order, when one says lay upon the  
24 table, one intends to kill, as in completely remove that  
25 from the table. Because it has already been presented,

1 and my motion specifically says I do not wish to lay  
2 upon the table or kill this resolution, it is what is  
3 known as a secondary or a further postponement, which is  
4 allowed under Robert's Rules of Order, whenever there is  
5 an amendment to a bylaw or a constitution that requires  
6 further discussion, which is why I am calling this  
7 motion to the floor, which has been seconded.

8 So for further clarification, now we would call  
9 for the vote to my motion.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: We have to discuss  
11 first.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Sure.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Mr. Stover.

14 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I would request  
15 that you don't table it. How long are we going to wait?  
16 The thing is not perfect, guys. I wrote it. I'll admit  
17 that. I'll put the target on my chest. We had to start  
18 somewhere. And it may not be perfect, but if we can  
19 start from someplace, then we can do the things we  
20 talked about yesterday, go to the American Legion, make  
21 the changes that we would like to do, say we would like  
22 to expand the back area or we would like to do other  
23 things.

24 But you asked in a resolution not to -- and  
25 I told you I was really proud of that idea. And then

1 you said, okay. We got the rules. We will follow them.

2 Tell us what they are. Clarify them; so we did.

3 The current standing Uniform Committee has

4 reviewed this and does recommend that you adopt it.

5 We've got to start somewhere. We have been doing this

6 for eight years, saying we will make the change next

7 week, next month. Start somewhere. I encourage you to

8 answer the issue, either adopt it or reject it. You can

9 reject it incomplete if you want, if it comes up. You

10 can accept it and say, we'll start from here and then go

11 to your Uniform Committee, go to your local posts, go to

12 your chapters and say, these are the changes we would

13 like to make. We will work within this framework

14 because now we have got one. Step right up the ladder.

15 And then let's make positive changes. And then we'll

16 talk -- like I said yesterday, let's talk about

17 scholarships. Save the money for veterans, not what is

18 on the back of the dang vest.

19 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Pardon my

21 French.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That was not -- that

23 wasn't French at all. That was very, very clear

24 English.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY:

1 Stephanie Early, Chapter 872.

2 We are all duly elected delegates to this  
3 convention as representatives of our chapters. What  
4 passes on this convention floor is not a consensus of  
5 every American Legion Rider. It is a consensus of the  
6 duly elected delegates. We are here to vote on items as  
7 a representative of our entire chapter. We don't go and  
8 call every member of our chapter, well, how do we want  
9 to vote on this? That is our responsibility here to  
10 vote for our chapter as our chapter's voice.

11 The uniform is something that we need. We all  
12 have different things on our vests. We need something  
13 that is clear and concise. When the American Legion  
14 started with their covers, they had to sit somewhere and  
15 say, emblems on this side, titles on this side; so that  
16 way everything -- we can look across the room, and we  
17 will know who is an American Legion Riders just by where  
18 items are placed on the front of their vest.

19 We don't need a consensus of every  
20 American Legion Rider. We only need a consensus in this  
21 room.

22 (Applause.)

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 272 DELEGATE GONZALEZ:

25 Jaime Gonzalez, Chapter 272.

1           It seems as if we are beating a dead horse  
2 there. This was supposedly resolved yesterday. We are  
3 just going to continue adding and confirming what we  
4 have already did. You emphasized dramatically, first of  
5 all, we really don't have a choice. It is  
6 American Legion's requirements. You addressed that we  
7 either had to do it or we'd have to close off the  
8 program.

9           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It's off the  
10 point.

11           ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY: I don't  
12 think we need to continue discussing or passing other  
13 resolutions.

14           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

15           (Applause.)

16           ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN:

17 Bob Wathen, Chairman -- excuse me. Chapter 136.

18           The -- I read the manual last night, and in  
19 about a half an hour I came up with a page and a half of  
20 notes and questions; so it is not clear, and it is not  
21 concise. I agree we need one, and I agree that we have  
22 to establish one. But as it is right now, the problem  
23 I have with this situation is that the resolution, as  
24 written, implements this manual and says that as soon as  
25 we finish this vote, if we implement it, everybody who

1 doesn't meet the standards of that manual is not  
2 compliant.

3           And there is a lot of questions in there.  
4 That's why I think that -- I agree that it is a very  
5 good thing that we go ahead and we work on the manual,  
6 but we postpone implementation until we have had some  
7 time to work out these kinks. I don't know how much  
8 time was spent on this, and I don't know how much input  
9 there was, but if I can come up with a page and a half  
10 of questions in about forty-five minutes, I think that  
11 just indicates that there needs to be a little further  
12 work.

13           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: At the same time,  
14 however, you have to understand, like Smokey said, we  
15 have to start somewhere, and the questions that you have  
16 would be perfect to go up to the Uniform Committee, as  
17 was stated yesterday.

18           ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: Well,  
19 then, what do we do in the meantime when we have got  
20 people who are in -- not in compliance? Are we going to  
21 tell them, no. You cannot wear your vest that way  
22 because it says this word right here, and then later we  
23 change that word?

24           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes.

25           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It is like any

1 law. It changes --

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: Thank  
3 you.

4 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I'm going to  
5 shut up.

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: I  
7 understand. I truly understand.

8 I don't think they should put a flawed document  
9 into service as a rule until we have a little further  
10 discussion on it. And I think the document --

11 (Applause.)

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Joe.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: Good  
14 morning, Commander -- President.

15 Joe Love, Chapter 69.

16 I had good night's sleep last night, first time  
17 in a long time.

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: And it is  
20 because of this uniform, this thing has been a pain in  
21 our butts since 2007, and I would really love to see it  
22 go away. Several years ago we sat in a convention, and  
23 we talked about the uniform for convention. And, lo and  
24 behold, I sit in this convention right now, and I see  
25 people out of uniform.

1           Number one is your convention headgear is your  
2 beret. And if you look around, there's a lot of people  
3 in here with Commander caps from the American Legion.

4           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Those are  
5 proper.

6           ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: We have  
7 people in here with SAL caps.

8           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Those are  
9 proper.

10          ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: And many  
11 others; so my point is --

12          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: It is the headgear  
13 of their parent organization -- it is the headgear of  
14 the parent organization, and I can't require these two  
15 folks who are right up here --

16          ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: They are not  
17 Rider members.

18          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Excuse me. Larry  
19 is, but he is not here in this capacity. He is here as  
20 Commander Wilson's Sergeant-at-Arms.

21          ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: I understand  
22 that. Yes, it does.

23          ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It is not part  
24 of the motion on the floor.

25          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So do you have an

1 opinion on the question that's -- on the motion?

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: My statement  
3 is that we already passed something in this organization  
4 about headgear for the convention. It is not going to  
5 hurt to table this thing for more time to discuss it and  
6 work on it. The thing is is that we need to make it  
7 solid in here. I understand they are guests of the  
8 American Legion.

9 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It is off the  
10 point.

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE LOVE: And, sure,  
12 some of them may be Riders. This is my Rider uniform.  
13 There are people out here with this Rider uniform on  
14 that is out of uniform because they didn't wear their  
15 cap. They should have never been let into this hall.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It's off the  
17 point.

18 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: Point of  
19 order.

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. We're -- that  
21 is off the subject.

22 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: Thank you.

23 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: And he is  
24 wrong.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 82 DELEGATE SMITH:

1 George Smith, Chapter 82, San Mateo. I'm a delegate to  
2 this conference.

3 I agree that this is a good document to start  
4 with. The only exception I have, and I think that it  
5 could be easily rectified if it went back to committee,  
6 is that it says members at the time of the first annual  
7 convention in Fresno, and the date of April 1st, 2007,  
8 may continue to wear their original and existing vests  
9 and jackets. If we change that date to today, it takes  
10 care of all of us, and then we go forward implementing  
11 it.

12 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: That is not  
13 a part of the question. Again, it is off the question.

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

15 All right. These two gentleman will be the  
16 last one and then votes.

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: Good  
18 morning, sir.

19 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Good morning.

20 When that last gentleman speaks, please come  
21 up, state your motion again to make sure that we are  
22 very clear on what we are voting on.

23 Okay?

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS:

25 Daures Stephens, Post 711 out of Lake Isabella. I'm

1 a former Marine and a retired senior deputy sheriff.

2 And when these -- when the uniform changes,  
3 everyone knows it is coming so they can prepare for it;  
4 so I believe that we should pass some kind of manual,  
5 but we should not have it effective immediately upon  
6 being passed, and then pass it again and pass it again.  
7 I agree with the gentleman two people back. The manual  
8 should be distributed to us, take it to our -- to our  
9 people, then submit it back to you guys so it can be  
10 done correctly so patches aren't off and on and  
11 everything else.

12 So I recommend that we pass it --

13 (Applause.)

14 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: -- the  
15 manual, but that it has a drop-dead date -- three  
16 months, six months -- I don't care. But we should not  
17 pass a manual and implement it that today is the date  
18 that it starts; that is unusual by any count, and  
19 I don't see the emergency for it.

20 For example, we can't figure out this morning  
21 whether my American Legion logo that I have on the back  
22 is approved to be on the front. Well, how can you not  
23 approve the American logo on the front?

24 And they have got what is referred to as  
25 a rucker on the front, but it is something else when it

1 is on the back; so with that kind of confusion we cannot  
2 authorize a manual that is effective immediately. It  
3 needs a date.

4 Thank you.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE BERARD: Good  
8 morning, Mr. President.

9 Andrew Berard, Chapter 3, a delegate to this  
10 convention.

11 It is my understanding that the -- the issue of  
12 the uniform manual is a living document and, therefore,  
13 will be subject to changes as time proceeds. I agree  
14 with Smokey, this is something that has been a long time  
15 needed, a long time coming, and we should not entertain  
16 the idea that we put it off any longer. Again, it is  
17 a living document, and we should be able to make the  
18 necessary changes as needed as time goes on. But we do  
19 need to start, and we do need to start now.

20 Thank you.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you, sir.

22 Votes.

23 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO:

24 Anthony Sario, Chapter 31, appointed delegate to this  
25 convention.

1           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And this is the last  
2 comment. We are just reiterating his point of the  
3 motion so we are clear on what we are voting on.

4           ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Right.

5           So before I read the motion, I want to make it  
6 clear that we also now have a new Uniform Committee who  
7 may or may not have differing points of view; hence, my  
8 motion.

9           I make a motion to postpone further discussion  
10 and call the vote on this resolution for exacting  
11 uniform standards until such time as members have had no  
12 less than thirty days to review and discuss with the  
13 Executive Committee and Uniform Committee said  
14 resolution to ensure members' voices are heard.

15           Further, it is my intent to ensure the  
16 resolution before us has had proper vetting amongst all  
17 members not present, ensuring all exacting standards can  
18 be met.

19           Somebody owes \$25.

20           Finally, I would like to state for the record,  
21 my intent is not to lay upon the table nor kill this  
22 resolution.

23           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Is everybody  
24 clear?

25           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Call for the question.

1           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No. Still not clear  
2 yet.

3           ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Anthony.  
4           Who has a question? If you say you are not  
5 clear, you have to ask me a question before I can  
6 address anything.

7           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Call for the question.

8           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So basically he is  
9 not tabling it, per se.

10          ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: So I --  
11 I -- okay. So we should probably quickly discuss what  
12 tabling means.

13          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No. No. No. No.  
14 No. We know what tabling means.

15          ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Well, then,  
16 I am not tabling it. The motion is called  
17 a postponement. It is not a table. Those are two  
18 separate motions under Robert's Rules of Order.  
19 A postponement is specifically for any resolution that  
20 a member feels requires further discussion; hence, the  
21 motion that I have presented.

22          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And that  
23 postponement is -- if I understand you correctly, was  
24 thirty days?

25          ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: No less

1 than thirty days.

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No less than thirty  
3 days. At least thirty days.

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Correct.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay.

6 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: The convention  
7 is in a year.

8 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The convention is  
9 not until April 22nd of next year.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Yes.

11 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: And we have  
12 a DEC.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: We do have DECs. In  
14 fact, I have one in an hour after this whole thing is  
15 over, and we can take up this resolution then.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: No.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Or we can discuss --

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: We can discuss it.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: -- the manual.

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: We can discuss the  
21 manual at that time.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Right.

23 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Sure. But we  
24 can't do a bylaw resolution until the next convention.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And then I'm being

1 told by Smokey that we can't implement it until it is  
2 ratified by you.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: That's  
4 correct.

5 As long as my motion is on the floor, no action  
6 can be taken by the Executive Committee?

7 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: That's correct.

8 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's correct.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: Unless  
10 there is a call to vote by you?

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That is correct.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE SARIO: So I stand  
13 on my motion, if that is what you are asking.

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Call for the vote.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right. All in  
17 favor of said motion signify by saying aye.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

19 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Opposed?

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Nay.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I think we'll have  
22 to do it like we did yesterday.

23 All in favor of said motion please stand.

24 Thank you.

25 All against said motion please rise.

1           We're going to have to do a roll call. Please  
2 sit. So when you come up -- because that was actually  
3 pretty even from looking up -- looking at it from  
4 this -- this point of view. Make sure when you line up  
5 you line up at this microphone stand. Identify yourself  
6 as to who you are, what chapter you are, and how many  
7 delegates so the secretary can make a record of it.

8           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: You guys helping?

9           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I've got it  
10 right here.

11          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: All right.

12          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So we can speed this  
13 along, please let's -- let's keep it quiet, let these  
14 guys line up, and we'll start the voting now.

15

16                   VOTE ON RESOLUTION NUMBER NINE

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18          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chapter 3.

19          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Quiet, please, so we  
20 can hear the response.

21          ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE BERARD:

22 Andrew Berard, Chapter 3, duly elected delegate to this  
23 convention.

24           Four votes no, plus one no.

25          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chapter 11.

1 (No response.)

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Okay. Chapter 20.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE BORGES:

4 Chapter 20.

5 Three delegates in favor.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Name? Please

7 identify yourself.

8 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE BORGES: I'm sorry.

9 Carl Borges, Chapter 20.

10 Three delegates in favor.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chapter 22.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 22 DELEGATE BROWN: Ron Brown,

14 Chapter 20 -- 22, and a delegate.

15 And it is three opposed.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

17 Chapter 23.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 23 DELEGATE SWANSON:

19 Chapter 23. My name is Tom Swanson.

20 We have two delegates, plus one, and all three

21 are negative.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chapter 26.

23 Thank you.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 26 DELEGATE EDMONDSON:

25 Mitch Edmondson, Chapter 26.

1 We have four delegates, all opposed.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE LIBBY: Hy Libby,  
4 Chapter 31.

5 Four delegates in favor of postponement.

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 31 has three plus  
7 one. I'm sorry.

8 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: What is the  
9 plus one on that one?

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: What was the -- yes?

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE LIBBY: Yes.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chapter 48.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE RING: Brad Ring,  
14 Chapter 48.

15 Four delegates, no.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 50 DELEGATE WHITE: Chapter 50.  
18 Ashley White, delegate to the convention.

19 Post 50 -- or excuse me. Chapter 50 votes yes.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Okay.

21 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: How many  
22 delegates?

23 ALR DOC CHAPTER 50 DELEGATE WHITE: One vote.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Oh, one vote.

25 53.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 53 DELEGATE IRELAND:

2 Terry Ireland, duly elected delegate to this convention.

3 Four delegates, three opposed, one for.

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

5 66.

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 66 DELEGATE MARRIOTT:

7 Don Marriott, 66.

8 We have two yes plus one no.

9 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 69.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE DELUNA:

11 Robert Deluna, Chapter 69.

12 Three delegates, three against.

13 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 77.

14 ALR DOC CHAPTER 77 DELEGATE PHELPS:

15 Kevin Phelps, 77.

16 Three delegates, nay.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 79.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 79 DELEGATE SCHULTZ:

19 Shawn Schultz, 79.

20 Two delegates, no.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 82.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 82 DELEGATE SMITH:

23 George Smith, Chapter 82.

24 Two delegates, one yes, one no.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

1 83.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 83 DELEGATE CAMP: Chapter 83,  
3 Neal Camp.

4 Four delegates nay.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 84.

6 (No response.)

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 88.

8 ALR DOC CHAPTER 88 DELEGATE STEWART:

9 Tiny Stewart, delegate to this convention, Chapter 88.

10 Two for yes.

11 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

12 100.

13 (No response.)

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 108.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: Jim Moat,  
16 delegate.

17 Five no, plus one also no.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

19 111.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 108?

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: That was 108.

22 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: That was 108?

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Yes. 100 didn't  
24 vote.

25 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Sorry.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 111?

2 (No response.)

3 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 118 is not here.

4 119.

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE ROSS:

6 Michael Ross, Chapter 119, a delegate to this

7 convention.

8 Six nay, against.

9 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

10 130.

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 130 DELEGATE COX: Dave Cox,

12 Chapter 130.

13 Two delegates no.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

15 136 is here.

16 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN:

17 Bob Wathen, Chapter 136.

18 One vote yes.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

20 146.

21 ALR DOC CHAPTER 146 DELEGATE DERR: Jim Derr,

22 Chapter 146.

23 Four yay.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

25 149.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 149 DELEGATE DUNN:

2 Jeffrey Dunn, Chapter 149.

3 Two delegates plus one, all three no.

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

5 155.

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 155 DELEGATE QUINTANA:

7 Rick Quintana.

8 Three delegates yes.

9 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

10 200.

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 200 DELEGATE CHATEL: Lupe

12 Chatel, 200.

13 Four delegates yes.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 201.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 201 DELEGATE CLARK:

16 Jason Clark, Chapter 201.

17 Two delegates yes.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 202.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 202 DELEGATE REHM: Frank Rehm,

20 202.

21 Three votes yes.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 211.

23 ALR DOC CHAPTER 211 DELEGATE HAMBY:

24 Chuck Hamby, 211.

25 Three votes no.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 241 is not here.  
2 249.

3 (No response.)

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 255.

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 255 DELEGATE CANNEGIETER:

6 Marvin Cannegieter, Chapter 255.

7 Three delegate votes plus one, all four no.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 262.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:

10 Tim Boswell, 262.

11 Three delegates, two nay, one yes.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 263.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 263 DELEGATE SCHWARTZ:

14 Mark Schwartz, 263.

15 One no, one yes.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

17 264.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 264 DELEGATE FORKNER:

19 Clarence Forkner, 264.

20 One delegate no.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 281.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 281 DELEGATE SHUMATE:

23 Paul Shumate, 281.

24 Three no.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 289 is not here.

1 311.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 311 DELEGATE GOFORTH:

3 Clyde Goforth, 311.

4 Two no.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 324 is not here.

6 328.

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 328 DELEGATE RUIZ: Ray Ruiz,

8 328.

9 Five nays.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 348.

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 348 DELEGATE PAQUIN:

12 Dennis Paquin, 348.

13 One delegate present, oppose.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: That is one no?

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 348 DELEGATE PAQUIN: One no.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: For the Marines up

17 here, we have to say yes or no.

18 355, not here.

19 365.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 365 DELEGATE SIMMONS: Good

21 morning. Cyndy Simmons, originally alternate delegate,

22 replacing Chuck Camarado as delegate.

23 We have three votes, all yes.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

25 371. They went home.

1 383.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 383 DELEGATE ELLIS:

3 Matthew Ellis, Chapter 383.

4 Three votes against.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 416.

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 416 DELEGATE SOUTHWELL: Good

7 morning. Kimberly Southwell for 416.

8 Two delegates voting yes.

9 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 432 is no one.

10 434.

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 434 DELEGATE FERRERA:

12 Calvin Ferrera, 434.

13 Three votes no.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 456, no.

15 460.

16 ALR DOC CHAPTER 460 DELEGATE HENDERSON:

17 Todd Henderson, Chapter 460.

18 Four votes yes.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 497.

20 (No response.)

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 507.

22 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 509.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 509.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 509 DELEGATE PROTZMAN:

25 Bob Protzman.

1 Two delegates present, no.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 519 DELEGATE TRIPP:

3 Allan Tripp, delegate from 519.

4 One for, one opposed.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

6 521.

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 521 DELEGATE MAGENTI:

8 Tim Magenti, 521, delegate.

9 Four yes.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

11 534.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 534 DELEGATE BANAKUS:

13 Jim Banakus.

14 Three votes yes, one extra vote for yes.

15 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

16 555.

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE ZWEIFEL:

18 Yvonne Zweifel, 555.

19 Five votes no.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 574 not here.

21 595.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 595 DELEGATE JAMISON:

23 Don Jamison, 595.

24 Three votes yes.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

1 682.

2 (No response.)

3 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 694.

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 694 DELEGATE WAGNER:

5 Tony Wagner, 694.

6 We have two votes plus one. Two no, one yes.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

8 711.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: Good  
10 morning, sir.

11 Three votes no for the delegates.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Name?

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS:

14 Daures Stephens.

15 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: And that was three  
16 no?

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: Yes,  
18 sir.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 716.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 716 DELEGATE PROFFITT:

21 Debbie Proffitt, Chapter 716.

22 Five yes.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 741 is not here.

24 835.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 835 DELEGATE ORLANDO: 835,

1 James Orlando.

2 One vote yes, one vote no.

3 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

4 848.

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 848 DELEGATE WOODWARD:

6 Tom Woodward, Chapter 848.

7 Three votes no.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

9 852.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS:

11 Leonard Phillips, Chapter 852.

12 We have five delegates, please one on his own,  
13 for a total of six. Four no, two yes.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

15 853.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Two yes, four  
17 no.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two yes, four no.

19 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Thank you.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 854 is not here.  
21 872.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY:

23 Stephanie Early, Chapter 872.

24 There is two votes, one yes, one no.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

1 District 2 is not here.

2 ALR DOC DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE LABRADA: Good

3 morning. Ed LaBrada, District 5.

4 Four votes yes.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

6 District 9.

7 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON:

8 Fred Branson, District 9.

9 Three nays -- oh, three plus one. Three nay,  
10 one aye. For the Marines that is three nos, one yes.

11 (Applause.)

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

13 District 10.

14 ALR DOC DISTRICT 10 DELEGATE FREEMAN:

15 Dan Freeman, District 10.

16 Three plus one, all four yes.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: District 13.

18 ALR DOC DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE HENRY:

19 Ernie Henry, District 13.

20 Four votes no.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: District 28.

22 ALR DOC DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE HALSTEAD:

23 Warren Halstead, delegate to this convention,

24 District 28.

25 Five plus one yes.

1 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And you wait.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: President Adames.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes. If it is  
4 a tie, now you know.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Vice President  
6 Chris Coleman.

7 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN: I vote no.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Finance, Don.

9 ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR: No. I'm sorry.  
10 No.

11 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Secretary votes no.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear.

13 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Sergeant-at-Arms  
14 Paul Patricio.

15 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: I voted  
16 with my chapter.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

18 Chaplain Mary Estrada.

19 ALR DOC CHAPLAIN ESTRADA: I voted with my  
20 chapter by proxy.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Point of order. Can you  
22 repeat the votes of the individuals that you are talking  
23 to because we can't hear what you are saying out here.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Oh, Vice President  
25 Chris Coleman was a no. Don Christolear was a no.

1 Secretary was no. JA was no.

2 Quartermaster.

3 ALR DOC QUARTERMASTER TAFOYA: I voted with my  
4 chapter.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

6 Voted with the chapter?

7 Sergeant-at-Arms.

8 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: I voted  
9 with my chapter.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

11 Junior Past Poncho.

12 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I voted  
13 with my chapter, sir.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

15 Historian Jake Jacobsen.

16 ALR DOC HISTORIAN JACOBSEN: I voted with my  
17 chapter.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Area 1, Bob?

19 ALR DOC AREA 1 VICE PRESIDENT PERRYMAN:

20 I voted with my chapter.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Did you hear that?

22 (Applause.)

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Area 2, Ignacio.

24 ALR DOC AREA 2 VICE PRESIDENT ALVAREZ: I voted  
25 with my chapter.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

2 Area 3, J.D.

3 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: Yes.

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Okay. Area 5, Mick.

5 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: I voted  
6 with my chapter.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

8 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: You're  
9 welcome.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Area 6.

11 ALR DOC AREA 6 VICE PRESIDENT DALE: I voted  
12 with my chapter.

13 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

14 Past President Doc.

15 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT/WEBMASTER DIAZ: I voted  
16 with my chapter.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

18 Safety Officer Marc Mathes.

19 ALR DOC SAFETY OFFICER MATHES: I voted with my  
20 chapter.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

22 Convention, Rally, and Past President Terry.

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: He had to leave, but  
24 he voted with the chapter.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It doesn't count.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: I didn't hear that.  
2 Past President Jim Banakus.

3 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT BANAKUS: I voted with  
4 my chapter.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
6 Past Secretary Anita Bart.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She voted with the chapter.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: And Jeff is not here.  
9 Now you wait. Give us thirty, forty minutes.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Talk amongst  
11 yourselves. This -- this vote is actually pretty close.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Ya think?

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Drum roll.

15 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: If you want to, you  
16 can take a stretch.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: We are done.

18 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: We are done.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: We are done.

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Hang on  
21 a sec.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:  
23 President Adames, point of order?

24 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Hold on  
25 a second.

1 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Hang on one second,  
2 please.

3 Please sit down. Please take your seats.

4 Mr. Boswell, do you want me to announce the  
5 results first before you bring your point of order?

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL: I would  
7 like to bring my point of order first, Mr. President.

8 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Absolutely. Go  
9 ahead.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:  
11 Tim Boswell, Chapter 262, duly authorized delegate for  
12 this convention.

13 We have two members who have had votes counted  
14 in this poll that have left the convention floor, and  
15 you must be present on the convention floor for your  
16 vote to count.

17 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: That's correct.  
18 Who? Who?

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: He said two votes  
20 would not count. It wouldn't make a difference, though.  
21 He said two votes. From where? I'm sorry. He needs to  
22 clarify that.

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Tim, would you  
24 please address the mike again.

25 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: He is from?

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL: Yes,  
2 Mr. President.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Which two are you  
4 referring to?

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:  
6 I believe it was Terry Boughman and Anita.

7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Thank you.  
8 Let me announce the results.

9 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Hang on.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two votes would not  
11 matter.

12 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It would not  
13 have --

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And the results are  
15 seventy-nine yes, one hundred fifteen no.

16 (Applause.)

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The resolution is  
18 still out here. The resolution -- so -- so -- so you  
19 clearly understand, you voted down the motion that votes  
20 nay. It was opposed. It failed. The motion fails; so  
21 now we are back to the motion.

22 Can you --

23 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON:  
24 Fred Branson, District 9, duly appointed delegate to  
25 this convention.

1 I move that we move resolution nine forward.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Accept.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Do you accept?

4 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON: I accept  
5 the resolution.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

7 I have a motion on the floor that has been made  
8 to accept.

9 Is there a second?

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE SEWELL:

11 Jim Sewell, Chapter 555, a delegate to the convention.

12 I second the motion.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The motion has been  
14 made and seconded.

15 Discussion?

16 Mr. Stover.

17 Remember, if you are going to discuss, please  
18 line up.

19 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Robert Stover,  
20 Judge Advocate, a delegate to this convention.

21 Thank you.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Take the mike.

23 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Thank you for  
24 moving forward on this issue. We've got to start  
25 somewhere, like we talked about before. There is some

1 clear guidelines here. Nobody said they are perfect.  
2 As somebody said -- I liked the term -- it is a living  
3 document. We are an evolving organization.

4 Let's at least start from -- should we go about  
5 A, B, C, and D? Where do we need to fix it? Where do  
6 we need to change it? We have the mechanism in place.  
7 That is what this manual does is it gives us a starting  
8 point. And if we start today, then maybe the next time  
9 we come back we can make some changes. In the meantime,  
10 everybody will know where we stand to begin with.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Point of order. As the  
12 Judge Advocate should be fully aware of, people who  
13 speak are supposed to direct their comments --

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: If you are going to  
15 have a comment, please come to the podium.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's not a comment, just  
17 a point of order.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: He is supposed to  
19 address you.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Mr. Adames, as  
21 I said, I'll request that the body accept this manual  
22 and pass this resolution.

23 ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE MUETZ:  
24 Mr. President, Mike Muetz, Post 119, a delegate to this  
25 convention.

1           It isn't perfect, but it is a start. I really  
2 don't think somebody is going to follow everybody home  
3 and make sure, did you do this immediately? No. That  
4 is not going to happen. We are going to be in our  
5 chapters. We are going to talk about it. And we are  
6 going to have -- I think we are going to put the  
7 Uniform Committee to work in a good direction, and  
8 I think we ought to proceed with that.

9           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

10           (Applause.)

11           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And everybody should  
12 know this gentleman right here. It is Mr. Hy Libby.  
13 I saw you a lot yesterday.

14           ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE LIBBY: I was going  
15 to say that.

16           I'm from Chapter 31 and an elected delegate to  
17 this convention.

18           I recommend a no vote on this resolution and  
19 that there is undue hardship necessarily placed on  
20 individuals who have their patch placement out of  
21 compliance of the document as written. There is too  
22 much ambiguity, not enough clarity, and I think we need  
23 to hold it all in abeyance until a further review by the  
24 Uniform Committee.

25           I recommend a no vote.

1 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Mr. Boswell.

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:

5 Tim Boswell, Chapter 262, duly authorized delegate to  
6 this convention.

7 We just want clarification of the  
8 implementation date of this resolution, whether it is  
9 going to be not -- not -- no sooner than thirty days or  
10 if it can be six months from now.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You would have to  
12 direct that comment to the maker of the motion, that man  
13 right there. He would have to amend his motion.

14 Before you -- before you comment, are there any  
15 other comments? Because I'm going to let him speak  
16 last.

17 Sir, if you want to comment, please come to the  
18 podium. Mr. Forney.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE FORNEY:

20 David Forney, Chapter 48, duly authorized delegate to  
21 this convention.

22 I want to remind everybody that the first thing  
23 we voted on Sunday was -- was to conform to some bylaws  
24 that were imposed by the Department of California. If  
25 we don't move forward and demonstrate that we are at

1 least making a start on correcting the uniform, we are  
2 not -- we are not going to be in compliance with the  
3 first vote that we had.

4           Secondly, that it is -- even though this  
5 document may have some flaws, by virtue of that we  
6 can -- we can fix that. We can fix anything out of  
7 a committee between now and the next convention and even  
8 the department convention. If we don't do that, if we  
9 don't -- if we say no right now, then we are not going  
10 to be able to fix this until our next convention --

11           AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

12           ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE FORNEY: -- because  
13 it is a bylaw change, and bylaw changes have to be  
14 approved by the body.

15           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: This isn't a bylaw  
16 change. This is a -- to accept a uniform manual.

17           ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE FORNEY: But isn't  
18 it --

19           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It is  
20 a definition of the bylaws.

21           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: It is a definition  
22 of the bylaws --

23           ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE FORNEY: Okay.

24           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: -- through the  
25 manual.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE FORNEY: I withdraw  
2 it.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Don't withdraw it.  
4 It is on the record. Trust me, sir.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Too late to withdraw  
6 it.

7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Too late to withdraw  
8 it.

9 Sir.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN:

11 Bob Wathen, Chapter 136.

12 My understanding of the resolution as was  
13 written is that if it was voted for, we pass it today,  
14 that it is effective today.

15 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Yes.

16 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: Is that  
17 not correct?

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's correct,  
19 yeah.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Yes.

21 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: So  
22 therefore, if we vote it today, it is effective today as  
23 of now?

24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That is correct.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN: Thank

1 you.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Well, after  
3 convention.

4 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Well, after  
5 convention is closed.

6 Mr. Diaz.

7 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT/WEBMASTER DIAZ:  
8 Luís Diaz, duly elected member from the District 10.

9 I don't think we are really divided on this  
10 thing. I just think people need to understand --  
11 I thank the Judge Advocate for all of his hard work on  
12 this thing. I think it is a great framework in which  
13 the Uniform Committee can complete the work on this  
14 thing and produce a document that will not evolve. This  
15 does not have to be a living, constantly evolving,  
16 dividing document every, you know, two months. We need  
17 something in place that we can live with for a year,  
18 implement, get everybody aware of and back and get your  
19 backing of.

20 So I think it is a bad idea to pass something  
21 that we already know. We have one member here who went  
22 through it, probably, I trust, very well. I did too.  
23 And we have questions about it. Why would we want to  
24 make law a document that we know is flawed? There is no  
25 reason for it. It can go to the Bylaws Committee and

1 two -- two Executive Committees from now to get passed  
2 by you. We tried to double pass it once changes are  
3 made so that there is a sufficient clarification in the  
4 motions.

5 So thank you.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So hang on,  
7 Mr. Diaz.

8 What is your position, accept or reject?

9 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT/WEBMASTER DIAZ: My  
10 position is to reject it because I believe we have  
11 already -- we made the good faith effort. If they want  
12 more than that -- I have seen resolutions on the blue  
13 side that get no action for two years.

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's correct.

15 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT/WEBMASTER DIAZ: We  
16 already have a document that our Judge Advocate has  
17 worked up that generally is supported by the membership.  
18 In fact, some people here are willing to accept it in  
19 its flawed -- that's -- I don't know how much more  
20 support for what the direction of the Legion wanted than  
21 what we are showing right now.

22 All I am saying is wait, let those minor  
23 corrections be made to this document, and then you  
24 verify it -- or the new DEC act on it either at the next  
25 meeting or the following; so we're -- we are talking

1 about sixty days, and we will have a document. We'll  
2 put it up on the Website. Everybody will have a final  
3 copy. And we can move forward to make it a part of the  
4 law.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

6 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: The  
7 Uniform Committee has seen it.

8 (Applause.)

9 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Mr. Bennett.

10 And the reason I am letting this go a little  
11 long is because this is very important. It goes back to  
12 what Mr. Forney said a little bit ago that is on the  
13 record.

14 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT:  
15 Mr. President, J.D. Bennett, Chapter 509, delegate to  
16 this convention, 3rd Area Vice President.

17 We passed the resolution yesterday, resolution  
18 number three. It passed overwhelmingly. That meets the  
19 standards that the Department of California has placed  
20 upon us with Resolution 15-004.

21 I think the uniform book right now is nothing  
22 more than doubling the resolution that we have already  
23 passed, other than clarifying where some patches are  
24 going to go on our vests. We beat the dead horse  
25 yesterday. This is not about a patch. It is about our

1 service. This vest doesn't define my character. This  
2 vest doesn't define me as a man or a person or even as  
3 an American Legion Rider. It is in the heart. It is in  
4 the mind, and I think all of our hearts and all of our  
5 minds are in the right place. I think we approach it  
6 from different angles.

7 But to clarify my point, we passed resolution  
8 three, which meets the California -- the Department of  
9 California's requirements of Resolution 15-004, and  
10 I think that we have time now to clarify and update our  
11 bylaws for our uniforms. And it doesn't have to be at  
12 this moment.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So your  
14 recommendation is?

15 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: My  
16 recommendation is a nay on the current resolution.

17 (Applause.)

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

19 You are the last one to speak since you made  
20 the motion.

21 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON: And  
22 I have learned my lesson, Mr. President. Fred Branson,  
23 District 9.

24 I would propose an amendment to the proposal  
25 that we postpone it for sixty days so that all personnel

1 and all Uniform Committee members, duly elected --

2 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: No. That is  
3 not the motion.

4 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON: -- table  
5 the proposal for sixty days so the Uniform Committee and  
6 chapters can get together and --

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: He can't do it at the  
8 convention.

9 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: No. That is  
10 not the motion that he made. He made the motion to --

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That is not the  
12 motion that you made. Your motion that you made was  
13 that you move to accept the resolution.

14 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON: Effective  
15 sixty days from now.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Effective sixty days  
17 from now.

18 That's your amended motion?

19 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON: That's my  
20 amended motion.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Is there  
22 a second to the amended motion?

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Would that work?

24 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Yeah.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: That gives us

1 a chance to work on it.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 149 DELEGATE DUNN:

3 Jeffrey Dunn, delegate to this convention, Chapter 149.

4 I second the motion.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

6 So here we go, so....

7 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I'll simply ask  
8 for a personal point of order. I'll simply ask for  
9 a personal point of order, if this body will allow me  
10 to.

11 In reality, though, I don't like sixty days.  
12 I think it is a great compromise. We at least have  
13 something we can take home and have up on the Website  
14 today and say, this is what it is. And then you have  
15 sixty days to contact your uniform people, contact your  
16 area Vice President, contact the DEC. And, believe me,  
17 we'll probably have a twelve-hour phone call on this one  
18 if I am a part of the next DEC.

19 I can tell you that everybody up here has seen  
20 this and we have talked about these issues and we have  
21 strived with these issues. And, believe me, your --  
22 your leaders here will bust their butts to try and come  
23 up with those issues and get everything cleaned up for  
24 you. I guarantee you I don't think everybody in this  
25 room is going to be happy, but nobody is ever going to

1 be able to make everybody in this room happy. But, in  
2 reality, I think at least then you'll go home with the  
3 idea this is what it is.

4 What are the problems that you see? What are  
5 the questions that we are going to have? Does sixty  
6 days effective date give everybody an opportunity to  
7 chime in? And there is mechanisms in place in the  
8 manual, and we have already talked about how to make  
9 those things work.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Call for the question.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: After this gentleman  
12 speaks, the question will be called.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: Jim Moat,  
14 Chapter 108.

15 To delay it sixty days we fall back to the  
16 resolution we passed yesterday, which is nothing on the  
17 vests for sixty days.

18 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: No.

19 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: I know.

21 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: The bylaws have  
22 already been changed.

23 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: That isn't  
24 the point I wanted to make. I'm sorry. That was an  
25 incorrect statement. We still fall under the program.

1 If you pass something now, at least you can still have  
2 some things we want on our vests.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Thank you.

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: Thank you.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So here we go. If  
6 you vote to accept the resolution, it becomes effective  
7 sixty days for that man to give us time to go back. If  
8 you vote to reject it, you go back to what we passed  
9 yesterday and as J.D. explained.

10 Is that clear?

11 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Clear  
12 instructions. Take them home with you today to comment.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. All in favor  
14 of said motion signify by saying aye.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Opposed?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Nay.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Ayes have it. Ayes  
19 have it. Ayes have it.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: You can do  
21 a standup.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: If you are in favor  
23 of it, please stand. Thank you.

24 Good thing I am not asking you to genuflect.

25 Good Lord, you are getting your exercise today.

1 If you are opposed, please rise.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Ayes have it.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

4 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Secretary  
5 confirms, ayes have it.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The secretary  
7 confirms the ayes have it. The motion passes.

8 (Applause.)

9 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Thank you all.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right. So  
11 believe it or not that was the last resolution.

12 (Applause.)

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Almost party time.  
14 It is 5:00 somewhere, as I have been told.

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16 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE - PART II

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18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So what we have to  
19 do at this point is we have to open up the nominations  
20 one more time.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: No.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: No.

24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes, we do.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: It is not in the

1 bylaws for two -- two nominations.

2 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: You can ask if  
3 there are any further changes or you can just move  
4 forward. You don't have to. Traditionally, we have.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So are there any  
6 nominations for President?

7 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Any further  
8 nominations?

9 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Any further  
10 nominations for President?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Make up your mind.

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I'm just testing  
13 you.

14 Okay. Are there any other nominations for  
15 President? Are there any other nominations for  
16 President?

17 (No response.)

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Nominations are  
19 closed for President.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Well, I know what  
23 that means.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Are there any other

1 nominations for Vice President?

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: You have  
3 Chris Coleman --

4 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Right now we have  
5 Chris Coleman --

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: -- and Mick Sobczak.

7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: -- the current  
8 Vice President; and we have Mick Sobczak, the current  
9 Area 5 Vice President.

10 Are there any other nominations for  
11 Vice President? Are there any other nominations for  
12 Vice President?

13 Thank you, Critter. I'm glad you didn't do it  
14 the other way around.

15 Are there any other nominations for  
16 Vice President?

17 (No response.)

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Nominations are  
19 closed.

20 Good luck you two, and I would be very  
21 fortunate to have either one of you as Vice President or  
22 any Vice President or any President would have. I would  
23 be lucky.

24 All right. Sergeant-at-Arms. Are there any  
25 other nominations for Vice President --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Sergeant-at-Arms.

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: -- or  
3 Sergeant-at-Arms?

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 521 DELEGATE ADAMS: I'm  
5 David Adams, duly elected delegate to this convention  
6 out of 521.

7 I would like to nominate big Paul. I thought  
8 he did a great job yesterday in that situation.

9 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

10 Big Paul, do you accept?

11 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: I do not  
12 accept. Thank you, but I do not accept.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: He does not accept.

14 And, by the way, thank you for yesterday. You  
15 handled that perfectly.

16 (Applause.)

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Now I know how to  
18 make him blush. That's a whole lot of blood going up to  
19 that face.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You should have seen the  
21 other guy.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Critter, am  
23 I still at one?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It would be one.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. Now, are

1 there any other nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms? Are  
2 there any other nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms?

3 All right. I was about ready to --

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 509 DELEGATE PROTZMAN:

5 Bob Protzman, Chapter 509.

6 I would like to nominate Mick as  
7 Sergeant-at-Arms.

8 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK:

9 I decline.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: He declines.

11 Thank you.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: How many jobs do they  
13 want you to have?

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Good Lord, man.

15 How many jobs do they want you to have?

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: You have friends.

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Are there any other  
18 nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms?

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: Jim Moat,  
20 Chapter 108.

21 I would like to nominate Denver Strauss for  
22 Sergeant-at-Arms.

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Denver Strauss --

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE MOAT: Bad Santa.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: -- Bad Santa, do you

1 accept?

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE STRAUSS: Yes.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Bad Santa,

4 Denver Strauss, accepts.

5 Are there any other nominations for  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms? Are there any other nominations for  
7 Sergeant-at-Arms? Are there any other nominations for  
8 Sergeant-at-Arms?

9 (No response.)

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's closed.

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12 CANDIDATES ADDRESS TO DELEGATES

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14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Now at this point  
15 what we allow is we allow the candidates, if you would  
16 please approach the podiums out here, and I will -- you  
17 get time to address the delegation.

18 Can somebody turn the air on in here?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, please.

20 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Open  
21 a window.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

23 ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR: You are not in  
24 Lompoc anymore.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Bad Santa, we are

1 going to do the Vice Presidents first.

2 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: Hold the  
3 noise down.

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5 CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right.

8 Mr. Coleman, the current Vice President, please.

9 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN:  
10 Thank you.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Point of order.

12 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN:  
13 Thank you.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He should be speaking to us.  
15 He should be speaking from the podium.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Very good idea.  
17 Thank you, sir.

18 If you are going to speak, please come on  
19 around. Made you walk for nothing.

20 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: Now you  
21 feel my pain from yesterday.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yeah. Literally.

23 In case you didn't know it, Mr. Patricio over there told  
24 me he wasn't wearing the most comfortable shoes or  
25 boots.

1 ALR DOC AREA 1 VICE PRESIDENT PERRYMAN: How  
2 could you with those feet?

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That is his fault.  
4 He did admit that.

5 And we'll start with the Vice President  
6 candidates.

7 First off, Mr. Chris Coleman.

8 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN:  
9 Okay. Where was I?

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Right there.

11 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN:  
12 All right. I'm Chris Coleman, as you guys know, your  
13 state Vice President. I still want to be your state  
14 Vice President.

15 You guys know me. You know I go up and down  
16 the state. One way or another, broke-down car,  
17 whatever, you know, I can get there. If I have to  
18 borrow a bike, I don't care whatever it takes, I will  
19 try to get there. And I definitely want to continue  
20 serving for you and being a member of this organization  
21 but working for you because I believe in this  
22 organization. I believe in all of you, and I definitely  
23 support all of you.

24 And I'm going to sit here and beat a dead  
25 horse. You guys know who I am. You can vote for me if

1 you'd like. I would love to have the job, but I do have  
2 a very good man there. I like him where he is; so vote  
3 for him where he is at. We'll discuss this other stuff  
4 next year.

5 But thank you very much. It has been an honor  
6 to serve you.

7 (Applause.)

8 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK:  
9 My name is Mick Sobczak, Chapter 852, Area 5  
10 Vice President.

11 I want to start by saying that, you know, I am  
12 personal friends with Chris and so I respect what he has  
13 done.

14 The position of Vice President, according to  
15 our bylaws, is membership. It is no different than  
16 a first Vice Commander in where we sit. As membership,  
17 we are going to need to look at ourselves. I'm going to  
18 work with the Area VPs and work our way down through the  
19 chapters. We need to bring back all of these members  
20 that are on our roles that don't show up. We need to  
21 find out what we did as Riders to make it not fun for  
22 them anymore and look at ourselves and change -- not  
23 effect a mission, but bring them back into the fold.

24 We need to get rid of the bad apples that have  
25 caused things like our resolutions to be written because

1 they are a detriment to us as Riders. And then we need  
2 to bring in new members. When you hear there are 78,000  
3 Legionnaires in California, only 1,000 of them are  
4 Riders. We need to change that. We need to get more  
5 Riders up there. And it is a win/win for our parent  
6 organizations. The more Riders we bring in, the more  
7 members we have in the Auxiliary, the SALs, and the  
8 Legion, and the ones that benefit from that is the  
9 veterans that we help.

10 That is what I want to do as Vice President is  
11 work on membership, keep things going, grow us. I want  
12 us to have a convention that rivals the size of the  
13 state convention for the Legion. I want to see  
14 a thousand delegates sitting out there. That's what I  
15 want to do.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: She does too.

17 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT SOBCHAK:

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

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21 CANDIDATES FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

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23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Candidates for  
24 Sergeant-at-Arms, please approach.

25 You are a Bad Santa.

1 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAUSS:

2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Please.

4 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAUSS:

5 All right. Everybody knows me as Bad Santa. Nobody the  
6 last time I ran for Sergeant-at-Arms knew my real name.

7 And it is Denver Strauss, delegate for Chapter 108,  
8 a delegate for this convention.

9 And I would like to be your Vice President --  
10 well, I would like to be Vice President.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Bad Santa.

12 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STRAUSS:

13 If you can't jump the chairs like that, what is up with  
14 that? Sergeant-at-Arms. I was caught off guard to jump  
15 up here.

16 But I have the experience at it, District 11,  
17 with our Past Commander Poncho, his Vice President --  
18 Vice President, his Sergeant-at-Arms, in the chairs in  
19 our post. And I tried to adhere to the rules and -- I'm  
20 a stickler for rules, although we had problems when we  
21 came here to vote. And I'm 100 percent behind what the  
22 body says we need to do, and so I ask for your vote.  
23 And it won't break my feelings if you don't vote me in.

24 Thank you.

25 ALR DOC QUARTERMASTER TAFOYA: Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Mr. Storey.

3 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STOREY:

4 Good morning.

5 It is not afternoon yet everybody.

6 Steve Storey, known as Dock. I spell it  
7 a little different. If you are interested to know why  
8 I spell it different, please see me later.

9 I serve as a Sergeant-at-Arms for both the  
10 Post 460 down in San Diego and for the Riders at 460 in  
11 San Diego. I want to be your Sergeant-at-Arms because  
12 I am a veteran, a Legionnaire, and a Rider, and I do all  
13 of those things for one reason: To support our  
14 veterans, just like everybody in this room. If I don't  
15 get elected, I will still be a veteran, still be  
16 a Legionnaire, and I will still be a Rider, and I will  
17 still support veterans, just like everybody in this  
18 room.

19 As a Sergeant-at-Arms, if you elect me -- and  
20 God bless Paul, what he went through yesterday. I was  
21 sitting there and I was, like, oh, I don't want to do  
22 that. I don't want to get thumped. Somebody is going  
23 to thump me.

24 But as we go through -- as our resolutions went  
25 through and our passionate discussion -- and you are

1 a passionate group. I will certainly work with your  
2 Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms, it would be my intention so  
3 the Sergeant-at-Arms, when we get to this point, don't  
4 have -- don't have to go through the things that Paul  
5 actually experienced.

6 So as your Sergeant-at-Arms, I shouldn't be  
7 surprised whatever regulations or whatever uniform  
8 adoptions we enact; so your Sergeant-at-Arms shouldn't  
9 be that enforcer so that we just simply come into the  
10 hall and we conduct our business for the benefit of the  
11 veterans that we support.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Mr. Stover.

15 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STOVER:

16 Bet you guys are really tired of hearing my voice.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

18 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STOVER:

19 I would like to be your Sergeant-at-Arms. I have been  
20 your Sergeant-at-Arms in the past at the department  
21 level. I think there are things to be done and things  
22 to be handled. I can tell you that I did it before and  
23 I would like to do it again; so I would like to  
24 administer things fairly and reasonably with everyone.

25 We ask you to do something. If I am directed

1 to ask you to do something, I will tell you why. I'll  
2 show you exactly where it is. I'll work with your local  
3 chapters, with your Presidents, with your  
4 Sergeant-at-Arms to ensure that these kind of -- I call  
5 it sometimes petty disciplinary issues that -- to argue  
6 on the floor of the convention, which I find  
7 disrespectful to every member. I think that Paul  
8 handled that very well yesterday. It shouldn't need to  
9 have to happen, and it should be known that when you get  
10 here that it is not going to happen by a strong and  
11 effective hand that will do that. I ask that you vote  
12 for me and to allow me to do that for you.

13 I believe I have a lot to contribute to this  
14 body. It is hard to come behind somebody who says, you  
15 know, I'm a veteran, I'm a Legionnaire, and I'm a Rider.  
16 I don't get to count that first one. I'm a proud son,  
17 father with thirty-five years in the Navy, two children  
18 in the Marine Corps. Some say why are you in an  
19 organization where there is no benefit to you? It is  
20 the pride and recognition of the service of every man in  
21 this room that has that veterans patch on.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And woman.

23 ALR DOC CANDIDATE FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STOVER:

24 And woman. I'm sorry.

25 But that is why I do the things that I do.

1 That is why I joined this organization. I believe  
2 I have a lot to contribute, and I believe I can do a lot  
3 for you as your Sergeant-at-Arms; so I'll ask you to  
4 vote for me. I will do my best to do my duty for God  
5 and country.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So there you have  
9 it.

10 Okay. So I know that there is a lot of  
11 discussion that needs to happen. We're going to take  
12 a fifteen-minute break, give you a chance to talk. And  
13 I need everybody seated back at ten minutes to 11:00.

14 We are in recess.

15 (Short recess taken from  
16 10:33 a.m. to 10:48 a.m.)

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Great. We're  
18 a little early. We're back in session.

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20 UNIFORM COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

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22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. So the way  
23 that the -- first of all, let me -- since we just took  
24 a vote on uniform, if you are on the Uniform Committee,  
25 please stand. If you are on the Uniform Committee,

1 please stand.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: God help you.

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No. No. No. Stay  
4 standing. Please stay standing. The reason I am asking  
5 you to stand is, for one, I would like people to know  
6 who you are so they can shoot you -- so they can take  
7 the target off of Smokey's back.

8 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: I like it.  
9 I like it.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And in all  
11 seriousness, at the conclusion of today I would like you  
12 guys to meet and choose a chairman and to let me know  
13 and let Steve know.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Because heaven knows  
17 you have got some work ahead of you.

18 All right. But we do have a good starting  
19 point and that was brought up. But in order to do so we  
20 need an Executive Committee.

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22 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: With that being  
25 said, when you vote today -- and we have to do is by

1 roll call. Okay?

2 So when you vote, please, even though I know  
3 I am running unopposed, and you know I am running  
4 unopposed, you still have to cast your vote for the  
5 President. Okay?

6 This isn't like the Legion, where you can go  
7 you are running unopposed. Thank you very much. Have  
8 a nice day. Yeah.

9 So with that said, when you come up, give your  
10 name. And what is most important is -- and because  
11 I have a feeling that maybe some of the offices are  
12 going to be a very, very close race, very close, that  
13 the candidates -- the losing candidate can actually ask  
14 for a by-delegate vote; so you have to vote for -- by  
15 the delegate who is here seated. You can't vote for  
16 anybody that left.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay?

19 So for example, and I know this is a medical  
20 reason that he is not here, Terry Boughman. He is due.  
21 He can help them, but he is not seated on the floor.  
22 Okay?

23 And I don't mean to point that out, but it is  
24 just -- it is a statement of fact; so you have to vote  
25 by the delegates present.

1           Is that understood?

2           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Ask them to  
3 stand as they vote.

4           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. So when  
5 that --

6           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: They don't need to  
7 stand.

8           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Go ahead and line  
9 up. As you are lining up, you can cast your ballot or  
10 cast your vote for President and Vice President and  
11 Sergeant-at-Arms at the same time.

12           ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: I wrote  
13 your name down so they don't get your name wrong.

14           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yeah. So they don't  
15 get my name wrong again. That would be really, really  
16 funny. I forgot who did that.

17           All right. Let's quiet down and get the voting  
18 started. Please speak clearly so the stenographer can  
19 get your name and your count and for Steve to get your  
20 count.

21           And it is surprising when she actually writes  
22 down. Everything that I am saying right now is going  
23 right there, and I will see that a little later today or  
24 at some time.

25           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: All right.

1 Here we go.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: All right. So that  
3 I don't get killed later, I want to remind everybody  
4 that these badge holders that are hanging around your  
5 neck, you can take the souvenir out of the middle, take  
6 it home with you. You can leave it in, and I will file  
7 it for you. But we do need them turned in. It saves us  
8 money for the finance next year.

9 Let's start.

10 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: You are going  
11 green.

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: It is something he  
13 ate.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Chapter 3.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE DRIVER: Chapter 3,  
16 Steve Driver.

17 We cast four votes plus one for James Adames.

18 Four votes plus one for Chris Coleman.

19 Four votes plus one for Robert "Smokey" Stover.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

21 Chapter 11.

22 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: Not here.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Okay. Chapter 20.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE DAUGHERTY:

25 Mike Daugherty, Chapter 20.

1 Three votes, President James Adames.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE DAUGHERTY: Three  
4 votes for Vice President Mick Sobczak.

5 And three votes for Sergeant-at-Arms  
6 Steve Storey.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

8 Chapter 22.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 22 DELEGATE BROWN: Ron Brown,  
10 Chapter 22, delegate.

11 President, three votes for James Adames.

12 Vice President, two for Mick -- Mick Sobczak.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yeah. Good luck  
14 with that.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 22 DELEGATE BROWN: One for  
16 Chris.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: One for Chris.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 22 DELEGATE BROWN:  
19 Sergeant-at-Arms, three for Steve Storey.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
21 Chapter 23.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 23 DELEGATE CARTER:  
23 Chapter 23, John Carter, delegate to this convention.

24 For President, James Adames, one.

25 Vice President, Chris Coleman, one.

1           Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve Storey, one.

2           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

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4           ALR DOC CHAPTER 26 DELEGATE WENZINGER: Good  
5 morning, Mr. President.

6           From the 26, I'm Ralph Wenzinger. That is the  
7 common spelling.

8           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Kind of like  
9 Sobczak.

10          ALR DOC CHAPTER 26 DELEGATE WENZINGER:  
11 Correct.

12          ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Spelled  
13 like it is pronounced.

14          ALR DOC CHAPTER 26 DELEGATE WENZINGER:

15                 For President, our three votes go to  
16 James Adames.

17                 For Vice President, our three votes go to  
18 Chris Coleman.

19                 And for Sergeant-at-Arms, our three votes go to  
20 Steve Storey.

21          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

22          ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE LIBBY: Chapter 31,  
23 Hy Libby, a delegate to this convention.

24                 For President, three plus one for James Adames.

25                 For Vice President, three plus one for --

1 Mind if I call you Mick?

2 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Works  
3 with me.

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 31 DELEGATE LIBBY: And for  
5 Sergeant-at-Arms, three plus one for Denver Strauss.

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

7 48.

8 ALR DOC CHAPTER 48 DELEGATE WOMBLE:

9 Ronnie Womble, Chapter 48.

10 Four votes, James Adames.

11 Four votes, Chris Coleman.

12 Four votes, Robert Stover.

13 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

14 Chapter 50.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He is not here.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 53.

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 53 DELEGATE IRELAND:

18 Terry Ireland, Chapter 53.

19 Four delegate votes for James Adames.

20 We have a split. It would be one vote for  
21 Mick, three votes for Coleman.

22 Sergeant-at-Arms, we have four votes for  
23 Robert "Smokey" Stover.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

25 66.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 66 DELEGATE MARRIOTT:

2 Don Marriott, 66.

3 We have two plus one votes, for a total of  
4 three.

5 We have three votes for President for James.

6 Three votes for Mick.

7 And three votes for Steve.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 69 DELEGATE DELUNA:

10 Robert Deluna, Chapter 69.

11 Three votes for President, James Adames.

12 Three votes for First Vice, Chris Coleman.

13 Three votes for Steve Storey, Sergeant-at-Arms.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

15 74 is not here.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 77.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 77.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 77 DELEGATE PHELPS:

19 Kevin Phelps, Chapter 77.

20 Three votes for President, James Adames.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 77 DELEGATE PHELPS:

23 Vice President, three votes for Mick Sobczak.

24 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK:

25 Perfect.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 77 DELEGATE PHELPS:  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms, two votes for Steve Storey, one vote  
3 for Bad Santa, Denver Strauss.

4 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Denver,  
5 Bad Santa.

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: I'm going to repeat  
7 that.

8 Two for Steve Storey, one for Denver?

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 77 DELEGATE PHELPS: Yes.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

11 79.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 79 DELEGATE SCHULTZ:

13 Shawn Schultz, Chapter 79.

14 Three votes for James Adames. I'm sorry.

15 Two votes for Mick Sobczak.

16 Two votes for Steve Storey.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 79 DELEGATE SCHULTZ: Okay.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 82 DELEGATE SMITH: George --

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 82.

21 ALR DOC CHAPTER 82 DELEGATE SMITH:

22 George Smith, Chapter 82.

23 Two votes for President for James Adames.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 82 DELEGATE SMITH: Two votes

1 for President -- or Vice President, Chris Coleman.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 82 DELEGATE SMITH: And two  
4 votes for Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve Storey.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

6 83.

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 83 DELEGATE CAMP: Chapter 83,  
8 Neal Camp.

9 We have three votes for James Adames.

10 We have three votes for Chris Coleman.

11 And we have three votes for Denver Strauss.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

13 84. No?

14 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 88.

15 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 88.

16 ALR DOC CHAPTER 88 DELEGATE STEWART:

17 Tiny Stewart, a delegate to this convention.

18 Casts two votes for James Adames.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 88 DELEGATE STEWART: Two votes  
21 for Mick.

22 And two votes for Steve Storey.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

24 100.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 100 DELEGATE OVERBY:

1 Bill Overby, Post 100, Lemoore.

2 One vote for James Adames.

3 Two for -- one for -- one for Steve Storey.

4 And one for Dennis Strauss.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: No.

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 100 DELEGATE OVERBY: Mick --

7 I'm sorry. Oh, wait a minute. What the hell am I doing  
8 here?

9 Mick -- one vote for Mick.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Trust me, I ask that  
11 a lot.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: One for Mick.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 100 DELEGATE OVERBY: One for  
14 Mick.

15 And Steve Storey -- one for Steve Storey.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

17 You said one for James Adames.

18 One for Mick Sobczak.

19 One for Steve Storey.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 100 DELEGATE OVERBY: That's  
21 it.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

23 108.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 108 DELEGATE WHITAKER:

25 Alene Whitaker, Chapter 108.

1           We have five plus one for President,  
2 James Adames.

3           We have three votes for Mick -- or excuse me.  
4 Three votes for Mick for Vice President. Three also for  
5 Chris.

6           Five plus one for Denver Strauss for  
7 Sergeant-at-Arms.

8           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
9 111.

10           (No response.)

11           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 118 is not here.  
12 119.

13           ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE ROSS:  
14 Michael Ross, Chapter 119.

15           Six votes for James Adames.

16           Four for Chris Coleman. Two for Mick.

17           Four for Smokey Stover and two for Don.

18           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two for who?

19           ALR DOC CHAPTER 119 DELEGATE ROSS: Denver.

20           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Denver.

21           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

22           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So see, they wanted  
23 to change my name last year. It is your turn this year,  
24 Don.

25           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Bad Santa.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 130.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 130 DELEGATE COX: Dave Cox,  
3 Chapter 130.

4 Two votes for President, James Adames.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Uh-huh.

6 ALR DOC CHAPTER 130 DELEGATE COX:

7 Vice President, two votes Mick -- and I will probably  
8 kill your name -- Sobczak.

9 Is that close?

10 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Close.  
11 Spelled like it is pronounced.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And Sergeant-at-Arms, two  
13 votes for Steve Storey.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two for James.

15 Two for Mick.

16 And two for Steve.

17 ALR DOC CHAPTER 130 DELEGATE COX: Yes.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

19 132 is not here.

20 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 136.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 136.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 136 DELEGATE WATHEN:

23 Bob Wathen, Chapter 136.

24 We have one vote for James.

25 One vote for Chris.

1           And one vote for Steve.

2           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

3           146.

4           ALR DOC CHAPTER 146 DELEGATE DERR:

5   Kenneth Derr, Chapter 146.

6           Four votes for James Adames.

7           Four votes for Mick Sobczak.

8           Four votes for Steve Sobczak -- or

9   Steve Storey.

10          ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: My

11   brother.

12          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Brother from another

13   mother.

14          Is that Steve Storey?

15          ALR DOC CHAPTER 146 DELEGATE DERR: Yes.

16          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

17          149.

18          ALR DOC CHAPTER 149 DELEGATE DUNN:

19   Jeffrey Dunn, Chapter 149.

20          Two delegates plus one for a total of three

21   votes for James Adames for President.

22          Two plus one for Mick Sobczak for VP.

23          And two plus one for Steve Storey,

24   Sergeant-at-Arms.

25          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

1 155.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 155 DELEGATE QUINTANA:

3 Rick Quintana, 155.

4 Three delegates.

5 Three for James.

6 Three for Mick.

7 And three for Steve Storey.

8 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

9 200.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 200 DELEGATE CHATEL:

11 Lupe Chatel, Chapter 200.

12 Four votes for Jim.

13 Four votes for Mick.

14 Four votes for Steve.

15 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Four votes for James.

16 Four votes for Mick.

17 Four votes for Steve.

18 ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: Yes.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

21 201.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 201 DELEGATE CLARK:

23 Jason Clark, Chapter 201.

24 Two delegates.

25 Two for James for President.

1 Two for Mick for Vice President.

2 Two for Steve Storey for Sergeant-at-Arms.

3 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

4 202.

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 202 DELEGATE REHM: Frank Rehm,  
6 Chapter 202.

7 Three votes for James Adames.

8 Three votes for Chris Coleman.

9 Three votes for Robert Stover.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

11 211.

12 ALR DOC CHAPTER 211 DELEGATE HAMBY:  
13 Chuck Hamby, Chapter 211.

14 Three votes for James.

15 Three votes for Mick.

16 And three votes for Denver.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

18 241 is not here.

19 249.

20 (No response.)

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 255.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 255 DELEGATE CANNEGIETER:  
23 Marvin Cannegieter, Chapter 255.

24 Three plus one for James Adames.

25 Mick Sobczak.

1                   And Steve Storey.

2                   ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   How many votes for  
3   Mick?

4                   ALR DOC CHAPTER 255 DELEGATE CANNEGIETER:  
5   Three plus one.

6                   And three plus one for Steve Storey.

7                   ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Thank you.  
8                   262.

9                   ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:  
10   Tim Boswell, 262.

11                   Casts three votes for Mr. James Adames, our  
12   current ALR DOC President.

13                   We cast three votes for flying five  
14   Mick Sobczak.

15                   And we cast three votes for Steve Storey.

16                   ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Thank you.  
17                   263.

18                   ALR DOC CHAPTER 263 DELEGATE SCHWARTZ:  
19   Mark Schwartz, 263.

20                   One for James Adames.

21                   One for Mick.

22                   And one for Steve Storey.

23                   ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Thank you.

24                   ALR DOC CHAPTER 264 DELEGATE FORKNER:  
25   Clarence Forkner.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Just a second. Okay.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 264 DELEGATE FORKNER:

3 Chapter 264.

4 One for James.

5 One for Mick.

6 And one for Steve Storey.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: That's one for James.

8 One for Mick.

9 One for Steve Storey.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 264 DELEGATE FORKNER: Yes.

11 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

12 281.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 281 DELEGATE SHUMATE:

14 Paul Shumate, 281.

15 Three delegates.

16 Three votes for James.

17 Three for Mick.

18 And three for Steve.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Three for James.

20 Three for Mick.

21 Three for Steve.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 281 DELEGATE SHUMATE: Roger

23 that.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

25 289 is gone.

1                   311.

2                   ALR DOC CHAPTER 311 DELEGATE GOFORTH:

3   Clyde Goforth, 311.

4                   Two votes for James Adames.

5                   Two votes for Chris Coleman.

6                   And two votes for Steve Storey.

7                   ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

8                   324 is not here.

9                   328.

10                  ALR DOC CHAPTER 328 DELEGATE RUIZ: Commander

11   Ruiz, 328.

12                  We cast five votes for James Adames.

13                  Five votes for Mick Sobczak.

14                  And five votes for Steve Storey.

15                  ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

16                  348.

17                  ALR DOC CHAPTER 348 DELEGATE PAQUIN:

18   Dennis Paquin, 348.

19                  One delegate present.

20                  One vote James Adames.

21                  One vote Chris Coleman.

22                  One vote Steve Storey.

23                  ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: One vote

24   James Adames.

25                  One for Chris Coleman.

1 And one for Steve Storey.

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 348 DELEGATE PAQUIN: Correct.

3 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

4 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I have been called  
5 worse.

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 355 is not here.

7 365.

8 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 365.

9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 365 DELEGATE HAEUSSLER:

10 Art Haeussler, Chapter 365.

11 Three delegates.

12 We cast three votes for President,

13 James Adames.

14 Three for Vice President, Chris Coleman.

15 And three for Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve Storey.

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

17 371.

18 (No response.)

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 383.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 383 DELEGATE ELLIS:

21 Matthew Ellis, Chapter 383.

22 Three delegates.

23 Three votes for James Adames.

24 One vote for Chris Coleman. Two votes for Mick  
25 Sobczak.

1           And Sergeant-at-Arms, three votes for  
2 Steve Storey.

3           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Three votes  
4 James Adames.

5           One for Chris Coleman. Two for Mick Sobczak.  
6 Three for Steve Storey.

7           ALR DOC CHAPTER 383 DELEGATE ELLIS:  
8 Affirmative.

9           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
10 416.

11          ALR DOC CHAPTER 416 DELEGATE SOUTHWELL: Good  
12 morning.

13          Kimberly Southwell, 416.

14          Two delegates.

15          Two votes for President, James Adames.

16          Two votes for Mick Sobczak.

17          And two votes for Steve Storey.

18          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two for James.

19          Two for Mick.

20          Two for Steve.

21          ALR DOC CHAPTER 416 DELEGATE SOUTHWELL: Yes.

22          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

23          432.

24          (No response.)

25          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 434.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 434 DELEGATE FERRERA:

2 Calvin Ferrera, 434.

3 Three votes for James.

4 Three votes for Mick.

5 Three votes for Steve.

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Three for James.

7 Three for Mick.

8 Three for Steve. Thank you.

9 456 is not here.

10 460.

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 460 DELEGATE HENDRICKSON:

12 Todd Hendrickson, 460.

13 Four delegates.

14 Four for James, President.

15 Four for Mick, VP.

16 And Sergeant, Steve Storey.

17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Four for James.

18 Four for Mick.

19 Four for Steve.

20 ALR DOC CHAPTER 460 DELEGATE HENDRICKSON: Yes,

21 sir.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

23 497, not here.

24 507, not here.

25 509.

1 ALR DOC CHAPTER 509 DELEGATE PROTZMAN:

2 Bob Protzman, Chapter 509.

3 We have voting two plus one for President for  
4 James.

5 For VP for Mick.

6 And for Sergeant, Steve Storey.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Okay. Two plus one  
8 for James.

9 Two plus one for Mick.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 509 DELEGATE PROTZMAN: Two  
11 plus one for Steve.

12 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two plus one for  
13 Steve. Thank you.

14 519.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 519 DELEGATE MURRAY:

16 Greg Murray, Post 519.

17 Is the battery dead?

18 Greg Murray, Post 519.

19 Two votes for Adames.

20 Two votes for Coleman.

21 Two votes for Stover.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two for Adames.

23 Two for Coleman.

24 Two for Stover.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 519 DELEGATE MURRAY: Yes, sir.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
2 521.

3 ALR DOC CHAPTER 521 DELEGATE MAGENTI:  
4 Tim Magenti, 521.

5 We have four for James Adames.

6 Two for Mick Sobczak.

7 Two --

8 I apologize. Four, Mick Sobczak.

9 Four, Steve Stover.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Who?

11 ALR DOC CHAPTER 521 DELEGATE MAGENTI:

12 Steve Storey.

13 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Two different  
14 people.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 521 DELEGATE MAGENTI:

16 Steve Storey.

17 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Steve Storey.

18 There we go.

19 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Four for

20 James Adames.

21 Four for Mick Sobczak.

22 And four for Steve Storey. Thank you.

23 534.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 534 DELEGATE BANAKUS:

25 Jim Banakus, Chapter 534.

1           We have four plus one for James Adames for  
2 President.

3           Vice President we have Chris Coleman, four.  
4 Mick Sobczak, one.

5           And for Robert "Smokey" Stover we have four  
6 plus one.

7           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
8 555.

9           ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE ZWEIFEL:  
10 Yvonne Zweifel, delegate, Chapter 555.

11           We have five for James.

12           Five for Mick.

13           And five for Steve Storey.

14           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Five for James.

15           Five for Mick.

16           Five for Steve Storey.

17           ALR DOC CHAPTER 555 DELEGATE ZWEIFEL: Correct.

18           ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: 555.

19           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

20           574 is not here.

21           595.

22           ALR DOC CHAPTER 595 DELEGATE JAMISON:

23 Don Jamison, 595.

24           We have three votes for James.

25           Three for Mick.

1 And three for Steve.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

3 682.

4 (No response.)

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Still not here.

6 694.

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 694 DELEGATE WAGNER:

8 Tony Wagner, 694. We have -- I'm a delegate for 694.

9 We have two votes plus one.

10 All three for James Adames.

11 All three for Coleman.

12 And all three for Storey.

13 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: Good  
14 morning, sir.

15 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: 711.

16 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: Yes,  
17 sir. Daures Stephens, President for 711.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Uh-huh.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 711 DELEGATE STEPHENS: Three  
20 for Adames.

21 Three for Mick.

22 And three for Steve Storey.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

24 716.

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 716 DELEGATE PROFFITT:

1 Debbie Proffitt, Chapter 716.  
2 Five votes for James Adames.  
3 Five votes for Mick Sobczak.  
4 And five votes for Steve Storey.  
5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
6 741 is not here.  
7 835.  
8 ALR DOC CHAPTER 835 DELEGATE ORLANDO:  
9 James Orlando, Chapter 835.  
10 We had two delegates this morning. One since  
11 has left because of mental reasons.  
12 So the one remaining delegate casts one vote  
13 for James Adames.  
14 One vote for Mick Sobczak.  
15 And one vote for Steve Storey.  
16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
17 848.  
18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 848 DELEGATE: Bob, 848.  
19 Three delegates.  
20 We have three votes for James.  
21 Three votes for Mick.  
22 And three votes for Storey.  
23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
24 852.  
25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 852 DELEGATE PHILLIPS:

1 Leonard Phillips, Chapter 852.

2 Five delegates plus one.

3 All six go to James Adames for President.

4 All six go to Mick Sobczak for Vice President.

5 And all six go to Steve Storey for

6 Sergeant-at-Arms.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

8 853 is not here.

9 872.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY:

11 Stephanie Early, Chapter 872.

12 Two delegates present.

13 Two votes for President, James Adames.

14 Vice President, Mick Sobczak.

15 Sergeant-at-Arms --

16 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Two?

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes. She said two.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: And Sergeant-at-Arms?

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY: Two votes

20 for Steve Storey.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: So two for James.

22 Two for Mick.

23 And two for Steve.

24 ALR DOC CHAPTER 872 DELEGATE EARLY: Correct.

25 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

1 District 2 is not here.

2 District 5.

3 ALR DOC DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE LABRADA:

4 Ed LaBrada, District 5.

5 We have one vote for James Adames.

6 One vote for Mick Sobczak.

7 And sorry, Smokey. You did too good a job

8 where you are at; so we had to vote two votes for

9 Steve Storey.

10 Thank you.

11 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: District 9.

12 ALR DOC DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE BRANSON:

13 Fred Branson.

14 We were unanimous, three plus one for

15 James Adames.

16 And we split on everything else. For VP, two

17 for Chris Coleman, two for Mick Sobczak.

18 For the Sergeant-at-Arms, we have two for

19 Stover, two for Storey.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

21 District 10.

22 ALR DOC DISTRICT 10 DELEGATE FREEMAN:

23 Dan Freeman, District 10.

24 Three plus one delegates.

25 President, James Adames, three plus one.

1 Vice President, Chris Coleman, two;  
2 Mick Sobczak, two.

3 Sergeant-at-Arms, three plus one, Steve Storey.

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

5 ALR DOC DISTRICT 10 DELEGATE FREEMAN: Thank  
6 you.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: District 13.

8 ALR DOC DISTRICT 13 DELEGATE HENRY:  
9 Ernie Henry, District 13.

10 Four votes for James.

11 Four for Chris.

12 And four for Steve.

13 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

14 District 28.

15 ALR DOC DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE HALSTEAD:

16 Warren Halstead, District 28.

17 Five votes for James.

18 Five votes for Chris.

19 Five votes for Bad Santa.

20 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Denver.

21 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: Don? Where did  
22 that come from?

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Five for James.

24 Five for Chris.

25 And five for --

1 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Denver.  
2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: -- Bad Santa.  
3 Thank you.  
4 President Adames, you get to vote this time.  
5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I get to vote this  
6 time. Let's see.  
7 For President, I vote for me.  
8 For Vice President, I vote for Chris Coleman.  
9 For Sergeant-at-Arms, Smokey Stover.  
10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
11 Vice President, Chris Coleman.  
12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Stand.  
13 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN: All right.  
14 One vote for James Adames.  
15 One vote for me.  
16 One vote for -- one vote for Steve Storey.  
17 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
18 Finance, Don.  
19 ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR: Finance.  
20 One vote for James Adames.  
21 One vote for Mick Sobczak.  
22 And one vote for Robert Stover.  
23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: That's one vote for  
24 James.  
25 One for Mick.

1           And one for Smokey.

2           ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR:   Smokey.

3           ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Secretary -- that  
4 would be me.

5           One for James.

6           One for Chris.

7           And one for Smokey.

8           Sergeant-at-Arms Paul.

9           ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO:   I voted  
10 with my chapter.

11          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Thank you.

12          Chaplain Mary.

13          ALR DOC CHAPLAIN ESTRADA:   I voted with my  
14 chapter.

15          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Thank you.

16          Okay.   Smokey.

17          ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER:   I will abstain  
18 and submit to the government of the body.

19          ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES:   Say it again.

20          ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER:   I will abstain  
21 and submit to the government of the body.

22          ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER:   Chicken.

23          You were thinking it.

24          AUDIENCE MEMBER:   Yes, we were.

25          AUDIENCE MEMBER:   Every one of us was.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Quartermaster  
2 Patrick.

3 Good morning.

4 ALR DOC QUARtermaster TAFOYA: Good morning.  
5 I voted with my chapter.

6 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
7 Poncho.

8 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I voted  
9 with my chapter, sir.

10 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
11 Historian.

12 ALR DOC HISTORIAN JACOBSEN: I voted with my  
13 chapter.

14 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
15 Area 1.

16 ALR DOC AREA 1 VICE PRESIDENT PERRYMAN:  
17 I voted with my chapter.

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
19 Area 2.

20 ALR DOC AREA 2 VICE PRESIDENT ALVAREZ: I voted  
21 with my chapter.

22 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.  
23 Area 3, J.D.

24 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: With  
25 chapter.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: There is a bunch of  
2 chickens.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We raise chickens.

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: All right. Area 5.

5 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: I voted  
6 with my chapter.

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

8 Area 6.

9 ALR DOC AREA 6 VICE PRESIDENT DALE: I voted  
10 with my chapter.

11 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

12 Past President Doc Ruiz?

13 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT RUIZ: I voted with my  
14 chapter, sir.

15 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

16 He voted with his chapter, he says. I think  
17 I heard that.

18 Safety Officer Marc.

19 ALR DOC SAFETY OFFICER MATHES: I voted with my  
20 chapter.

21 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Chicken.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Terry is not here.

24 Past President Jim Banakus.

25 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT BANAKUS: I voted with

1 my chapter.

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Thank you.

3 Past Secretary Anita Bart.

4 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Not here.

5 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: She is not here.

6 And Jeff is not here.

7 I'll be back.

8 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Chicken.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We raise chickens.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Well, you know what?

11 No matter what the outcome is for the rest of the  
12 offices, I'd really, really like for you to thank the  
13 current board for the work that they have done.

14 (Applause.)

15 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

16 You know, doing these jobs that we volunteer  
17 for, we -- we are the first to blame when something goes  
18 wrong. And you really have to have a pretty thick skin  
19 because, as some of you have e-mailed me and Janet -- or  
20 Commander Wilson, they can be pretty scathing. And  
21 sometimes it is -- there are people out there that are  
22 trying to bait you into an e-mail war or a war on social  
23 media.

24 And just a reminder on social media that there  
25 is a policy by the American Legion that rules social

1 media; so you have to be very careful on what you post  
2 out there. Okay?

3           Because once it is out there, it is out there.  
4 You can try to take it down, but people have read it and  
5 it is out there forever. And people will comment on it  
6 and comment on it; so just be very careful because even  
7 on social media you can get charged, and you can be  
8 brought up on charges for conduct unbecoming for  
9 a Legionnaire. Okay?

10           So these guys up here and out there that have  
11 worn the white hats for this year, and for previous  
12 years for that matter, work hard for you. We don't  
13 always get it right, but we do try our best; so when we  
14 hear from you, remember, we have a heart, we have  
15 a soul, we have feelings, but at the same time, we have  
16 to have a thick skin, and we have to be able to listen  
17 first.

18           And when you make -- when you want to make your  
19 point, make it right away, right up front, no trying to  
20 hide it between the lines. I don't play that way. If  
21 you want to tell me -- if you want an honest answer, ask  
22 me. If I don't know it, I'll tell you I don't know, but  
23 I will find out. And that's one reason you saw me  
24 pointing to Smokey a lot. You saw me pointing to the  
25 parliamentarians. If I don't know an answer, I will

1 find it out.

2 And I'm going to be honored to lead you one  
3 more time for one more year. And I will say it  
4 publicly, I'm not going to run next year, even though  
5 per the bylaws I can run for three years. I'm not doing  
6 it.

7 But again, thank you for your confidence.

8 ALR DOC AREA 1 VICE PRESIDENT PERRYMAN:  
9 Chicken.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Chicken. That's  
11 what Bob said.

12 But thank you very much for the confidence in  
13 me, and I will do my best not to let you down.

14 And how about another nice round of applause  
15 for the DEC?

16 (Applause.)

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18 ELECTION RESULTS

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20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And I'm assuming the  
21 big guy behind me has the results.

22 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN: Presuming.  
23 Presuming.

24 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: For President:  
25 Mary Estrada.

1 (Applause.)

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: James Adames.

3 (Applause.)

4 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: The new

5 Vice President: Mick Sobczak.

6 (Applause.)

7 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Your new

8 Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Storey.

9 (Applause.)

10 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN: Does that mean

11 it is story time?

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No. That means you

13 buy all the drinks because you are the new

14 Vice President. Drinks are on Mick on his wife's credit

15 card, yeah. I would like to be there when she receives

16 the bill.

17 So at this point what we have to do --

18 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Can we turn

19 the disco ball on now?

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You have been

21 wanting to turn that damn disco ball on all the time.

22 In case you don't know, there is one right there. Okay?

23 So we have to do the installation of new

24 officers. I have asked Mr. Villa over there if he would

25 be so kind to do it; so I am going to have to find the

1 form to do it; so if you will bear with me for just one  
2 moment.

3 I know.

4 I will delegate that to the outgoing  
5 Vice President to find the paperwork.

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7 MOTION REGARDING CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT

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9 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You have a comment?

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: Yes, sir.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You could have  
12 crossed out front. You know what? You are fined fifty  
13 bucks for that comment, speaking as a token old guy in  
14 here.

15 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: It was  
16 a response to a due, but I will pay that fine.

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes, sir.

18 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: Mike Smith,  
19 duly elected delegate to this convention, Chapter 20  
20 President.

21 I'll make a motion -- I was speaking with  
22 J.D. Bennett last night regarding the great hall here,  
23 the great facilities. And it is \$2,000 a night for  
24 these, and they donated this for us for Thursday,  
25 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

1 (Applause.)

2 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: I'd like  
3 to make a motion that we donate \$1,000 to the  
4 Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You notice where  
6 I am looking?

7 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: The money  
8 guy.

9 ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR: It is there.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. The --  
11 I have a motion on the floor to donate \$1,000 to the  
12 Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

13 ALR DOC DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE LABRADA: I second  
14 that.

15 Ed LaBrada.

16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Actually, you have  
17 to go to the mike. And, actually, Tim Boswell is  
18 already there.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL:  
20 Tim Boswell, 262.

21 I'd like to second that motion that we donate  
22 \$1,000 to the Clovis Memorial -- Clovis -- Clovis  
23 Veterans Memorial Fund.

24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: District?

25 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL: Yes,

1 sir.

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I have a motion on  
3 the floor that's been seconded.

4 Any discussion?

5 This one. This one. The battery died on the  
6 other one; so -- but I'm not going to hold it against  
7 J.D. for letting it die.

8 Sir.

9 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT/WEBMASTER DIAZ:  
10 Luis Diaz, duly elected delegate from District 10.

11 I just -- do we have that in our line for  
12 donations? I think we have already exhausted that.

13 ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR: We have.

14 ALR DOC PAST PRESIDENT/WEBMASTER DIAZ: This  
15 would be an expenditure outside of the budget. We are  
16 not poor, but we have a budget for a reason.

17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

18 ALR DOC TREASURER CHRISTOLEAR: We currently --  
19 we currently have \$12,264 -- okay. We currently have  
20 \$12,264.06 in our donations, but that is not including  
21 -- and I apologize. I was not prepared for this. We  
22 have two -- with \$1500 yesterday and the 2400; so \$3900  
23 minus this, plus a thousand; so we have -- normally in  
24 the past we have given \$10,000 to the VA&R fund. This  
25 is basically going to be coming out of there.

1 Long story short, we do have the money.

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Was that clear?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

4 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Crystal.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So we have a motion  
7 on the floor.

8 Is there any further discussion?

9 Sir.

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 509 DELEGATE PROTZMAN:

11 Bob Protzman, Chapter 509.

12 I just want to let everyone be aware of what  
13 Clovis Memorial District -- I'm all for them. I support  
14 them, but they are tax driven. They get their money  
15 from taxes. Millions of dollars come into this building  
16 every year. I don't know if they really need it. There  
17 might be another avenue to donate to within the Clovis  
18 Memorial, but to donate to them themselves is kind of  
19 a small ripple, I guess you could say, when they get  
20 millions every year from taxes.

21 Thank you.

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

23 Commander Wilson.

24 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: Mr. President and  
25 the convention -- convention delegates, we could do

1 a very nice token. For an extra \$200, in addition to  
2 the thousand, is we sponsor one more veteran in that  
3 program from yesterday in the name of the  
4 Clovis Memorial District. It is a two-fer.

5 (Applause.)

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Well, Commander,  
7 that would have to come from the person who made the  
8 motion to change the motion.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We'll pass the hat for the  
10 extra 200. It will happen.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: So who made the  
12 motion?

13 He is coming around the back. Make the young  
14 guy run.

15 All right. Do it again. Go around again.

16 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: We can speed  
17 this up.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He's a Marine. He can handle  
19 it.

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Go ahead.

21 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: I would  
22 like to modify my motion to donate \$1200 to the -- I  
23 can't remember the name of the charity off the top of my  
24 head.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Our Heroes Dreams.

1 And so --

2 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: In the Clovis --

3 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: In the name of the  
4 Clovis Memorial District.

5 ALR DOC CHAPTER 20 DELEGATE SMITH: Yes, sir.  
6 In the name of the Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

7 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. And I believe  
8 they are also -- who members seconded it -- seconded it?

9 Whoever made the second, do you still --

10 ALR DOC CHAPTER 262 DELEGATE BOSWELL: I agree.

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: He agrees.

12 Tim Boswell agrees.

13 Now, Mr. Stover is passing the hat to collect  
14 more money, which will probably go into the 1200 that we  
15 are going to donate to -- or if it passes that we are  
16 going to donate that extra to that fund.

17 So any further discussion?

18 All in favor of said motion signify by saying  
19 aye.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Opposed?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Nay.

23 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: Roll call.

24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: No.

25 Any abstentions? Anybody want to abstain?

1 (No response.)

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

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4 NEW AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT - PAUL PATRICIO

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6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Mr. Sobczak.

7 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Mr. President,

8 Mick Sobczak, duly make the announcement -- first, thank

9 you for your votes. Yesterday, in the Area 5 caucus,

10 a vote was taken in the case that I did get elected to

11 the state Vice President position --

12 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Just a moment, sir.

13 Let's keep the noise down because this is very

14 important.

15 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: Paul Patricio

16 was elected to replace me as the Area 5 Vice President;

17 so he will still be a thorn in your side on the DEC.

18 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Trust me, he is

19 a big thorn.

20 ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: I would like

21 to introduce the new Area 5 Vice President

22 Paul Patricio.

23 (Applause.)

24 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You get a big

25 standing ovation.

1 Thank you. Thank you very much.

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3 INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

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5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. So Mr. Villa,  
6 are you prepared?

7 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Yes,  
8 I am. I have the paperwork in front of me.

9 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Would you please  
10 approach.

11 Would the new officers -- newly elected  
12 officers please make your way down to the front and face  
13 the audience. That would be me too.

14 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: You  
15 notice all these people out in front of you, this is  
16 your future right here. Look at this. They can't even  
17 get in order here. Must be Air Force. That's why I am  
18 your former President.

19 Okay. Gentlemen, please take your pictures  
20 here because I am going to have these folks in front of  
21 me turn around and face me while I read what I have here  
22 in front of you.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Come down here and read.

24 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I can do  
25 that.

1 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: You can't leave the  
2 podium.

3 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Why can't  
4 I leave the podium?

5 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: To install  
6 them?

7 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Yes.

8 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: You have to  
9 take the mike with you.

10 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I know  
11 that.

12 ALR DOC JUDGE ADVOCATE STOVER: It is not  
13 a requirement. He still has the floor; so he is the  
14 chair. Even if he moves down there, he still is the  
15 chair.

16 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Excuse my  
17 back.

18 Hey, my fellow Riders, you have been chosen to  
19 fill the various offices of the American Legion  
20 Department of California. I know you have vindicated  
21 the trust that has been placed in you. I know you will  
22 fulfill every obligation required to you, provide  
23 yourself with the duties of the office and carry out  
24 those duties with the same spirit which arose at the  
25 American Legion Riders Department of California. The

1 welfare and success of this department depends on you,  
2 as does the preservation of the integrity of the  
3 American Legion Riders.

4           Protect the good name of the American Legion  
5 and the American Legion Riders with the people of our  
6 great nation. Help them to know the Legion Riders  
7 purpose and policy. Remember the tolerance that  
8 animates us as members. Remember there is no rank among  
9 us for we all serve as equals. We are aiming for the  
10 same goals, the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy,  
11 and loyalty.

12           Remember too the cardinal principle of the  
13 American Legion are the rehabilitation of our disabled  
14 veterans; the care of the dependents of those who have  
15 answered the final call; the care of those who are now  
16 suffering from the wounds, disease, and the wants;  
17 excuse me. The education of our children and service to  
18 community of state and nation.

19           You will raise your right hand and say with  
20 your names:

21           I --

22           NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: I [inserting names  
23 individually] --

24           ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: -- do  
25 solemnly pledge myself --

1           NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  -- do solemnly pledge  
2 myself --

3           ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:  -- to  
4 perform faithfully and impartially --

5           NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  -- to perform  
6 faithfully and impartially --

7           ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:  -- the  
8 duties of the office --

9           NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  -- the duties of the  
10 office --

11          ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:  -- of the  
12 American Legion Riders --

13          NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  -- of the American  
14 Legion Riders --

15          ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:  -- I am  
16 about to assume.

17          NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  -- I am about to  
18 assume.

19          ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:  I further  
20 pledge --

21          NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  I further pledge --

22          ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:  -- I am  
23 not a member of --

24          NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:  -- I am not a member  
25 of --

1 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: -- and do  
2 not subscribe to --

3 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: -- and do not  
4 subscribe to --

5 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: -- the  
6 principles of any group opposed --

7 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: -- the principles of  
8 any group opposed --

9 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: -- to our  
10 form of government.

11 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: -- to our form of  
12 government.

13 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Hands  
14 down.

15 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: Hands down.

16 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Very  
17 good.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Recall vote.

19 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I have  
20 a lot of pages here. Let's see.

21 Okay. This is going to be fun.

22 Mr. President, I would like you to step forward  
23 just step one pace out.

24 You have just completed a year of service to  
25 the American Legion Riders Department of California.

1 The records of the chapter indicate the quality of your  
2 service. It is my hope that things you learned about  
3 the American Legion Riders and the experience you gained  
4 will always be available for those who follow you. On  
5 behalf of the President, I thank you for your splendid  
6 service you have rendered to the American Legion and  
7 American Legion Department of California. You may step  
8 back.

9 Now, the new President step forward, please.

10 To you, President, are entrusted very important  
11 duties. You must teach and protect the cardinal  
12 principles of the American Legion Riders throughout the  
13 chapters and the posts. You are entrusted with the  
14 supervision of the duties of all officers of the  
15 chapter, the poor and troubled who come to you, and you  
16 must see no veteran is turned away without full justice.

17 Loyalty to the American Legion Riders  
18 Department of California to its membership, to the  
19 state, and to the nation of organizations are  
20 obligations which you now assume. You are more than  
21 just the presiding officer -- officer for meetings, you  
22 are guided by the constitution and the decision of the  
23 Executive Committee and membership. You have the  
24 responsibilities of the year's -- of the year's  
25 traditions. You must familiarize -- familiarize

1 yourself with the traditions of your chapter, post, and  
2 the American Legion.

3 By your sincere acceptance and earnest  
4 performance of these duties may the trust your fellow  
5 Legionnaires have imposed upon you be justified.

6 I extend to you the congratulations of the  
7 President of the American Legion Riders Department of  
8 California. I wish you well as you assume the  
9 responsibilities of your office.

10 (Applause.)

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12 PRAYER FOR NEW OFFICERS

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14 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Chaplain.  
15 Where is Mary?

16 Mary, could you give a prayer for these newly  
17 elected officers?

18 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: He has one in the  
19 book.

20 ALR DOC CHAPLAIN ESTRADA: Is there one in the  
21 book?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Uncover.

23 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I just  
24 have one.

25 ALR DOC CHAPLAIN ESTRADA: Heavenly Lord, we

1 ask for Your blessings upon these newly elected  
2 officers. We ask that you guide them and give them the  
3 strength and courage to do what is right for our  
4 organization. Bless them in all of their days and watch  
5 out for their families, keep them safe too because there  
6 will be a lot of stresses on the family as we do our  
7 volunteer work.

8 So God bless them and keep them. Amen.

9 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Recover.

11 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Please  
12 recover.

13 My fellow Riders, I present to you the officers  
14 of your choice. I congratulate you on the selection you  
15 have made. You have chosen them now. It is your duty  
16 to aid them in every way. Help them to keep the  
17 American Legion faithful to its principles and ideals.

18 Ladies and gentlemen, your new officers.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: Congratulations.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Gentlemen, take your  
22 seats.

23 Thorn, I need a mike.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The mike is behind you.

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Oh, thank you.

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DONATION FOR OUR HEROES DREAMS

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Well, Commander,

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I have some good news for you. Okay?

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Yesterday we voted and the body voted, thanks

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to your generous donation, that we would sponsor two

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veterans. Today we voted in favor of sponsoring one

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more. And due to the generosity of the people in this

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room, we are able to sponsor another one.

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(Applause.)

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ALR DOC QUARTERMASTER TAFOYA: Oh, yeah.

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Commander, we

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raised -- just by passing the hat we raised \$1,470.

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(Applause.)

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The grand total, my

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Finance Officer just tells me, that we have raised in

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between everything is \$5,070.

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(Applause.)

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ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: I'll

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have to say it takes a lot to choke me up.

22

ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Apparently not.

23

ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATRICIO: It is only

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\$5,000.

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ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: I am

1 cheap, Paul.

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: That's the rumor.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's a Marine.

4 ALR DOC AREA 3 VICE PRESIDENT BENNETT: I won't  
5 tell you where we sat last night.

6 I want to extend a personal thank you from me  
7 and -- as President of Our Heroes Dreams, and I know  
8 when I send Justin a text message here in just a minute  
9 he is going to do the same thing. We are very dedicated  
10 to the rehabilitation and bringing back the quality of  
11 life to our vets that they deserve. Every one of them  
12 has gone through our program that is successful. They  
13 are living a good quality of life. Their families are  
14 affected, their friends are affected, and most of them  
15 are giving back now. They are working with our  
16 organization as counselors for our veterans suffering  
17 from the same issues they were, whether it was NPs, PSD,  
18 suicidal ideations. It is an honor to work with them,  
19 and it is an honor to be an American Legion Rider.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Like I said  
23 yesterday, that's what we do. That is exactly what we  
24 do.

25 According to the agenda, new officers, if you

1 would like, I open the floor for you to speak.

2 Any takers? Chicken.

3 ALR DOC AREA 5 VICE PRESIDENT PATRICIO: What?

4 What was that?

5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Big-ass chicken.

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7 ANNOUNCEMENT

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9 ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE RITTER: Where is my  
10 mike?

11 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: New

12 Sergeant-at-Arms, we need a mike right over here for  
13 Mr. David Ritter.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: On the table.

15 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You know, the fact  
16 that I said that about him is in the record.

17 ALR DOC AREA 1 VICE PRESIDENT PERRYMAN: It is  
18 also a fine.

19 ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE RITTER: Good  
20 morning, Mr. President.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Good morning, sir.

22 ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE RITTER: Commander  
23 Wilson, I'm David Ritter, President of Chapter 3, duly  
24 elected delegate for this convention.

25 I am also the 3rd Area Commissioner for the



1           So Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort her to the  
2 stage.

3           (Processional.)

4           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The floor is yours.

5           DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: Truly, truly,  
6 congratulations to the new officers. It is, indeed, an  
7 honor and a pleasure. I get to work with them for the  
8 next few months.

9           And to the outgoing officers, you did  
10 a fantastic job. We are so very proud of you. The  
11 American Legion knew what they were doing when they put  
12 you in as delegates. They knew that this was going to  
13 be a very, very tough convention for you all. You all  
14 passed with flying colors.

15           I am very, very, very pleased to see  
16 Robert's Rules of Orders so very well maintained. You  
17 could teach some of the Legionnaires on my floor a thing  
18 or two.

19           And I want to tell you all how generous the  
20 donations are for our heroes that they are working with  
21 here. It is just amazing. I am always about the  
22 veterans and doing for them, and then Clovis is also as  
23 well; so the Veterans Memorial District, doing it  
24 through their name, we get a -- we get a two-fer that  
25 way. Everybody has a chance. Thank you for your

1 generous donations.

2 I do want to tell you all, you guys are going  
3 to have to go back to your posts -- your home posts and  
4 report back what you brought today because it doesn't do  
5 any good if it stays on the floor here. You have got to  
6 go back: Information and communication. You go back  
7 and you tell them what you did.

8 And if you are not sure where the patches have  
9 to go, don't give them the wrong information. Say,  
10 I don't know, but we'll find out because that is where  
11 some of the problem came from: Miscommunication. It is  
12 always the rumor in the back of the room.

13 I do want to tell everyone here the -- if you  
14 are planning on going to Baltimore to the convention,  
15 please, please on the Website is the ticket for the  
16 boat -- for the California boat party. Marilyn Rideaux  
17 is in charge of that, and we are going to have a great  
18 time on that boat party.

19 And I guess under the good of the Legion, my --  
20 my district is losing one of the best. Sorry. Truly.  
21 And they planned my homecoming at my post, and he wanted  
22 to be there. I'm really ticked. But anyway, my  
23 homecoming flier is on the Riders Website, it is on the  
24 California Legion Website, and it is on the Sons  
25 Website. Please join me for my homecoming. They have

1 guaranteed me that we will have a hot town time in  
2 Antioch. Please.

3 I do want to thank each and every one of you  
4 for your dedication to the American Legion. God bless  
5 all of you. Safe rides home. Take care of yourselves.  
6 I need every one of you.

7 Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 (Processional.)

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11 CLOSING REMARKS

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13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right. We are  
14 drawing to a close here very -- really, really quickly.  
15 And we actually stayed within time this time, even with  
16 everything we had to do, and that is a great credit to  
17 you guys.

18 But one thing that you guys perhaps may not  
19 know or are not aware of, Commander Wilson could have  
20 been somewhere else this weekend. She chose to stay  
21 here with us the entire weekend, and she served us  
22 meals. She was there.

23 So a nice round of applause for her.

24 (Applause.)

25 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yeah. She worked

1 the check-in booth, yeah. I almost forgot about that.  
2 Hey.

3 So Commander, I will be at your homecoming.

4 So the other thing is -- as Commander Wilson  
5 pointed out is my closing remarks.

6 When we came -- or when I specifically came  
7 into the Legion, I was drawn in by Jim Banakus --  
8 wherever he went.

9 ALR DOC SECRETARY WEBER: I think he left.

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Anyway, Jim Banakus  
11 was at Santa Maria Harley with his vest on, and I walked  
12 up to him after -- just after having retired from the  
13 Army. I walked up. I said, what is this all about?  
14 You know, what is this all about?

15 He directed me to the Post 211 in Lompoc, and  
16 that is how I got here. I came here through the  
17 American Legion, through the Riders, worked the way up  
18 the chairs, and here I am. Anybody can do it. If this  
19 old guy can do it, anybody can do it.

20 But I wanted -- I wanted to make a difference,  
21 and that is what we did -- we did this weekend. One  
22 thing that I learned when I first got into -- the very  
23 first meeting -- the very first time in there I didn't  
24 know anything. I was taught that I couldn't have  
25 anything on the left-hand side of my garrison cap; that

1 it all had to be on the right. I was taught how to be  
2 a Legionnaire. I was taught how to be a leader in the  
3 American Legion. And that is what my charge is to you.  
4 Go back, educate the ones that weren't here. Educate  
5 them to make sure this is right, this is right; so we  
6 don't have to have the Legion tell us what to do. It  
7 comes from us. And if you -- if we police ourselves,  
8 nobody will have to police us afterwards; so it is up to  
9 us. Let's make that change. Let's be that change.

10 I said it last year, and I'll say it again this  
11 year: We have work to do. Let's get busy.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

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15 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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17 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Are there any other  
18 announcements?

19 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA:

20 Mr. President.

21 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Sir, please  
22 approach.

23 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: I try to  
24 do this at all of the meetings that I attend. And this  
25 is just for my fellow brothers. I would like to have at

1 this time all of my Vietnam brothers raise their hands  
2 or stand up and be recognized.

3 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: Boots on the  
4 ground.

5 (Applause.)

6 ALR DOC JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT VILLA: Vietnam  
7 vets, I want you -- I want to salute you and say one  
8 thing that we have always wanted to hear: Welcome home.

9 (Applause.)

10 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Long overdue.

11 When my brother came back from Vietnam, I met  
12 him at the Houston airport. And I was a little guy.  
13 And he came home in his uniform, and he was called  
14 everything you can imagine in Houston, Texas. And  
15 I remember looking at my brother, a tear in his eye, and  
16 I'm asking him, why are they calling you that?

17 We will never forget.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right. So who  
21 wants to go home?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yay.

23 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Like me, like I said  
24 yesterday, but I have got a meeting in a little bit --  
25 okay? -- with these new guys here so we can start the

1 work that we need to do.

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FURTHER BUSINESS

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5 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Is there any further  
6 business to come before this meeting?

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ALL PRESENT: No.

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Oh, really?

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DELEGATE SPRINGER: Right here.

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Yes, ma'am.

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: Microphone.

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13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: You have got to come  
14 to the mike. You can cut across. While she is making  
15 her way up here --

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Yeah. Just pass it down. Pass it down.

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18 While she is getting to -- while the mike is  
19 being handed to her, Uniform Committee, remember,  
20 I directed you to stay behind to elect a chairman and  
21 let us know. Okay? We need to know as soon as  
22 possible.

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24 DELEGATE SPRINGER: I'm waiting for -- I'm  
25 waiting for Chris.

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27 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: And you had to have  
28 your black beret with you, didn't you?

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ALR DOC VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN: I did.

1           DELEGATE SPRINGER: I just wanted to show  
2 everybody these pictures.

3           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: We need a name,  
4 ma'am.

5           DELEGATE SPRINGER: Oh, I'm sorry.

6           Mr. President, I'm Eleanor "Crittter" Springer  
7 Maxi. I'm senior Crittter. The other Crittter is back  
8 there. He is shorter than me.

9           Well, anyhow, I brought these pictures because  
10 I want to show you a couple of pictures. And Chris and  
11 me went and got some copies of it to put in to give to  
12 your Historian. But these pictures here -- here is one  
13 here. This is Tramp Dare. He was a Vietnam vet. He  
14 was the one that is responsible for starting the  
15 American Legion Riders in Garden City, Michigan. He has  
16 copies of these. And then there is a couple more of  
17 these. Bill Kaledas and Tramp Dare on -- on my right.  
18 Okay?

19           These guys are all Vietnam vets that -- your  
20 Vietnam vets are the ones that started your  
21 American Legion Riders. I believe it was in 1993.

22           But thank you. I just wanted to share that  
23 with you.

24           ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you very much.

25           (Applause.)

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Does anybody know where Post 192 -- 192? Because I still have that plaque here, and I'll make sure --

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We have to -- Commander Wilson, since you are probably going to run to Sanger here pretty quick, will you put this in the American Legion Riders office in the new Sanger -- our new American Legion headquarters?

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILSON: Headquarters, be my honor.

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you.

(Applause.)

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ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right. Not bad. Not bad at all.

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Is there any further business to come before this meeting?

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right.

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ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE: I'm not getting to the microphone.

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I want to remind everybody in Post 3 we are hosting a rally this year. I don't know if we can top Salinas, but we will damn sure try.

1 (Applause.)

2 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: The rally -- the  
3 rally dates are?

4 ALR DOC CHAPTER 3 DELEGATE: September 11th  
5 through the 13th.

6 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: September 11, 12,  
7 and 13 in Hanford. I will be there too.

8 So, yeah. All right. Again, I'm trying to  
9 close this meeting up, but that is always good.

10 Is there any further business to come before  
11 this meeting?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

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14 BENEDICTION

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16 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Please uncover, and  
17 the Chaplain will honor the benediction.

18 ALR DOC CHAPLAIN ESTRADA: Let us pray:

19 O God, our convention is now ending, and You  
20 have guided us well. We thank You for the fine  
21 leadership of our departing officers, for the fellowship  
22 that we experienced this weekend, and for the new  
23 friends that we have made. Grant wisdom and inspiration  
24 to our new leaders as they continue to lead us in our  
25 mission to remember and care for those who have served

1 their country well and as we continue to seek a world of  
2 peace from a position of strength, justice, and  
3 compassion.

4 O Heavenly Father, be with our servicemen and  
5 women, giving them courage and strength, keeping them  
6 free from harm, and returning them home safely to their  
7 loved ones.

8 Lastly, O Lord, we ask that you watch over us  
9 and keep us safe as we return to our homes and our  
10 families. Be with us until we meet again.

11 In Your name we pray, amen.

12 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

13 ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Recover.

14 Until we meet again, let us remember our  
15 obligation to our country that we fulfill only by  
16 faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let  
17 service to the community, state, and nation be ever our  
18 main objective of the American Legion Riders, the  
19 American Legion, and its members. Let us be ever  
20 watchful of our honor of our country, our organization,  
21 and ourselves that nothing shall swerve us from the path  
22 of justice, freedom, and democracy.

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RETIREMENT OF POW/MIA FLAG

ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Sergeant-at-Arms.

ALR DOC SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STOREY:

Mr. President.

ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: Would you please retire the POW/MIA flag.

(POW/MIA flag retired.)

ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: With the colors being in place, hand salute. Two.

ADJOURNMENT

ALR DOC PRESIDENT ADAMES: I now declare the 9th annual convention of the ALR DOC adjourned.

(Applause.)

(American Legion Riders Department of California Convention was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.)

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 COUNTY OF KERN ) ss.  
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5 I, B. Suzanne Hull, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 13495, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Riders Department of California Convention, Volume II,  
9 was taken Sunday, April 19, 2014, at the time and place  
10 set forth on the first page hereof.

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

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

21 Dated this 19th day of April, 2015, at  
22 Bakersfield, California.

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B. Suzanne Hull, CSR No. 13495

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