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1 (WHEREUPON, the meeting began at 8 p.m.)

2 COMMANDER KELLETT: With the colors of our  
3 country being in the proper place, we will render the  
4 right-hand salute.

5 One, two.

6 At this time, Chaplain Raymond Bassett will offer  
7 the invocation. Please uncover.

8 CHAPLAIN BASSETT: Let's pray.

9 Chapin grandeur of the universe, how many times  
10 have we come to you asking? And sometimes we ask for the  
11 wrong things, and you inter- -- you interspruce --  
12 intersperse your idea, and it's always better.

13 And so as we begin our convention this evening, be  
14 with us, guide us, and the things that we must look at and  
15 discuss and take care of, for all your blessings that you  
16 give to us, we never -- we should never fail to thank you.  
17 And so we do. Amen.

18 ALL: Amen.

19 COMMANDER KELLETT: Please remain uncovered  
20 and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

21 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

22 COMMANDER KELLETT: Be seated.

23 I remind everyone this is an open session and all  
24 Legionnaires are welcome to attend, to speak on any matter;  
25 however, they must first obtain permission from the

1 district commander. I would also like to remind you that  
2 when speaking, you mention your name, give your district,  
3 and speak -- speak clearly and loudly so the recorder can  
4 hear you. Only one person will speak at a time.

5 At this time, Adjutant Lowry Finley-Jackson will  
6 call roll call.

7 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Commander  
8 Cary Kellett?

9 COMMANDER KELLETT: Here.

10 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Senior Vice  
11 Commander Kerry Boardman?

12 SR. VICE COMMANDER BOARDMAN: Present.

13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone I Vice  
14 Commander Bob Maddox?

15 VICE COMMANDER MADDOX: Present.

16 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone II Vice  
17 Commander Mark Clark?

18 VICE COMMANDER CLARK: Present.

19 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone III Vice  
20 Commander Gary Grigsby?

21 VICE COMMANDER GRISBY: Present.

22 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone IV Vice  
23 Commander Don Bautre?

24 VICE COMMANDER BAUTTE: Present.

25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: NECman Kenneth Goth?

1                    NECman GOTH:    Here.

2                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Alternate NECman

3    Thomas Goodin?

4                    ALTNERATE NECman GOODIN:    Semper Fi.

5                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Immediate Past

6    Commander Elizabeth Gonzalez?

7                    MS. GONZALEZ:    I'm here.

8                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Judge Advocate

9    Cassie Strom?

10                    JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM:    Present.

11                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Finance Officer

12    Ron Jones?

13                    MR. JONES:    Present.

14                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Chaplain Raymond

15    Bassett?

16                    CHAPLAIN BASSETT:    Present.

17                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Historian Paul

18    Bennett?

19                    HISTORIAN BENNETT:    Here, ma'am.

20                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Sergeant-at-Arms

21    Darlene Coats?

22                    MS. COATS:    Present.

23                    ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:    Past National

24    Commander Joe Frank is excused.

25                    Adjutant Lowry Finley Jackson, I am present.

1                   1st District Commander Bob -- Robert Dodd?  
2                   MR. DODD: Present.  
3                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 2nd District  
4 Commander Johnny Herndon? Absent.  
5                   3rd District Commander R.E. Holtz?  
6                   MR. HOLTZ: Present, ma'am.  
7                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 4th District  
8 Commander Jerome Goolsby?  
9                   MR. GOOLSBY: Here.  
10                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 5th District  
11 Commander Steven Boeck?  
12                  MR. BOECK: Here, ma'am.  
13                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 6th District  
14 Commander William Anderson?  
15                  MR. ANDERSON: Go Navy.  
16                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 7th District  
17 Commander Joseph Cochran?  
18                  MR. HERD: James Herd sitting in for  
19 7th District for Joe Cochran.  
20                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: James Herd?  
21                  MR. HERD: Yes, ma'am.  
22                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you, James.  
23                  8th District Commander, Barlow Biggers?  
24                  MR. MCDONALD: Terry McDonald for  
25 Barlow Biggers.

1 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you, Terry.

2 9th District Commander Robert White?

3 MR. TURNER: Dan Turner sitting in

4 9th District for Bob White.

5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you, Dan.

6 10th District Commander Mike LeBlanc?

7 MR. STORK: John Stork sitting in for

8 Mike LeBlanc for 10th District.

9 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you, John.

10 11th-12th District, Mike Klingeman?

11 Absent, because he's here.

12 13th District Commander Bill Henson?

13 MR. HENSON: Present.

14 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 14th District

15 Commander Frankie Adams?

16 MR. ADAMS: Present.

17 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 15th District

18 Commander Rock Conway?

19 MR. CONWAY: Present.

20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 16th District

21 Commander Rose Noonan?

22 MS. NOONAN: Present.

23 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 17th District

24 Commander Mark Reed?

25 MR. REED: Present.

1                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department  
2 Commanders.

3                   Past Department Commander Joe Frank is excused.

4                   Past Department Commander James Mareschal, excused.

5                   Past Department Commander Dr. Norris Preston,  
6 excused.

7                   Past Department Commander Joel Hauck, excused.

8                   Past Department Commander David Voyles?

9                   MR. VOYLES: Here.

10                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department  
11 Commander Norm Campbell, excused.

12                  Past Department Commander Clark Pointer?

13                  MR. POINTER: Here.

14                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department  
15 Commander Rich Heigert?

16                  MR. HEIGERT: Here.

17                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department  
18 Commander David Shafer, excused.

19                  Past Department Commander John Neger, excused.

20                  Past Department Commander Dave Jennemann, excused.

21                  Past Department Commander Marvin Harper?

22                  MR. HARPER: Here.

23                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department  
24 Commander Charles Goodin?

25                  MR. GOODIN: Here.



1                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department

2   Commander Lynn Dorrell, excused.

3                   Past Department Commander Kenneth Goth?

4                   NECman GOTH: Still here.

5                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department

6   Commander Arthur Wilson?

7                   MR. WILSON: Present.

8                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department

9   Commander Tom Goodin?

10                  ALTNERATE NECman GOODIN: Still Sempre Fi.

11                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department

12   Commander Dennis Woeltje?

13                  MR. WOELTJE: Here.

14                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department

15   Commander George Scarborough?

16                  MR. SCARBOROUGH: Here.

17                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department

18   Commander Elizabeth Gonzalez?

19                  MS. GONZALEZ: Still here.

20                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: We have a quorum.

21                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Thank you, Lowry.

22                  At this time, I'd like to have approval of the

23   February 18th, 2018, DEC meetings as published?

24                  MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, 4th District, so moved.

25                  MR. ANDERSON: Anderson, 6th District, second.

1                   COMMANDER KELLETT: I have a motion and a  
2 second. All those in favor?

3                   ALL: Aye.

4                   COMMANDER KELLETT: Any opposed?

5                   (No response.)

6                   COMMANDER KELLETT: Motion passes.

7                   Report of the subcommittee, Chairman Bob Maddox.

8                   VICE COMMANDER MADDOX: I have no report at  
9 this time.

10                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Thank you, Bob.

11                  Recommendation for new post charters.

12                  (No response.)

13                  COMMANDER KELLETT: None.

14                  Recommendation for post cancellations.

15                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Commander, the  
16 following posts are recommended for cancellation: SPC  
17 Edward L. Meyers Memorial Post 911, which was the Cyber  
18 Post, out of Cole County, District 99.

19                  Arrowood-Beyers-Cummings Post 126, Lawrence County,  
20 District 15.

21                  La Belle, Post 200, Lewis County, District 1.

22                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Recommendations for post  
23 mergers?

24                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: None.

25                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Other business?

1           Okay. At this time, I'd like recommendations that  
2 we close these posts.

3           MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, 4th District, so moved.

4           MR. HOLTZ: Holtz, 3rd District, second.

5           COMMANDER KELLETT: Have a motion and a  
6 second.

7           Any discussions?

8           NECman GOTH: Have they got all their assets?

9           ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes.

10          COMMANDER KELLETT: Yes.

11          NECman GOTH: And any members move to another  
12 place? No weapons or anything -- I guess that would be  
13 assets. Oh --

14          COMMANDER KELLETT: All those in favor,  
15 signify with an aye.

16          ALL: Aye.

17          COMMANDER KELLETT: Any opposed?

18          (No response.)

19          COMMANDER KELLETT: Motion carries.

20          Other business, at this time we'll have  
21 Terry Lanning please -- for Finance please come up.

22          MR. LANNING: The point I had to bring up,  
23 Finance Commission recommends the following to -- we  
24 approve giving the American Legion Auxillary \$2500 out of  
25 set-aside money for this fiscal year. With department

1 finances not being in very good shape and no other  
2 donations were recommended for -- out of this year's  
3 budget, that's the only action we have.

4 COMMANDER KELLETT: Need a motion to approve.

5 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, 4th district, so moved.

6 COMMANDER KELLETT: Second?

7 MR. HOLTZ: Holtz, second -- 3rd District,  
8 second.

9 COMMANDER KELLETT: Any discussion?

10 ALTNERATE NECman GOODIN: Tom Goodin,  
11 Alternate NEC. This is not on your action, but is the  
12 finance meeting in the morning an open meeting?

13 MR. LANNING: Yes, it is.

14 ALTNERATE NECman GOODIN: And I understand  
15 that the budget will be discussed at that meeting?

16 MR. LANNING: Yes.

17 ALTNERATE NECman GOODIN: And any proposed  
18 cuts or wherever we're going to send money will be  
19 discussed at that meeting?

20 MR. LANNING: Correct.

21 ALTNERATE NECman GOODIN: Thank you.

22 COMMANDER KELLETT: All those in favor signify  
23 with an aye?

24 ALL: Aye.

25 COMMANDER KELLETT: Any opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 COMMANDER KELLETT: Motion carries.

3 MR. LANNING: That's it.

4 COMMANDER KELLETT: Thank you, Terry.

5 Is Jim in the room?

6 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Not here.

7 COMMANDER KELLETT: District commanders, I'd  
8 like to remind you to please be in the front row for the  
9 opening of the convention. General session will start at  
10 1:30 p.m. Please be seated by 1:20.

11 District caucus schedule will now be read by the  
12 Adjutant.

13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: A copy of the  
14 district caucus schedule should be in your folders.

15 So District 1 will be in the right rear of the  
16 Grand Ballroom. District 2 will be in the left rear.  
17 District 3 will be in the right front. District 4 will be  
18 in the left front. District 9 will be in the Kalahari  
19 Room. District 13 in the Mojave Room. District 17, you  
20 will be in your hospitality room, which is Room 434 through  
21 43- -- excuse me -- 432 to 434.

22 MR. REED: It's 444 and 446.

23 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you. Say that  
24 again.

25 MR. REED: 444 and 446.

1                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay. And I'll have  
2 that corrected tomorrow. 444 and 446.

3                   District 16 will be in the Arabian Room.  
4 District 15 will be in the Sahara B. District 8 will be  
5 here in the Maui Room. District 6 will be in Hospitality  
6 Rooms 428 through 430. District 14 will be in the Bora  
7 Bora Room, which is currently the office, the department  
8 headquarters office, but it will be available for the  
9 caucus. District 11-12 will be at Sahara A. District 10  
10 will be in the Sonoran Room. District 5 will be in  
11 Hospitality Rooms 428 through 439.

12                   SR. VICE COMMANDER BOARDMAN: Correction. It  
13 is 432 to 434.

14                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay. Give me that  
15 pen. Thank you.

16                   Give me those numbers again, Kerry.

17                   SR. VICE COMMANDER BOARDMAN: 432, 434.

18                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 434. I'll put out a  
19 new one tomorrow.

20                   And District 7 will be in Hospitality Room 442; is  
21 that correct? Your hospitality room number.

22                   HISTORIAN BENNETT: I think so.

23                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay. I'll make  
24 sure, and I'll have a corrected copy in the morning for  
25 everybody.

1                   COMMANDER KELLETT: Do we have any new  
2 business?

3                   Anything for good of the order?

4                   HISTORIAN BENNETT: Commander, I rise to  
5 request authorization for the outgoing Finance Officer to  
6 pay those that are entitled travel expenses.

7                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: And your name,  
8 please.

9                   HISTORIAN BENNETT: Oh, I'm sorry.  
10 Paul Bennett, Historian.

11                  MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, 4th District, seconds.

12                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Have a motion and a  
13 second. Any discussion?

14                  (No response.)

15                  COMMANDER KELLETT: All those in favor,  
16 signify with an aye.

17                  ALL: Aye.

18                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Any opposed?

19                  (No response.)

20                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Motion carries.

21                  (Bell rings.)

22                  HISTORIAN BENNETT: No. No. No.

23                  Still in the good of the order; right?

24                  COMMANDER KELLETT: Yes, sir.

25                  HISTORIAN BENNETT: May, I have a personal

1 preference here?

2 Paul Bennett, Historian.

3 We have a -- I think I'd like to say thank you and  
4 make everybody aware of our Judge Advocate. I sent her a  
5 copy of our post-constitution bylaws. She made appropriate  
6 corrections. Not only did she approve it, she also made  
7 English corrections.

8 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Sorry.

9 HISTORIAN BENNETT: Where it said "his/her"  
10 and "he/she."

11 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: "She/he."

12 HISTORIAN BENNETT: And I just wanted to  
13 recognize she did a very good job. Thank you.

14 COMMANDER KELLETT: And, Paul, thank you for  
15 slowing things down a little bit.

16 Before we close, I would like to say to the -- to  
17 DEC that's here tonight, thank you. This is my last DEC as  
18 the commander, and I appreciate everything that you've done  
19 for me this year. I think we've had a fairly good year,  
20 and I appreciate all the hard work that you've done. Thank  
21 you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 (Rings bell.)

24 COMMANDER KELLETT: Chaplain Raymond Bassett  
25 will now offer the benediction.



1           For your continued love and support, we thank you.  
2   Be with us now as we go to our separate rooms for a night  
3   of rest and sleep in preparation for then tomorrow's. For  
4   this, we ask in your name. Amen.

5           ALL: Amen.

6           COMMANDER KELLETT: Colors of our country  
7   being in their proper place, we will render the right hand  
8   salute. One, two.

9           (Rings bell.)

10          (WHEREUPON, the meeting concluded at  
11   8:16 p.m.)

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