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1	2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION	1	President Junior.
2	LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION	2	(Clapping).
3		3	NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms, please escort the
4	86TH LA FRA	4	National Financial Secretary to the podium, Pat Suckow.
5	NATIONAL CONVENTION	5	(Clapping).
6		6	NP SMITH: Marshal, please escort the National
7		7	Treasurer to the podium, Bea Parco.
8	1ST BUSINESS SESSION	8	(Clapping).
9	September 26, 2018	9	NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms, please escort the
10	1:00 p.m.	10	National Executive Secretary, Doris Fri, Past National
11		11	President, to the podium.
12	Omni Hotel	12	(Clapping).
13	9821 Colonnade Boulevard	13	NP SMITH: Marshal, please escort the Vice
14	San Antonio, Texas 78230	14	President, Christina Murray, to the podium.
15		15	(Clapping).
16	National President	16	NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms and Marshal, please
17	JEAN D. SMITH, Presiding	17	escort the Regional Presidents and line them up here
18		18	facing the audience, please.
19		19	(Clapping).
20	Reported by:	20	NP SMITH: You want me to call you off so you
21	Janalyn Elkins, CSR	21	know where you are?
22		22	(Laughter).
23		23	NP SMITH: Regional President New England
24		24	Northeast, Cindy Rodham-Tuck.
25		25	Regional President East Coast, Shirley Vatter.
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1	PNP COURNEYA: Sergeant at Arms, would you	1	Regional President Southeast, Gail Bolz.
2	please invite the members in and shut the door?	2	Regional President North-Central, Teresa Norton
3	SERGEANT AT ARMS MALGRAM: Madam Chairman, the	3	Past National Chaplain.
4	auxiliary members have been invited in and the doors are	4	South-Central not here. Excused. Sorry.
5	closed.	5	Regional President Northwest, Rose Hall.
6	PNP COURNEYA: Thank you. Sergeant at Arms,	6	Regional President West Coast, Linda Telly.
7	please escort past national presidents to the alter to	7	Regional President Southwest, Nadine Fulton.
8	form the Honor Guard for the national president.	8	(Applause).
9	(Clapping).	9	NP SMITH: You may be seated or go back to your
10	PNP COURNEYA: Sergeant at Arms and Marshal,	10	seat because we're going to stand for the
11	please escort National President Jean Smith to the alter	11	National Chaplain, will you please open the
12	for introduction.	12	Bible?
13	(Clapping).	13	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Madam National
14	PNP COURNEYA: Madam President, here is your	14	President, the Bible is open.
15	gavel of authority. Have a great convention.	15	NP SMITH: Thank you, Gale.
16	NP SMITH: Thank you.	16	Sergeant at Arms, will you attend the colors?
17	PNP COURNEYA: Honor Guard is excused.	17	Salute the flag.
18	NP SMITH: Marshal, please escort the National	18	I now declare the first business session of the
19	Parliamentarian to the podium.	19	86th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary of the
20	(Clapping).	20	Fleet Reserve Association regularly convened.
21	NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms, please escort the	21	(1 rap).
22	National Chaplain to the alter. She's already here.	22	NP SMITH: The Past National Presidents were
23	Okay.	23	introduced at opening ceremonies, but I would ask you to
24	Marshal, please escort Junior Past National	24	stand and be recognized, not by name, just I want to see

Page 5 Page 7 1 Would all the Regional Presidents please stand? 1 you. 2 2 Would all the Past National Chaplains please Madam Chaplain, will you please close the Bible? 3 (3 raps). stand and remain standing as I call your name? 4 Vera Thomas, Sylvia Wainio, Teresa Norton, 4 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Madam President, the 5 Bible closed. 5 Shirley Ferrill, Gale Nathan. Did I get them all? John 6 Neal. Thank you. 6 NP PRESIDENT: Thank you. 7 7 (Brief recess). (Applause). 8 8 NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms and Marshal, please NP SMITH: Will the Regional Presidents-Elect invite the members to the meeting and close the doors. 9 please stand? Everybody's cell phone is off, right? You can leave it 10 (Applause). on the you want to. That will just be \$5 more for my 11 NP SMITH: Would the Regional Vice Presidents 12 project. 12 please stand? 13 SERGEANT AT ARMS MALGRAM: Madam National 13 (Applause). President, the members have been invited in and the 14 NP SMITH: And the reason we have done away with doors are closed. the individual introductions is because they were 15 15 16 NP SMITH: Thank you. Madam Chaplain, will you already introduced in the opening ceremonies and we are pressed for time. We want to get through so we can be 17 please open the Bible? 17 18 18 off on Saturday. (3 raps). 19 As you know, we have a lot of business to 19 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Madam National conduct. If we are to run smoothly, I will ask that you 20 20 President, the Bible is open. 21 use the mike when addressing the assembly. Please state 21 NP SMITH: We are gathered together at this 22 your name, Unit number, and whether you are a delegate 22 service to pay tribute to the departed members of our 23 auxiliary. As we undertake this most sacred obligation or a proxy. Please don't think that you have a voice 24 that will carry throughout the room. You must go to the of our auxiliary, we will first have the Chaplain invoke 25 mike before you will be recognized. If you have a the blessing of God. Page 6 Page 8 lengthy motion, please put it in writing for the 1 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Let us pray. 2 National Executive Secretary before coming to the mike. (Offers prayer). This will not only help the NES with the minutes, but 3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Amen. 4 also the recorder. NP SMITH: We will now remember our members who At this time, I would like to introduce our have been called from this life to one of eternity. It 6 recorder, Janalyn Elkins, would you please stand? is with respect and deep reverence that we call to mind those who have passed on but are with us nevertheless in 7 (Applause). 8 NP SMITH: Committee reports will be judged in memories. Our days on earth are numbered. We do not know the day or hour when our call will come. Let us this room on Thursday afternoon. I remind those that 10 have not picked up your committee packets for judging, 10 pause to remember during this memorial service that the get them from the NES following this meeting. The NES 11 efforts which we put forth to be charitable to our must have your reports no later than 6:00 p.m. tomorrow 12 sisters, the good deeds that we perform will bear fruit. 12 to ensure the awards certificates are ready to present 13 Let us be of service, each one in close harmony with the 14 when you give your report. other, taking an active part and interest in the welfare of our organization and its members. Now is the time to 15 Madam National Chaplain Gale Nathan, would you 16 please prepare for the memorial service? Members, we 16 call the role of our departed sisters. 17 17 will take a short break, and you don't even need to go Members, when your region is called please stand out of the room, to prepare for this. Will those 18 and remain standing until the roll has been called for 18 19 your entire region. I would, however, appreciate it if 19 carrying flowers for the service and participants please 20 all of you would stand now for our Past National meet in the back of the room and prepare to take part? I would like to ask that if you are not participating in 21 Officers as the flowers are placed in their memory and

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22 the memorial service, please do not report to the table

in the back. Please listen as Gale helps you get lined

join Gale at the table in the back of the room. Thank

up. Only the members who are presenting flowers need to

again when the roll is called for the members at large

Past National President Faye Hatfield, Unit 12,

and the flowers are placed in their memory.

NES FRI: LAFRA:

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1	·· ·· · · F · · · · · · ·	1	Posekany, Branch 298. Flower placed by Marty Posekany,
2	T WATER AND T T OF THE PARTY OF	2	her husband. Escort, please.
3	Tube I tu	3	Past Regional President Northeast Charles
4		4	Rainey, Branch 1. Flower placed by Cookie Loveless.
5	T WATER AND T T OF THE PARTY OF	5	Past Regional President Southwest Gordon Hewson,
6	The Hener Guara is encused.	6	Branch 90. Flower to be placed by Gail Doloway, Past
7	Tust Translati Vice Trestactic Translation Street, Chile	7	National President.
8		8	Past Regional President South-Central Michael
9	Washington, Past Regional President East Coast.	9	Oliver, Branch 307. Flower placed by Hilda Peters,
10	Past National Chaplain Bobby Pugh, Unit 381.	10	South-Central Regional Chaplain.
11	Flower placed by her husband, Jerry Pugh, escorted by	11	Past Regional President West Coast Lee
12	Gini Larson, Past National President.	12	Hollowell, Jr., Branch 281. Flower placed by Peggy Loa,
13	Tube I tube I tube I Elicon I linging, elico, el	13	Regional President Southwest-Elect.
14	Flower placed by Gail Doloway, Past National President.	14	Don't forget to stand when your region is
15	T mbo 110gramm 1 10bramm 1 (e1mrambo 1 (e) // Emgramm	15	called.
16	Eileen Hyland, Unit 20. Flower placed by George Hyland,	16	Northeast New England, flowers to be placed by
17	Past National President, escorted by Cindy Rodham-Tuck,	17	Cindy Rodham-Tuck, Regional President Northeast New
18		18	England Past National President Cindy.
19	Past Regional President New England Kathryn	19	Unit 20: Margaret Perry.
20	Potter, Unit 20. Flower placed by Cindy Rodham-Tuck,	20	Unit 124: Dorothy Folk.
21	assisted by George Hyland, Past National President.	21	Mary Ann Galinski.
22	PNP RODHAM-TUCK: Placing this flower in loving	22	Unit 156: Shirley E. Staples.
23	memory of Past National President New England Kathryn	23	East Coast Region, flowers placed by Shirley
24	Potter.	24	Vatter, Regional President East Coast.
25	NES FRI: Past Regional Southeast Jean Burke,	25	Unit 4: Maria Denyer.
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1	Unit 290. Flower placed by Mary Davis.	1	Unit 24: Rodger C. Dorsey.
2	Can you please line up?	2	Edna Richards.
3	Regional President Southwest Edna Reynolds, Unit	3	Unit 60: Betty Crider.
4	289. Flower placed by Doreen Huylebroeck, Past National	4	Barbara Lewis.
5	President.	5	Earlene Stansell.
6	Past Regional President Northwest Jerry Hunter,	6	Barbara Vanorsdale.
7	MAL. Flower placed by Gail Johnson, Past National	7	Pamela Walters.
8	President.	8	Unit 93: Evelyn Bast.
9	FRA:	9	Liv Bernich.
10	Past National Chaplain Joe Crosi, Branch 289.	10	Adelaide McBride.
11	Flower placed by Deana Ludonowsky, Past Regional	11	Unit 182: Frances Reichard.
12	President Southwest.	12	Unit 208: Patricia McNally.
13	Past National Chaplain Francis Laplante, MAL.	13	Southeast Region, flowers to be placed by Gail
14		14	Bolz, Regional President Southeast.
15	Past National Chaplain Lesley B. Campbell, Jr.,	15	Unit 22: Betty Dennard.
16	Branch 22. Flower placed by Babe Kilgore.	16	Isabel Goss.
17	Past Regional President Past Regional	17	Shirley Sweeney.
18		18	Janice Tolentino.
19		19	Gracie Vincent.
20		20	Norma Walsh.
21		21	Unit 91: Helen Bair.
22	Past Regional President Southwest, John E.	22	Bridget Case.
23	Sutton, Branch 290. Flower placed by Past National	23	Mary Daniels.
24		24	Unit 126: Stella Dupree.
25		25	Sylvia Flynn.

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1	Edith Johnson.	1	Margaret Wood.
2	Maria Wilson.	2	Unit 230: Lila Boatman.
3	Jane Winn.	3	Bernadette Mogan.
4	Unit 183: Beulah Patterson.	4	Emma Powers.
5	Unit 194: Margaret Moorey.	5	Unit 261: Ellen Phillips.
6	Unit 210, Estelle Kitchens.	6	Unit 274: Virginia Farinells.
7	Unit 269: Yachiyo Bauer.	7	Unit 275: Betty Hansen.
8	Christina Guarino.	8	Virgil Thomas.
9	Ester Smith.	9	Unit 287: Evelyn Rodes.
10	Unit 290: Sally Roundtree.	10	Nellie Ross.
11	Unit 294: Millie Dellarco.	11	Esther Tauliao.
12	Unit 346: Teena Carter.	12	Southwest Region, flowers placed by Nadine
13	North-Central Region, flowers places by Teresa	13	Fulton, Regional President Southwest.
14	Norton, Regional President North-Central.	14	Unit 47: Emilia Freedle.
15	Unit 136: Helen Hermann.	15	Clara Murphy.
16	Donna Klaers.	16	Unit 61: David Brooks.
17	Ruth Matthews.	17	
18		18	Evelyn Deardoff.
19	Nancy Stein.	19	Marilyn Kitchens.
20	Unit 161: Carolyn Collins.		Kazuko Rafferty.
21	Clara Combs.	20	Janice Rushing.
	Janette Douglas.	21	Unit 84: Concepcion Amaguin.
22	Virginia Lee.	22	Lourdes Untalan.
23	South-Central Region, flowers will be placed by	23	Unit 90: Beverly Farmer.
24	Past National President Gini Larson, Regional President	24	Unit 163: Jean Brandsema.
25	South-Central-Elect.	25	Sue Hobgood.
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1	Unit 94: Sandra Weightman.	1	Jeanette Jung.
2	Unit 227: Donna Walker.	2	Unit 175: Lucille Baran.
3	Unit 251: Mildred Barnes.	3	Unit 289: Ruth Carter.
4	Northwest Region, flowers to be placed by Rose	4	Virginia Conner.
5	Hall, Regional President Northwest.	5	Margaret Thomas.
6	Unit 18: Kazuko Clark.	6	Nadja Vanzandt.
7	Mercedes Rosario.	7	Betty Wright.
8	Unit 29, Annielesa Robinson.	8	7 units?
9	Unit 46: Paula Fredeluces.	9	NP SMITH: 302?
10	Unit 59: Margaret McHenry.	10	NES FRI: It's not on the list. One, two,
11	Unit 127: Adele Christensen.	11	three, four, five, six, seven units.
12	Unit 382: Carrie Drake.	12	Membership at Large, flowers placed by National
13	Lilian Green.	13	Chaplain Gale Nathan.
14	Marilyn Maltsberger.	14	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: One flower in loving
15	Violet Perkins.	15	memory of all the members.
16	Rosemary Veronneau.	16	NES FRI: Thelma Cunningham.
17	West Coast Region, flowers placed by Linda	17	Florence Diddlemeyer.
18	Telly, Regional President West Coast.	18	Hazel Driver.
19	Unit 8: Hyther Butts.	19	Gloria Dudley.
20	Hatsuko Coover.	20	Elizabeth Edwards.
21	Lucy Hall.	21	Elsie Hanger.
22	Unit 49: Charlyne Betts.	22	Pamela Hayes.
23	Irva Shaw.	23	Betty Land.
	Unit 101: Frances Portolan.	24	Patricia Manning.
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24 25	Genevieve Will.	25	Verdane McCardle.

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        Helen Petrogallo.
                                                                      over. And the cop said, "You got any ID?"
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        Marjorie Prevatt.
                                                                           And Doris said, "Well, what?" Enough of that.
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        Shirley Young.
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                                                                           PNP DONALD MUCHECK: Good afternoon. My name is
        The Chaplain will place one white flower in
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                                                                      Don Mucheck. I was National President in 2008 and 2009.
   memory of all -- all FRA Shipmates.
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                                                                      My counterpart was Georgia Gallagher, which I understand
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        NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Madam President, I
                                                                      that she is in relatively not very good health right
                                                                       now. We send her our very best. Have a good
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   place one flower in memory of all FRA Shipmates.
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                                                                      convention. Thank you.
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        (3 raps).
        NP SMITH: We will have one minute of silent
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                                                                           PNP LAWRENCE BOURDREAUX: My name is Lawrence
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   prayer for those who have departed.
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                                                                      Bourdreaux. I was National President in '07-'08 and my
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        (Prayer).
                                                                       partner was Gail Doloway. And when I was Regional
        NP SMITH: We will recite the first and last
                                                                      President in '96 and '97, my partner was my lovely wife,
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   stanzas of "Blest Be the Tie." It's in your packet.
                                                                      Pat. So both of them are here. But ladies, as Chairman
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   It's a white sheet.
                                                                       of this convention, I have to apologize, a great big
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15
        (Singing).
                                                                      apology. There was supposed to be a luncheon today and
        (1 rap).
                                                                      I failed to recognize it and have it. It was RPs, RPEs,
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        NP SMITH: Members, this concludes our memorial
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                                                                      and RVPs. It was all scheduled and I made a mistake on
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   service and I wish to thank all that participated.
                                                                       the date. Tomorrow the space is not available to have
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        The Greetings Committee -- the National Chaplain
                                                                      it. So the luncheon has to be cancelled and those that
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   will recite the prayer.
                                                                       want to get reimbursed for it, we will reimburse it. If
        NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: (Offers Prayer).
                                                                       not, it will be a donation towards the convention. If
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        NP SMITH: Madam Chaplain, will you close the
                                                                      you want your reimbursement, notify Cindy and we'll make
   Bible so the Greetings Committee can go? The rest of us
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                                                                      a list of it and get checks written for you. But I
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                                                                      sincerely apologize for it. It was my mistake. That's
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   will take a 10-minute break.
        NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Madam President, the
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                                                                      number four for me. And I hope everyone is enjoying it.
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   Bible is closed.
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                                                                           PNP GEORGE HYLAND: Good morning, ladies. My
 2
        (1 rap).
                                                                      name is George Hyland. I served '94, '98 -- '95,
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        (Brief recess).
                                                                      rather. I can't count anymore. I served with Ruth
                                                                      Edwin. We had a great year. I'm from New England. You
 4
        (3 raps).
 5
        (Clapping).
                                                                      know, you go up 95, all the way up 95. If you run into
 6
        (1 rap).
                                                                      some snow, you're in New England. Doesn't matter what
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        JPNP DONALD LARSON: Howdy, y'all.
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                                                                      time of year.
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        GROUP: Howdy.
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                                                                           I want to thank all of you for the many cards I
        JPNP DONALD LARSON: Welcome to Texas, the Lone
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                                                                       received. I'm still opening them four months later.
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   Star state. I am Past -- Junior Past National President
                                                                      That's how many showed up. I've got a stack on my desk
   Donald Larson. My running mate is out of uniform, I
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                                                                       like this. Four months ago, I had 20 stacks like that.
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   understand. Obviously, I just served last year and just
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                                                                       So every day I open a few. There were many anecdotes in
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   want to welcome y'all to Texas. And my wife is in the
                                                                       there. Made me smile. I'd like to share something with
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   back. You lovely. You look wonderful. Thank you.
                                                                       you about my wife. Back in the '70s when we got
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        PNP JOHN IPPERT: Hello. My name is John
                                                                      involved, it was an old -- no, I don't mean me and her.
   Ippert, Past National President 2014-2015. My running
                                                                      I mean with the Fleet Reserve Association. We were
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   mate was Doris Fri. Where is she?
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                                                                      already married by that time. I love you all. And
                                                                       there was an old Shipmate World War II Chief Gunner mate
        NES FRI: I'm right here.
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        PNP JOHN IPPERT: Oh, there she is. I have a
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                                                                       and his wife. They were very loyal. Came to every
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   little story I usually tell about her. Maybe you've
                                                                       meeting. We came to a meeting one night and they
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   heard it before.
                                                                       weren't there. The next day I called the house. I got
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        NES FRI: I'm not from Kansas. I live in
                                                                      ahold of his wife and she said her husband was in the
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                                                                       nursing home. I said, "What can we do for you?"
23
   Kansas.
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        PNP JOHN IPPERT: Well, she was driving through
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                                                                            She said, "I don't drive. My kids are out in
                                                                      California. I need a ride to the nursing home." My
   Kansas one day, the cops stopped her and pulled her
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Page 21 Page 23 wife jumped right in. She picked her up the next day The Past Regional President's luncheon? 2 and for many, many days drove her to the nursing home so PRPSE KILGORE: Tomorrow Colonnade A and B she could spend the day with her husband. Picked her up 3 11:15. in the evening and took her home. And that sounds very 4 NP SMITH: Tomorrow Colonnade A and B at 11:15, easy. She had a full-time job, she got the Unit and the 5 that's the Past Regional President's luncheon. Branch, Branch 237 and Unit 237, involved to take care 6 PRPSE KILGORE: Thursday, September 27th, Past 7 of this one lady so she could spend the day. She was Regional President's luncheon, Colonnade A-B, 11:15 to 8 12:30. there one evening and a manager came up to Ms. Russell 9 and said, "Here's your bill for your lunches and NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms, would you make sure 10 10 dinners." that everyone is in the room and close the doors, 11 11 And she said, "Well, I don't have that kind of please? 12 Okay. Ladies, we're in session. Members, I beg 12 money." My wife paid the bill. For years, she kept people involved, picking up wives, husbands, anybody who 13 your pardon, especially for Tyler. Sorry about that. 14 SERGEANT AT ARMS MALGRAM: And John. There's 14 needed to get to a doctor's appointment, go to a nursing home and visit a family member. We got a conversion van 15 two of us. John, and don't forget about John. 15 16 because of that so we could carry multiple people to 16 NP SMITH: Okay. Would the Chaplain please open these places. Pat Williamson, who was the Editor of 17 the Bible. 17 18 Naval Affairs at the time, heard a story about this and 18 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Madam National President, 19 she wanted to interview my wife and say, "You know, hey, 19 the Bible is open. we've got to tell people about this. You've been doing 20 NP SMITH: Thank you, Gale. National Executive 20 21 this for almost 20 years." 21 Secretary, will you now call the roll of officers? 22 22 NES FRI: National President Jean Smith. And my wife said, "No, not doing it for 23 publicity. I'm doing it for them and for me." That's NP SMITH: Here. 23 the kind of person she was. One of these days the dam 24 NES FRI: National Vice President Christina 24 25 is going to the break and I don't want it to be now. Murray. Page 22 Page 24 She loved the Auxiliary so much -- I've got something 1 NVP MURRAY: Here. 2 here someplace that I want to make this presentation to NES FRI: National Secretary Doris Fri. 3 the Ladies Auxiliary in memory of my wife, Eileen. Here. There it is. Thank you so much. Thank you, ladies. 4 National Treasurer Bea Parco. 5 (Applause). 5 NT PARCO: Here. 6 (3 raps). 6 NES FRI: National Financial Secretary Pat 7 7 Suckow. (Clapping). 8 NP SMITH: Since we don't have enough to do any 8 NFS SUCKOW: Here. 9 9 business, does anybody have any questions they want to NES FRI: Junior Past National President Helen 10 ask? Good. 10 Courneya. 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have a question. Would 11 JPNP COURNEYA: Here. And Madam President, I am 12 12 you clarify, when the Regional President-Elect and Vice in my proper attire. 13 President when their luncheon is and when the Past NP SMITH: Thank you. 14 Regional President's luncheon is? 14 NES FRI: Madam National President, the roll has 15 15 NP SMITH: There will be no Regional been called. 16 President's, Regional Vice President's and 16 NP SMITH: Thank you. Members, remember the President's-Elect luncheon. It was today and they gave reports that are being judged Thursday afternoon, will 17 17 it away because it was announced incorrectly. And that you please be ready to start at that time and give your 18 was what Bourdreaux -- Shipmate Bourdreaux was telling 19 results to the NES no later than 6:00 so the 19 20 you just now that if you need your money back, be sure certificates can be prepared for presentation. 21 to see Cindy. She will write your name down and get 21 Where are you, Carolyn? I need to know what your money back. If not, it will be considered a room you're going to meet in, Budget and Finance? 23 23 RPSE WHITAKER: In this room Thursday afternoon. donation to the convention. 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But Past Regional? 24 NP SMITH: Okay. Those members are Rose Hall, 25 Diane Hoover? Who else did? Patricia Marsh, she will NP SMITH: Past Regional is tomorrow at 11:15.

Page 25 Page 27 be here tomorrow. There was one more. Who did I more, but I have to check with Doris to see what else we 2 appoint? Vera Thomas. Thank you. have. 3 Members will now have the first credentials 3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One more time, please. report by Karen Brobst. Karen, are you ready? 4 MS. KAREN BROBST: Sure. Disbanded? Okay. You 4 It's on the yellow form in your delegate sheet. 5 want the disbanded or the not registered? 5 6 MS. KAREN BROBST: First, before I do the 6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Start at the top, please. 7 report, there were two ladies here from Unit 371. I did MS. KAREN BROBST: Okay. The delegates, 39. not receive a copy of 371's credentials report. I 8 Units by proxy, 35. Number of units not registered, 5. believe Doris did not either. But anyway, I would like Number of delegates registered, 75. It will be 77 on the next count. Okay. Registered voting strength, 437. 10 to have them admitted because it's going to be seated at this meeting. Saundra Smith and Pearl Vance, I move Two-thirds majority, 279. Majority was 219 -- yeah, that we accept them -- admit them to the meeting. 219. The MAL are 2. Their names are Jan Johnson and 12 NP SMITH: As delegates? 13 Mildred Valenzuela. And they have -- members registered, 13 zero. Honorary members registered, zero. Guests, zero. 14 MS. KAREN BROBST: As delegates. MS. CLAUDIA GOLDNER: Madam National President, Units not registered, 44, 62, 387, 346, 371. Units 15 15 Claudia Goldner, Unit 163, I second the motion. 16 disbanded 259, 18 -- 1-8, 37, 136. 16 NP SMITH: It's been moved by Karen and seconded 17 NP SMITH: Thank you, Karen. 17 MS. KAREN BROBST: You're welcome. 18 by Claudia that we accept these two members as 18 19 delegates. Is there any discussion? All in favor say 19 NP SMITH: Christina, would you take over for 20 aye. 20 me, please? 21 GROUP: Aye. 21 Sergeant at Arms and Marshal, would you please 22 NP SMITH: Opposed? 22 escort Gail Doloway to the mike? It is with great 23 pleasure that I present to you the enclosed certificate 23 Motion carries. 24 24 MS. KAREN BROBST: Now the report. Unit's in recognition of your dedicated service in the 25 represented by delegates, 39; by proxy, 35. Number of Northwest Region as the Northwest Region Administrator. 25 Page 26 Page 28 units not registered, 5. Number of delegates registered With your aid and persistence, the Northwest Region is with these two added on, there are 77. The registered now in good working order and all paperwork is up to voting strength, 437. Two-thirds majority, 279. I date. You have also been involved in getting Unit 382 guess the majority would be the 437. MAL -- majority Northwest in good working order and we extend our would be -- 50 percent plus 1. That would be -- okay. gratitude for that and all the work you have done as the 6 It would be -- well 219 -- what was it. Administer of the Northwest Region. Along with this 7 NP SMITH: 219. certificate, I extend my sincere congratulations and the 8 MS. KAREN BROBST: 437, that would be 219. gratitude of our members for the role as a strong and Okay. MAL's registered, we have two, Janice Johnson and supporting member. It is only because of the dedication 10 Margaret Valenzuela -- Mildred Valenzuela. We have no 10 and support value and others like you that our Auxiliary -- we have zero members represented, zero honorary, no 11 is what it is today. You are the members that we 11 guest. We have units not registered, 44, 62 --12 12 look -- that we all look to for help and support. 13 13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Wait a minute. Whoa, whoa. (Applause). 14 MS. KAREN BROBST: 44, 62, 387, 346, 371. 14 MS. GAIL DOLOWAY: This is for all of you and 15 15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Can you do that again? for the 550-plus members in the Northwest Region. MS. KAREN BROBST: Sure. 371 -- okay. 16 16 (Applause). NP SMITH: Karen. 44 has been -- sorry. Go 17 NP SMITH: Sergeant at Arms and Marshal, would 17 you escort Vickie Corder to the mike, please? Vickie, ahead. 18 18 19 MS. KAREN BROBST: Would be 44, 62, 387, 346, 19 it's with great pleasure that I present to you the and I believe it would be accepted for 371. We have enclosed certificate in recognition of your dedicated 20 21 people here. 21 service in finding a hotel suitable for the pilgrimage. 22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That will be in the next I'm aware that you have spent hours negotiating with 23 23 count. many hotels, including the Weston. You have been 24 MS. KAREN BROBST: Okay. Thank you. 24 exemplary in getting the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel to 25 Units abandoned, 259, 18, 37, 136. There may be comply with our requirements and most of our requests.

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You have worked above and beyond your call to duty and we wish you to know how grateful we are. Along with this certificate, I extend my sincere congratulations and the gratitude of our members for your role as a strong and supporting member. Your dedication and support as an Auxiliary member shows your concern for the Auxiliary. We are becoming a dedicated service again and members like you and your support are making this possible. Thank you so much.

This lady and I have spent hours and hours on the phone and by e-mail, but we got you a hotel for the pilgrimage thanks to Vickie.

(Applause).

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MS. VICKIE CORDER: It was an honor and privilege to be a part of this group. I love it when my personal and professional worlds collide in a good way and that's what happened. So thank you very much.

NVP MURRAY: Just like to remind you when you come to the mike, please speak up loud so the recorder can hear you.

NP SMITH: We still have some time so we're going to start with the reports. National Vice President, Christina, do you have yours?

NVP MURRAY: I do. Madam National President, first I would make my National Vice President report,

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then followed by the membership report.

NP SMITH: Thank you.

NVP MURRAY: What year served: 2017-2018.

After being elected at the 2017 convention in Maryland, I announced my project to encourage members to recruit or reinstate three members from October 1, 2017,

to September 1, 2018. A Golden Rooster for crowing

about the organization has been presented to 75 members.

A letter was sent to all our RVPs encouraging them to 10

follow the CNBL to have the Unit contact the Unit

Membership Chairman and have them contact anybody who 11

was 30 days past due. The MSA then sent a postcard at 12

60 days past due. And at 90 days past due, I requested

that the National Vice President -- the Regional Vice

<sup>15</sup> Presidents contact the members that were still on the

16 past due list. And at 120 days, I then called or

17 e-mailed anyone who was still on the deletion list. I'm

sorry to say that from April 2017 to April 2018, 1,015 18

19 people were suspended for nonpayment. Since April 1,

20 2018, we've only been able to reinstate 230 additional

21 members. 464 members -- I'm sorry. We're only able to

reinstate 238 members from April 2017 to April 2018.

23 And since April 2018, 464 members have been suspended

24 for nonpayment. 154 have reinstated.

What's the biggest reason that I heard when I

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called? They told me health reasons, their Unit closed

so they felt disconnected and no longer wanting to

belong or I was the first call that they had had. They were -- expressed surprise at being past due and some

5 did send their money to Cindy. Some people told me that

because we have lost our loyalty, protection, and

service that they could no longer belong to a Unit that

8 bickered. So I'm going to encourage you all to please

set everything aside and let's get back on track. Let's

be respectful to one another and when we have a

difference of opinion, let's express it in a ladylike or 12 gentlemanly manner.

In my attempts to maintain the membership, which my goal was not to get below 6,000, and Cindy thankfully told me yesterday that the report that went out was 6,016.

So I participated in seven community public -publicity tables and scholarship fares. I attended community Patriotic Services for the USS Cole Memorial, the Marine Corps birthday, Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Memorial Day, and 911 dedication of the Honor Trail to remember those that lost their lives since 911. I also stood watch at an honor spot for the Honor and Remember Run for the Fallen that went from California and Arlington. I attended the Annual

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Pilgrimage in Arlington in the Mast of the Maine. I attended monthly Unit events at Unit 40. I attended events at Unit 99 and other areas of the East Coast.

I answered over 1100 e-mails. Sent cards to all the life members on the MAL list and sent thinking of you cards or birthday cards to at least five members on the MAL list every month. My goal was to make sure that every MAL felt that we had contacted them during the year. I never talked to so many people over 95. When I took the job as NVP I said, "There's no way we can have that many ladies listed over 100 in our organization." I'm here to tell you, they're out there.

I also attended the Mid-Year and Regional Convention on the East Coast and I was privileged to attend the Southeast Regional Convention where I had the honor of installing the Regional Vice President National Chaplain Gale Nathan.

I left a page up there. I attended the celebration of life for my dear friend in the LAFRA Memorial Service for Past National Vice President Karen Snee. Throughout the year, I worked closely with the new NFS Pat Suckow for each month or quarter a new experience was added to her and I know how difficult that first year could be. In April NT Bea Parker and myself visited the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel that was

Page 33 Page 35 already under contract for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 glad to give it to you. It's area code (914) 525-7249. 2 Pilgrimage. The hotel is 2.5 miles from Arlington and GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Repeat, please. 3 DR. BARRIENTOS: (914) that's a New York number. 3 you all will love it. In July I enjoyed the lunch and spending a day I lived there for many years. (914) 525-7249. I'm in with Bea and Mariam and I gave them a tour of the the hotel. I'll be here until Sunday. historic naval sites in Norfolk to include the USS Cole 6 NP SMITH: Thank you. 7 Memorial. NVP MURRAY: Okay. Just to continue, that concluded my National Vice President's report. Now I'll 8 While I did not get to travel to as many as 8 Regions as I would have liked, the Murray budget last to go to the membership report. 10 remain fiscally responsible. I traveled over What year served: 2017 to 2018. 11 11 5,431 miles from October 1 until arriving here in How many gold pins were earned by members and I 12 San Antonio. This does not include a trip I made to would like to ask if the members present, if you would 13 Connecticut for the birth of a grandson, a second trip 13 come forward and stand here to -- it will be your right just three months later because that same family was 14 of the table, of the podium. going to be PCSing to California at the needs of the 15 Regional President -- Past Regional President 15 16 Navy. Neither did it include the trip that -- neither 16 East Coast, Katherine Bearden from Unit 24. <sup>17</sup> trip allowed me to actually visit with Unit 20, but I 17 Vice President East Coast, Virginia Jordan, Unit 18 24. 18 did get to visit their Branch home. And needing to 19 spend equal time with the other grandchildren, I had to 19 Past National Chaplain, Sylvia Waino, Unit 24. 20 20 travel to South Carolina on my way, of course, to Cathleen Erickson, Unit 24. 21 21 Araceli Orante, Unit 247. Southeast Convention. And a trip to Orlando for my 22 22 aging parents. So they all are aware that my schedule Martha Martin, Unit 60 is not here. 23 23 for next year does not include those trips. While I was Regional President West Coast Elect, Brenda 24 24 there in Orlando, I was able to introduce my nephew to Horton. 25 "The Fleet" in Sanford where he is proudly a member. Ruby Lopez, Unit 4. Page 34 Page 36 Madam Jean, this -- it has been a pleasure to 1 Melinda Deloach-Speight from Unit 67. 1 2 serve you and I look forward to continuing as we go more And Regional President Southwest, Eleanor Smith. 3 forward. Each one of these ladies has recruited ten new 3 NP SMITH: Thank you. Would you hold up a 4 members or more this year. 4 minute? We have a speaker in the back. Sergeant at 5 (Applause). 6 Arms. 6 NVP MURRAY: Each will be receiving their gold SERGEANT AT ARMS MALGRAM: Madam National 7 medal. Thank you, ladies. 7 President, this is Dr. Enrique Barrientos and I was told 8 NP SMITH: These ladies deserve a big hand. 9 to introduce him to the General Assembly as he will be (Applause). NVP MURRAY: Now, how many members earned silver 10 10 the attending doctor for the convention. 11 NP SMITH: Attending physician. 11 stars? Ann Foldesi, Unit 70. DR. BARRIENTOS: Good afternoon. Thank you for 12 12 13 being here. Let me give a clarification. I'm a Katherine Bearden, Unit 24. 14 14 physician assistant. I assist surgeons. I work at the Antoinette O'Neil, Unit 24, actually earned two 15 new stars. <sup>15</sup> University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. I work in vascular surgery and I was asked to -- I was 16 And Past National President Sandra Robbins. 16 17 And those stars, since they don't know how many 17 in the Army, by the way. I was asked here to help out you already had, I do have some of the star pins with me with medical assistance that you guys may need. 18 18 Appreciate you having me here. and hopefully we can get you the right one. But please 19 19 20 give them a big round of applause. NP SMITH: Thank you. Thank you so much for 20 21 volunteering. 21 (Applause). 22 NVP MURRAY: I don't believe these ladies are 22 DR. BARRIENTOS: I was in the military from '74 to '77 in Fort Brag and have a lot of family who has here. But how many ladies earned the Silver Anchor pin? been in the Service. It's actually an honor to be here. 24 They had to recruit 50 members. 25 I've got a phone number if you guys want it. I'll be Nancy Hunter, Past Regional President Southeast,

Page 37 Page 39 Unit 290. new for a total of 82. 2 2 And Ann Foldesi, Unit 170. And that's for their Unit 170, Everette, reinstated 5, had 50 new for first 50. Yay. a total of 55. 3 4 How many members received other special 4 Unit 289, Imperial Beach, reinstated 15, had 33 recruiting pins? 75. The number of members 1 April 5 new for a total of 48. 5 2017 was 6,384. Number of members 31 March 2018, 6,053. 6 Unit 91, First Coast had 15 reinstated members, That was the end of the membership year. For that year 22 new for a total of 37. we had 580 new members. We reinstated 238. We had 164 8 Unit 97, Whidbey Island, 8 reinstates, 27 new members transfer from Units. And we had 166 transfer to 9 for a total of 35. 10 10 Units. We suspended 1,015 for nonpayment. Eight And Unit 60, Ocean View, 7 reinstates, 25 new resigned. We had 128 deceased. And we had three for a total of 32 members. ineligible. So our percentage of gain or loss was a 12 12 (Applause). 13 loss of 5.18 percent. 13 NVP MURRAY: And then our All Star Recruiter of the Year, Toni O'Neill, 45 new members, first place, 14 I would like to ask Unit Secretaries to remember to identify who recruited or reinstated the members as 15 Unit 24. 15 16 listed on the PCT. Please use the member number of the 16 Second place is Anna Foldesi with 38 new recruiter and the name as it appears on the alpha 17 members. And she's with Unit 170. 17 18 roster. Unit Secretaries or Membership Chairman should 18 Virginia Jorden, Unit 24, has 24 new members. 19 be requesting the pins from the NFS. The gold pin is 19 And Nancy Hunter has 23 new members. Just so for the first ten members recruited. A silver star is you know what the plaque looks like, this plaque will be 20 21 for each additional 25 members. And a silver anchor sent to the Unit in the Philippines for their percentage 22 when the member recruits 50 members. 22 of increase of membership. 23 23 And Cindy asked me to give a plug. We only have (Applause). 24 one application out there for membership. Please make NVP MURRAY: Madam President, that concludes my 24 25 sure you're using the correct one that is on the report. Page 38 Page 40 website, on the back of the tri fold, or the NFS has 1 NP SMITH: Thank you. Bea, are you ready. copies of the correct application. 2 NT PARCO: Bea Parco, National Treasurer, Unit 3 At this time, I am going to present the 3 163. What year served, 2017-2018. membership awards by Unit with the largest percentage of 4 Have the books been audited quarterly, yes. How gain. Unit 1 -- let's see, these are -- Group 1. Group many reports during this year, 17. Total amount of 6 1, Unit is Everett, Unit 170. Anybody here from assets beginning fiscal year October 1, 2017, is 7 Everett. \$223,805.16. Total amount of assets at the end of the 8 fiscal year, September 30, 2018, \$222,865.65. Receipts Group 2, Sierra/Tahoe, Unit 137, 26 percent 9 gain. for the fiscal year \$76,477.47. Disbursements, 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What was the percentage 10 \$80,921.98. Total outstanding checks, \$18,561.51. on Group 1? 11 One of the things is that I did earn an LAFRA 11 NVP MURRAY: Group 1 it was 31 percent. 12 Rooster pin and recruited a new Shipmate for FRA. It 12 Group 3, Capital City, Unit 67, East Coast 13 was an honor to be installing the officers for Unit 61, 14 17.50 percent gain. Chula Vista; Unit 90, fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada; Unit NP SMITH: Yay, Capital City. 15 161, Kansas City, Missouri. And being the Sergeant at 16 NVP MURRAY: Group 4, Gem State, 382, Unit 382, 16 Arms for Unit 302, Carson, California. Attended the 17 12 percent gain. 17 following installations of Unit 163, Phoenix, Arizona; Group 5, Dagapan, Philippines, Unit 247, 18 18 Unit 4, Washington, DC; Unit 99, Kempsville, Virginia; 120 percent gain. And Dagapan from the Philippines will 19 19 Unit 289, Imperial Beach, and other visits to Branch be receiving the membership overall plaque for the year. 20 20 Units 70, Poway; 269 Goose Creek, South Carolina; 94, 21 The National Vice President recruiting awards 21 Corpus Christi Texas. Toured the Rockport Warriors membership award for the Unit that recruited the most United Retreat Center located in Corpus Christi, Texas. new and reinstated members, Unit 24, Annapolis, Attended -- I must say thank you to Marian Carter for 24 reinstated 38, had 131 new for a total of 169. getting me around to tour all of these places. I 25 Unit 290, Atlantic Beach, reinstated 24, had 58 attended Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony at Sacaton,

- Arizona, Indian Reservation; Phoenix National Vietnam
- War Veteran's Day Ceremony; FRA Pinnacle Awards,
- Washington, DC; LAFRA Pilgrimage; the Phoenix National
- Cemetery Memorial Day Service; Southwest Regional
- Convention and served as the Audit Chairman. Recruited
- with Branch 153 at Luke Air Force Base Air Show. I
- attended the life celebration for PNP Dot Maurath at
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9 Contributions made: Household goods,

10 electronics, clothing to the paralyzed veterans of

- 11 America; the First Institutional Baptist Church,
- Goodwill, and bags of toiletries for the Veteran's 12
- Group. Donated my car to the Homes For Our Troops which 13
- 14 was auctioned for \$1,900. Cash contributions to FRA and

the LAFRA National President's project. 15

Updated the 2012 National Treasurer's Manual, prepared a flash drive that contains over 160 pages on step-by-step processes for the National Treasurer. And my total mileage for this year was 22,908 miles.

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve as LAFRA National Treasurer. My work accomplishments were successful by having a great team. I am in gratitude for the training, patience, and support from eight Past National Presidents and other LAFRA officers. I'm in

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officers. And I was blessed to have an awesome audit team. One of them is here from Unit 163. And I'm

confident -- I am -- and I thank the audit team for your

gratitude for the work from all the Regional and Unit

- time and commitment for these last three years. Thank you all for your confidence and trust into serving you
- during my term. Mistakes were made, but each mistake
- became a learning process for future decisions. Being
- the National Treasurer required commitment and being
- articulate and having time management skills. This
- 10 position has strengthened my integrity and loyalty,
- protection, and to be of service of the LAFRA. It has 11
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- been an honor to serve you in this past feat. Thank you 13 and this has been an adventure.

NP SMITH: Pat, are you ready?

NFS SUCKOW: Years served, 2017 to 2018. Have my books been audited quarterly, yes. How many reports, 17 17; 12 monthly, four quarterly, and one annual. Total amount of assets beginning of fiscal year of 10/1/2017 19 was \$12,622. Total amount of assets ending at the 20 fiscal year \$11,362.50. Receipts for fiscal year,

- 21 \$76,477.47. Disbursements for the fiscal year is
- <sup>22</sup> \$80,921.98. I have a listing of all the -- I don't
- know -- I'm sorry, for the pins and everything, but I'm
- 24 going to have that on file. I'm not going to read all
- the descriptions on it, so if you would like to see it

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2 Okay. As my first year comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to have played a small role in this organization. It has 5 taken me a few months -- well, maybe the entire year, to learn what this organization is made of. By my records, all orders were filled and mailed in a timely matter. I am happy to say that all forms can be downloaded from www.la-fra.org/forms thanks to NES Doris Fri. Some of you are still sending checks made out to me, which I thank you, but please make them out to the LAFRA. Also in the memo line, please state where you would like your money to go to, meaning the scholarships or the national 13

After attending the National Convention in Maryland and learning my new role as the NFS, I attended the Mid-Year in Birmingham, Alabama. I also attended the LAFRA Pilgrimage, the Massing of the Colors, Wreaths Across America, the USS Hobson Memorial Service, also the Law Riders Motorcycle Run for Toys for Tots for Christmas, Christmas card campaign for our troops overseas, and many others. I participated in all Unit 269 meetings and activities.

At this time, I would like to say a special thank you to NT Bea Parco -- excuse me, I'm sorry, and

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NVP Christina Murray for their guidance, support, education, and mostly their patience and just for

putting up with me. Many days I drove them crazy,

seriously. I had -- I have been so blessed with an

awesome team. I am in gratitude for my audit team that

took the time to audit my records, Marilyn Tharp, Trish

Chilton, Cacey Anderson, and NC Gale Nathan, all from 8 Unit 269.

Madam National President Jean Smith, it has been a pleasure to serve on your board this year and to have the opportunity to learn the workings of this wonderful organization. Also a special thank you to all of you, the units and the members for a wonderful year. Thank you.

(Applause).

16 NP SMITH: Junior Past Helen, are you ready? 17 PNP COURNEYA: I'm ready. I'm always ready.

18 What year served, 2017-2018. I turned over the EIN numbers for Unit 170 and Unit 382 to the National 19 20 Treasurer Bea Parco where as they complied with the

21 request at the Northwest Regional Convention when it was

discovered that the branch and units were using the same

EIN number. I divided my project funds to the welfare and the LAFRA scholarship funds and I wish to thank

everyone who supported the project. I traveled to

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Hawaii for the Pearl Harbor events. And many people don't know, but, you know, after Pearl Harbor, there in the evening of Pearl Harbor, there's an amazing parade that's put on and all the different organizations come out and there's bands that come from all over the United States. It's just a wonderful parade. Sadly to say that the FRA in Hawaii does not participate. I've talked to them several times and I would hope in the

future that maybe they would think about doing a float

or just riding in a car or something. But it's an

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amazing parade. In December while attending Wreaths Across America and Nevada, I fell. I didn't see the black ice. 14 I went one way and my knee went the other, so it was pretty bad sprain so I'm happy to be walking at this 15 time. I flew to San Antonio, Texas in February 2018 for the National Convention Committee Meeting for the 17 18 National Convention here in San Antonio. March 4th and 5th I attended the services for Past National President

20 Dorothy Maurath in Dixon, California. I attended the 21 West Coast Regional Convention in Stockton, California 22 in March. In April we had to fly to Chicago for the death of Virgil's mother and I was unable to attend the 24 Pilgrimage. May 7th through the 10th I flew to Washington, DC for the internment services of Past Page 46

National Vice President Karen Snee. And I attended the memorial service in Sparks, Nevada in May. The West Coast Regional Convention was held July 29th through August 1 and I was on committee for the convention as it was sponsored by Branch and Unit 274. I've been busy working on the entertainment committee for the National Convention. And for those of you attending the events, our music that we have contracted hopefully will 9 entertain you. 10

It has been my pleasure serving the Auxiliary now and, Auxiliary Members, I wish continued success in the future as we move forward. Thank you.

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NP SMITH: Madam Chaplain Gale, do you have your report.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: The National 17 Chaplain's Annual Report for 2017-2018. Number of deceased members from July 1, '17 to June 30, '18, 104. 19 Number of deaths reported from Units, 94. Number of deaths from MAL, 13. Number of condolence cards to 20 21 family, 863. Number of get wells and cheer cards, 1,558. Number of phone calls to families, 1,518. Correspondence to National Officers and MSA, 10. Listed expenses: Stamps \$79.60. Cards donated by Auxiliary Members.

1 List of the work done: Attended and performed 2 duties at the National Convention; perform my duties at the Pilgrimage; attended memorial services for LAFRA and FRA members; Wreaths Across America; and the USS Hobson 5 Memorial.

Recommendations to Units and/or report changes: Please print or write notification forms legible. Make sure the information is completed and also notify your Regional National Chaplains in the MSA of deaths.

Thank you Madam President, thank you National President Jean Smith for the appointment.

(Applause).

13 NP SMITH: We've got a few more minutes. We're going to start with the Regional Presidents. Regional 15 President of Northeast New England, Past National 16 President, Cindy Rodham-Tuck.

RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: I did a lot in a week and a half. Do you give anything if I traveled to National Convention and to Regional Convention. I had to take over for --

21 NP SMITH: Who are you?

RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: Cindy Rodham-Tuck, Past National President, Delegate, Regional President for the Northeast/New England, Delegate from 42. Okay. And MSA.

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convention -- well, actually the middle of August. She 3 has quite a few commitments that she's not able to fulfill the job. Not because we didn't think she could, but because she thought she couldn't complete it and she wasn't able to give all of her time and she didn't want to do it half-heartedly. So I took over for her. But she did an excellent job, as far as I'm concerned, because we're such a small region. We only have 5 Units. Hopefully, next year we'll -- maybe we'll be 11 able to have another Unit. But anyway Bobby's report is 12 on file.

I took over for Bobby Seidel just before

NP SMITH: Thank you, Cindy.

RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: Thank you for this appointment.

16 NP SMITH: Regional President East Coast Shirley 17 Vatter.

RPEC VATTER: Thank you. During the year I visited 10 of our 13 Units, installed three of them. Submitted all four quarterly reports and all the Unit report winners. At the beginning of our fiscal year we had 1,512 members. At the close we had 1,515. Sadly, we lost eight members through death. This is my second term and I truly enjoyed it, getting to know the Unit members, visiting them. They have become dear friends.

I hear from them frequently, not just with questions about business for the Auxiliary, but, "My Unit is doing something. Would you like to come down and visit?"

"Sure, I'll be right there." That's the best part is visiting.

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20 21 very much.

(Applause).

I also continued my work at the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. I've been doing the music and memory program. I'm running that for them now. I've been teaching piano lessons and I recently started a guitar circle. We have instruments that were donated to the facility. We get them out every month and we gather together and we do some picking and a grinning and singing, too.

I represented the region at the Pilgrimage and, of course, the articles that are due for the FRA Today 15 Magazine and the Triangle. Sadly, I did pick up two Charters, one at the very beginning of the second term 17 and one just near the end, but got to visit with those two Unit officers and got to, you know, just 20 circumstances they could not keep it going. I appreciate the confidence placed in me to be the 22 Regional President two terms. I've truly enjoyed it. 23 It has been a learning experience. I've learned so much during that time. I've enjoyed it immensely. Thank you

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NP SMITH: Thank you, Shirley. Southeast Regional President Gail Bolz. RPSE BOLZ: Regional President Gail Bolz, Unit

269, Delegate. Years served, 2017-2018. How many Units in your Region, 14. How many Units officially visited, 5. How many Units you installed, zero. How many Unit Installations you attended, zero. Number of quarterly reports submitted, four. Did you submit Regional Annual 10 Report Winners, yes. Membership at beginning of fiscal 11 year, 1,306. Membership at the end of fiscal year, 12 1,027. How many deceased members, 19. We had a loss at 13 the end of the fiscal year of minus 4 percent.

Summary of Unit participations. Unit 15 activities: Units submitting reports, four; total members in Units, 510.

Americanism: Units submitting reports, four; total members in Units, 510.

Hospital: Units submitting reports, four; total members in Units, 510. Publicity was the same, 510. Welfare the same, and so was youth activities.

22 Summary of your Regional President's term: I had such a great time working with the Units in the 23 24 Southeast Region this past year. During my time as your president, I rode in the National Veteran's Day Parade

Page 51 in Birmingham, Alabama. I attended the 38th Annual

Service of Remembrance for the USCGC Blackthorn hosted

by 291 in St. Petersburg, Florida. I then went to the

Mid-Year meeting hosted by Branch 112 in Birmingham,

Alabama. I observed the Alabama/Tennessee Caucus hosted

by Branch Unit 294 in Crossville, Tennessee. I had a

wonderful time participating in the LAFRA Annual

Pilgrimage hosted by Unit 4. While I was there, I

attended the National President's Tea, the Ceremony at

Mast of the Maine, and the wreath laying at the Tomb of

the Unknown. Next, I observed the Florida Council

hosted by Branch 263 in Merritt Island, Florida.

13 Lastly, I was honored to speak at the USS Hobson DMS-26

Memorial hosted by Branch 269 in Charleston, South

Carolina. Sadly, I traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to

attend a funeral service for FRA Past Regional President

17 John Sutton. My total miles traveled was 8,610.

Now we have finally made it -- well, to Southeast Regional Convention in Gulf Breeze, Florida, and I couldn't be more thrilled. Thank you so much to Branch and Unit 22 for hosting this amazing event. Now I am really looking forward to the National Convention

hosted by the Fleet Reserve Association in San Antonio,

Texas and am going to be seeing all of your lovely faces 25

there, right?

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I truly have been so blessed. I want to thank all the officers that supported me. Without them I

would not have survived this last year. Junior Past

Regional President Southeast Vera, NFS Pat Suckow, Past

National President/Regional Vice President Carolyn

Whitaker, National Chaplain Gale Nathan, and Past

7 Regional President Fran Hoadley, thank you so much -- so

very much. I also want to thank all the Southeast Units

for all of their hard work and dedication. Last but

10 certainly not least, my Unit 269. You all have been my

11 support, my sounding board and my sanity. Without you I 12 honestly could not have done this.

Yours in loyalty, protection, and service, Gail Bolz.

NP SMITH: Thank you, Gail.

Regional President North-Central Teresa Norton, are you ready? Past National Chaplain Teresa.

RPNE/PNC NORTON: I'm Teresa Norton, the Regional President North-Central. Years served, 2017-2018. We have 8 units in our Region. I was only able to visit one and that was 161. And I didn't install any. I didn't get that opportunity to install any units or attend any. I did four quarterly reports. I submitted the Annual Report Winner. Membership at the

beginning of the fiscal year was 285. At the end of the

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fiscal year it was 244. We had 8 deceased members. And we lost 41. That was our membership loss. We only had 1 Unit turning in reports. The Unit Americanism,

Hospital, Publicity, Welfare, and Youth and that was

Unit 161. And there's 84 members in the Unit. 6 I attended National Convention last year in September, the Pilgrimage in April of this year, our Mid-Year Conference in April of this year, and our Regional Convention in August of this year. And now I'm 10 here at National Convention. I made one official visit to Unit 161. Sent out ten newsletters. And stayed in 12 contact with my Units by telephone and e-mail. Unfortunately, I was unable to visit all but one of my 13 14 Units this past administrative year. While recovering from surgery on my leg and ankle, it had been too 15 painful to drive any long distance. I have really

missed visiting with North-Central members in person, 17 but have thoroughly enjoyed all the conversations we

19 have engaged in through telephone, mail, and e-mail. I 20 greatly appreciate the opportunity I have had in serving

21 as Regional President. We currently consist of 8 Units, 22 down by two from this time last year. And it's sad, but

all the Units are determined to push forward and 24

continue to strive for increased membership.

Respectfully, in LPS, Teresa Norton.

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NP SMITH: Thank you, Teresa.

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Pauline Wampler is not here. She's attending

her daughter's funeral today, so her report is on file. 3

Our next report is West Coast Linda Telly.

RPWC TELLY: Regional President Linda Telly West

6 Coast, Delegate. Years served: 2017-'18. Units in my

Region are 11. How many Units officially visited, 9.

How many Units you installed, 5. How many Unit

Installations you attended, 6. Number of quarterly

10 reports submitted, 4. I submitted a Regional Annual

Report Winners. Membership at beginning of fiscal year 11

was 504. Membership at the end of fiscal year, 452. 12

How many deceased members, 22. So we have a gain of 60 and a

14 loss of minus 112. Unit submitting reports are 6 for

Unit activities. Total members in Units, 270. 15

16 Americanism, 3 reports. Total members, 117. Hospital

Unit reports, 3, 117. Publicity, three, 117. Welfare 17

3, 117. And youth, 3, 117. 18

I have learned a lot this last year in my 19 position as Regional President. I really enjoyed 20

21 visiting all the Units and learned from each and every

visit. I was kind of a little leery about doing a lot

of the work that I was unsure about how to do it. But I

had so much support from all the Units as well as many 24

of the National Presidents and National Board. Lots of

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help that got me through the year. So I appreciate that.

3 I traveled 7,711 miles. I published a total of five news letters. I completed four quarterly reports. And our Mid-Year was in March in Vallejo, California. Our Convention -- Regional Convention was in July in Sparks, Nevada. I did an article for the Triangle and an article for the FRA Today.

And I would like to say that if I had to do this all over again, I would be more prepared than I was this year for sure. And I think I would enjoy it probably better the second year than I did the first year. But I would just like to say that anybody that thinks that they want to be Regional President and you don't think you can do it, that would have been me, and I did it. So you need to step up and help out our organization. And the number one thing for us, I think, is membership. We've got to get our membership up, whatever it takes.

So I would like to thank every single one of you and I hope that all the Regional Presidents have a very good year this year. Thank you.

NP SMITH: Thank you, Linda.

Nadine Fulton, Southwest, do you have yours ready?

RNPSW FULTON: I do. Nadine Fulton, Regional

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National President Southwest, Delegate, from Unit 289.

Years served, 2017-2018. Region, Southwest. How many

Units in your Region, 11. How many Units officially

visited, 8. How many Units installed, three. How many

Unit Installations did I attend, 5. Number of quarterly

reports submitted, 1. My bad. I submitted my Annual

Report Winners. My membership at the beginning of the

fiscal year is 1,107. At the end of the year was 1,051.

I have 23 deceased members. And I have a loss of 56 10

members.

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Summary of Unit participation. Unit Activities: Units submitting reports, 7. Total members in Americanism, hospital, publicity, welfare, and youth, I had 6 units submitting reports and 605 members in those Units.

My second consecutive year as Regional President I represented the Region -- the Region at the Veteran's Day Event at the Veteran's Park and Pearl Harbor tribute at the Community Pier in my hometown of Imperial Beach, California. I was also honored to attend the Annual Pilgrimage in Arlington. And I had the opportunity to attend the Northwest Regional Convention in Boise, Idaho. I traveled a total of 9.582.

I would like to thank my Parliamentarian Gail Doloway because with all the other responsibilities that

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she had on her desk she was able to help me in any way that I could -- that -- in anything that I asked her to.

I found this year to be much stress -- much less

stressful than my previous year and I highly recommend

that candidates for Regional President consider a

two-year term. I would, however, not recommend that you

do an eight year term, Cindy. I was overwhelmed by the

hospitality of the Southwest Units and I'm very proud to

serve them. I hope I lived up to their expectations

10 because the members certainly lived up to mine. Thank 11 you.

NP SMITH: Thank you, Nadine.

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Gail Doloway, would you like to give a report on the Northwest at this time? 14

GAIL DOLOWAY: First, I would like to thank our National President and the National Board, I think, for 16 this appointment. I use the standard form for Regional 17 President. I went online actually and got it. So even 19 I can function. Years served, 2017-2018. Units in the Region, 11. I didn't physically visit any Units, but 20 21 believe me, I was there. I'll skip over the numbers. I 22 did do three newsletters for the Region. I submitted this Annual Report. I reported the winner. I had 540 24 members at the beginning of the fiscal year and 550 at the end of the year. However, in my calculation in

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looking over all the members and especially when you heard the membership report, we had a 10 percent gain. And I say "we" as in the royal "we." There was one unit that submitted report this year and Unit activities was 39 members.

6 The Region was placed into suspension at the Post-Board Meeting of the National Convention due to lack of officers. And in accordance with the Constitution Bylaws I volunteered to assist the Region 10 as Regional Administrator and was appointed by the National Board in October 2017. My first duty was to have the National Board lift the Regional suspension so that the Units could function. The suspension of Unit 14 382 was also lifted. My goal was to address and assist 15 the members of the Northwest Region to resolve problems, 16 major and minor, and to that end I believe I was successful. I am pleased to report all Units are in 17 good working order. 18

Unit 18, Seattle, had said that they were submitting their Charter even before the last Regional 20 Convention. It actually didn't happen. I got the Charter last week. And I was sorry to have to turn it in.

I do not live in the region, but via all kinds of electronic means and snail mail and telephone have

Page 59 been able to accomplish much. The Philippine Units are

actively communicating with the rest of the Region as

well as really working as part of the National body.

Almost all of the EIN issues have been resolved and

those not are working towards achieving that goal. The

members of the region are active in their communities as

well as taking care of our military families and

veterans. I cannot say I traveled thousands of miles

and performed X amount of installations or installed

other -- you know, initiated members. But I can tell

you that I had thousands of e-mails, in the hundreds of

telephone calls, and a lot of different communication.

I want to especially thank Cindy Rodham-Tuck and Doris Fri for their assistance in my needs in the Region.

16 I have obtained a goal of 100 percent for all 17 Units starting in New Officer Reports, Regional Delegate Forms, and National Delegate Forms so they've been represented completely. My intent is not to just step away from the Northwest Region. I'll still be there. 21 Thank you.

NP SMITH: I want to thank all of you for your reports and please make sure that both the NES and recorder gets a copy of your written report and signed. Make sure it's signed. She has 100 percent of the

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Regional. Great.

I think we have time for one more report. We'll now have a report from Convention Minutes Publishing Committee Helen Courneya, Junior Past National President.

PNP COURNEYA: The minutes last year in Hunt Valley were our first experience using a local company -- recorder company. We went back and forth for quite a while having to do many corrections. So it is very important that everyone use the microphone. Corrections were made and the minutes were published. That's my report.

NP SMITH: If there's no correction, the Chair will entertain a motion that the minutes 2017 National Convention be approved.

PNP COURNEYA: I so move.

17 NES FRI: And I so second. Doris Fri NES, I 18 second.

NP SMITH: It has been moved by Helen Courneya Junior Past National President, seconded by Doris Fri NES that the 2017 minutes be approved as written. Is there any discussion? All those in favor say "aye."

23 GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Aye.

24 NP SMITH: Opposed?

Motion carried.

Page 61 Page 63 1 I tell you what, there's a few people out there moment, do not have anymore tickets for the River Walk. their little heads are nodding, so I think we're going However, there have been a few people that haven't to -- before we recess, Pat, is there any announcements, picked up the tickets and because their shipmates, I Pat Bourdreaux? 4 don't know whether they're here or not. So it may very 5 PNP COURNEYA: Yes. The only announcement we well be that we might have an extra ticket or two. But have this evening is our Welcome Aboard Reception. It I won't know that until later today or maybe not even is published in the Journal at 7:30 and actually we're until tomorrow morning. So if you're interested in the going to start at 7:00. Put on your dancing shoes. River Walk ticket and you don't have it, then check with We're going to have live entertainment. So I hope you me sometime tomorrow, okay, and I'll hopefully will have all come out and enjoy your reception. We are not 10 10 and answer. 11 having any Mexican jumping beans, but we are going to Does anybody else have any questions? Oh, and have Mariachis coming to play for the first hour. 12 if you have the Past Regional Chaplain -- I mean, the 12 They'll play for the first hour and then I have Past Chaplain's -- National Chaplain's luncheon, if you 13 contracted with a band that will come in and Queen Diane have tickets for that, give them to me, too, if you want 14 Hoover Past National President is our dancing queen and 15 to have a donation -- I mean, have a refund. Anybody 15 she will lead us on. Thank you. 16 have a question about meal tickets? 16 17 RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: Madam National 17 NP SMITH: So we are having a Past Regional President. 18 President, Cindy Rodham-Tuck Unit 42 Delegate. May I 18 19 make an announcement now that I'm here? 19 RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: Past Regional 20 20 NP SMITH: A little late. President luncheon is being held. 21 RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: One more thing. 21 NP SMITH: Okay. We are going to stand in 22 recess until 9:00 tomorrow. Would our National Chaplain 22 All of you that have those tickets that -- if you're 23 going to make as donation, that was very -- would really please close the Bible? 23 24 be appreciated. But if you want a refund, could you 24 (3 raps). 25 please come to me with your ticket so I can put it in an 25 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NATHAN: Madam National Page 62 Page 64 envelope so that they can make out a check for you. If President, the Bible is closed. 1 you haven't picked up your tickets yet, please come to 2 (Recessed.) 3 me and I'll give it to you. Okay. Thank you. 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Would you clarify that 5 Thursday, tomorrow's, luncheon or not. I'm confused. 6 NP SMITH: There is no luncheon. 6 7 7 PNP COURNEYA: The -- Helen Courneya, Junior 8 your Past National President acting co-chair for Pat 9 Bourdreaux. Anyway, we do have luncheons tomorrow 10 10 afternoon. We have the PRP luncheon and we also have 11 the RP -- RP-Elect has that been canceled? It has been 11 12 12 canceled because we only had five people signed up for 13 13 that. 14 RPNE/NE PNP CINDY RODHAM-TUCK: So in other 14 15 15 words, for those that signed up for the RP, RP-Elect and Regional Vice President, there were only six people that 16 16 17 17 signed up for it. But that isn't the reason that it's being canceled. It's because of a mixup. So therefore, 18 18 19 if you want to make a donation of what your ticket was, 19 20 thank you. I want to have the tickets for the Regional 20 21 President, Regional President-Elect and Regional Vice 21 President, if you are not making it as a donation so I 22 can make out a list for refunds. Does everybody have 23 24 that? 24 25 25 The other thing is we do not -- as of this

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