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(8:14 a.m.)

AUXILIARY’S REMARKS

NC GREENLAW: Before we open, I’d like to
ask Diane Petrini, the outgoing President of the
Auxiliary and the incoming President, Ms. -- Patriot
Perez, to come up and say a few words to us. Let’s
give them a big round of applause please.

(Applause)

PAST AUX PRESIDENT PETRINI: Thank you,
Commander. Good morning. My name is Diane Petrini
and I’m the outgoing President of the Auxiliary. It
has been such my honor to serve the Auxiliary for the
last year. It has been the time of my life in many
ways.

Our goal last year when we started with our
Leadership Team was to focus on our members. We
designated this the year of the unit. We strived to
find out what we could do as National to help our
units survive and to thrive. One of the ways we did
that was having monthly Zoom calls. Zoom is free
videoconferencing. If you are a Patriot with a spouse or daughter in the Auxiliary, you probably are familiar with Zoom. They can dial in on their computer and we can see everybody, they can see what’s on the screen. There’s no cost to anyone.

We invited members across our membership to join. We talked about everything from how to do the 990 to how to fill out an application form to what we could do to encourage our members to join.

We were fortunate this year to have such a strong Leadership Team with Cheryl Perez, who is our incoming President, and Amanda Flener, who will be the Senior Vice President. We worked together. We had a three-year plan so that they’ll carry through whatever we started to continue this along for our veterans.

Our purpose is to help our veterans.

We have a program where we’ve designated some of our funds to go directly to the unit and to the community to help our veterans. We have a project for senior heroes where we reach out to our veterans that are in nursing homes or are unable to go out. They might be in their residence and all we do is meet with them. We don’t give them anything, we just acknowledge that they are our senior hero.

We also do projects in the VA and in the
community. We are striving to find ways that we can help the veterans, not only our Purple Heart veterans, but all veterans, as you know. If there’s anything that the Auxiliary can do to help and to help the Order, we are more than willing to do that.

I’d like to thank you for giving us the time to say good morning. I hope your meetings are successful. I’m glad it’s Wednesday, actually. But I would like to also allow Cheryl to say a few words as well. Thank you.

(Applause)

AUX PRESIDENT PEREZ: Good morning, Patriots. It has been an honor serving this past year with this Leadership Team. As President Petrini said, we’ve been focusing on our membership this year and I plan on continuing that. That’s where all the good work is done up here at National or just paper pushers and decision makers at the local level. That’s where all of our members are working to support our veterans and their families.

I know many of our members, we did a huge outreach this year to our members at large. I know many of our Auxiliary members are Associate Members with the Chapters. I think that’s great. It keeps them involved where we have no units.
I would like to ask you all to ask your Auxiliary members to give us a second look. We are not asking them to leave being Associate Members with you, we’re just asking that they just let us know the good work they’re doing, what they’re doing in their community, what they’re doing with you so that we can still capture and find out about that good work they’re doing.

They’re out there and they’re doing it and they’re doing it with you, but they’re still members with us. So, I’d just like to ask you to have them give us a second look out there.

Again, thank you. We exist because of you. I look forward to working this year with the Commander and making it all stronger for our veterans and their families. Thank you.

(Applause)

PAST AUX PRESIDENT PETRINI: I would also like to introduce Amanda Flener. Amanda will be stepping up to be the Senior Vice President. Amanda?

AUX SVP FLENER: I wasn’t really prepared to say anything to anybody this morning, but I’ll just say I wish you well. I look forward to serving with these ladies this next year. We’ve had a great year. Really, if there’s any way that the Auxiliary can help
support you where you’re at, let us know. Please
reach out and contact us. Have a great day, guys.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you, ladies. Thank you very much.

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): Would the ladies wait please?

NI HUNT: Tommy would like to approach the ladies.

NC GREENLAW: Ladies, we have a present for you. Come on up.

(Long pause)

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you, brother.

CALL TO ORDER

NC GREENLAW: So with that, I’d like to open this business session. Start with the Roll Call.

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOTS: Pledge of Allegiance.

NC GREENLAW: I thought we do after the Roll Call. No? All right.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NC GREENLAW: Senior Vice, lead us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SVC GARCIA: Present arms.
PATRIOTS: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SVC GARCIA: Two.

NC GREENLAW: Take your seats please.

PATRIOTS: Chaplain.

INVOCATION

NC GREENLAW: All right, I’ve been given some bad information here, so we’ll do the invocation. Is Chaplain Miller here?

PATRIOTS: No.

DEPT COM McCORMICK: Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we come to you today and we thank you for this opportunity to gather together as Patriots, one to support the other. Lord, we ask for your divine guidance and direction during this meeting so that we make those decisions that are needed to be made for the good of the Order and for the good of our brothers and sisters who wear the purple.

It is in Your Name that we pray. Amen.

PATRIOTS: Amen.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you, Patriot McCormick.

ROLL CALL

NC GREENLAW: Now we do the Roll Call.
NSD COLEMAN: Good morning, Patriots. I’m going to start off with Region IV. Region V, stand up. Region IV, please state your name and who you represent. Alabama?

DEPT COM DAUGHTRY: Department of Alabama, Daughtry, here.

NSD COLEMAN: Florida?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Christopher Vedvick, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Georgia?

DEPT COM FLENER: John Flener, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Mississippi?

PATRIOTS: Not here.

NSD COLEMAN: North Carolina?

DEPT COM EBERSBACH: Bill Ebersbach, Commander, Department of North Carolina, the first Purple Heart State.

NSD COLEMAN: Puerto Rico?

PATRIOTS: Not here.

NSD COLEMAN: South Carolina?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Tennessee?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region V, Arkansas?

(No response)
VI, stand up.

**DEPT COM FERGUSON:** Cardner Ferguson, Department of Arkansas, Commander.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Colorado?

**DEPT COM ELIZALDE:** Paco, Department of Colorado.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Kansas?

**REG V COM ADKINS:** Charles Adkins, Commander, Region V, Michael Callahan, Department Commander, excused/absent.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Louisiana?

**DEPT ADJ BROWN (Alt):** Danny Brown, Department Adjutant, Chapter 504, delegate.

**NSD COLEMAN:** New Mexico?

**DEPT COM COMSTOCK:** Pete Comstock, Department Commander, New Mexico.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Oklahoma?

**DEPT COM CASSON:** Oklahoma Department Commander, Frank Casson.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Texas?

**DEPT COM LUNKWICZ:** John Lunkwicz, Department Commander.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Region I, stand up. Arizona?

**DEPT COM McGLYNN:** Ed McGlynn, Department Commander.
NSD COLEMAN: California?

DEPT COM EASTMAN: Charles Eastman, Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Guam?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Hawaii?

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): Tommy Tanaka, delegate, Chapter 43.

NSD COLEMAN: Nevada?

DEPT COM YELINEK: Len Yelinek, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Utah?

DEPT COM GIBSON: Dee Gibson, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Connecticut?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Delaware?

DEPT COM MORRIS: Gary Morris, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Massachusetts?

(No response.)

NSD COLEMAN: Maryland? Present. New Jersey?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: New England?
(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: New York?

DEPT SVC PRATTS: Ruban Pratts, Senior Vice Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Pennsylvania?

DEPT COM BOKAN: Pennsylvania as of yesterday is a Purple Heart state. Frank Bokan, Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Virginia?

PATRIOT BOGART (Alt): Virginia, Chapter 353 delegate, Joe Bogart, present.

NSD COLEMAN: Region II, Iowa?

DEPT COM HEIN: Richard Hein, State Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Illinois?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Indiana?

DEPT COM SHADOWEN: Mike Shadowen, Department Commander for Indiana.

NSD COLEMAN: Kentucky?

DEPT COM THOMPSON: Gerry Thompson, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Michigan?

DEPT COM EATON: Robert Eaton, Department Commander.
NSD COLEMAN: Minnesota?

DEPT COM ANDERSON: Department Commander, Anderson.

NSD COLEMAN: Missouri?

DEPT COM SCHLEY: Walt Schley, Department Commander, Missouri.

NSD COLEMAN: Nebraska?

PDC VAREJCKA: Past Department Commander, Varejcka.

NSD COLEMAN: Ohio?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Tom Cunningham, Commander, Ohio.

NSD COLEMAN: Wisconsin?

DEPT COM GREENDEER: George Greendeer, Department Commander, Wisconsin.

NSD COLEMAN: West Virginia?

DEPT COM McCORMICK: Department Commander, James McCormick, West Virginia.

NSD COLEMAN: Region III, Alaska?

DEPT SVC BLAIR: Steve Blair, Senior Vice.

NSD COLEMAN: The Dakotas?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Absent.

NSD COLEMAN: Idaho?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Absent.

NSD COLEMAN: Montana?
DEPT COM GATLIN: Char Gatlin, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Oregon?

DEPT COM RUPP: Lawrence Rupp, Department Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: Washington?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: AWOL, delayed.

NSD COLEMAN: Wyoming?

REG III COM GASDEK: Barry Gasdek, Senior Vice, Wyoming.

NSD COLEMAN: Elected Officers, Commander, National Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Present.

NSD COLEMAN: National Senior Vice?

SVC GARCIA: Present.

NSD COLEMAN: National Junior Vice?

JVC CHERONE: Present.

NSD COLEMAN: National Finance Officer?

NFO MOORE: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: National Finance Committee -- we skip that. Sergeant-At-Arms?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: National Sergeant-At-Arms?


National Inspector?
NI HUNT: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Dennis Wallot?

FNC CHAIR WALLOT: Here, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: Al Flyr?

PATRIOT FLYR: Present.

NSD COLEMAN: Paul Pickart?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: David Price?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: John McIntosh?

NPC CHAIR MCINTOSH: Present.

NSD COLEMAN: Matthew Bridges?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Charles Eggleston?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Here.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Patriot Adjutant (sic), Matt Bridges couldn’t make it because he got word -- called in by the family, his grandmother is dying. I ask that he be considered excused.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Chris Vedvick?

PATRIOT VEDVICK: Present.

NSD COLEMAN: John Dismer?

REG II COM DISMER: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Barry Gasdek?

REG III COM GASDEK: Here.
NSD COLEMAN: Leonard Lazzara?

REG IV COM LAZZARA: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Charles Adkins?

REG V COM ADKINS: Here, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: James Anderson?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Past National Commander, Frank Athanason?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Boyd Barclay?

PNC BARCLAY: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: James Blaylock?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: James Durkin?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Hershel Gober?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Joseph Hems?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: William Hutton?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Pat Little?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Bruce McKenty?

(No response)
NSD COLEMAN: Robert Puskar? Excused?

Okay. James Randles?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Jeffrey Roy?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Ron Siebels?

PNC SIEBELS: Here, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: Al Silvano?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: James Sims?

PNC SIMS: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Richard Spinelli?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Frederick Taylor?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Cornelius Neil Van Ess?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: William Wroolie?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Resigned? Any alibis? Any alibis, please come to the mic and state your name.

DEPT COM LOPEZ: Carl Lopez, Department Commander, South Carolina.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Any more alibis?

(No response)
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1 NSD COLEMAN: Commander, Roll Call is done.

2 NC GREENLAW: We’ll proceed with the nominations, confirming the nominations. Are there any additional nominations? Do we have a Bylaw issue here?

3 REG VI COM ANDERSON: Commander, Point of Order. Nominations are later on during the agenda this morning. You need to go into your Time and Place Committee and Bylaws Committee before you do nominations.

4 TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

5 NC GREENLAW: We call up the Time and Place Committee.

6 REG VI COM ANDERSON: Good morning. I’m Jim Anderson, Region V (sic) Commander, also Chair of the Time and Place Committee. Sorry, Region VI.

7 The Time and Place Committee met this morning. There was no new presentation for the National Convention. We did discuss the 2020 National Convention with representatives here from West Virginia. We also discussed the 2021 Convention, which was tentatively voted on and approved at Spokane to have in West Virginia also unless there was somebody else that stepped up to make a presentation.
Currently, from the information received, the 2020 is working on schedule. There has been a signed contract. I have not seen it yet. Evidently, it was signed by Jack Leonard when he was National Adjutant. The information as to brochures that you can pick up outside, everything is pretty much set to go.

The 2021, there has not been a signed contract as of this time. We will need a motion from the floor to approve the National Convention to be held in Charleston, West Virginia, which will confirm it completely.

As far as 2022, that is still open. There has been some indication of Greenville, South Carolina. That will have to be taken up at the next National Convention.

Can I have a motion from the floor?

REG V COM ADKINS: I make a motion that we approve the 2021 in Charleston, West Virginia.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: I second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: We have a motion on the floor to approve the National Convention for 2021 in Charleston, West Virginia. It has been seconded. Any discussion?

(No response)
REG VI COM ANDERSON: Hearing none, all in favor?

PATRIOTS: Aye.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Opposed?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you, Commander.

(Motion carried.)

NC GREENLAW: I’d like to apologize everybody. I’d been given some incorrect information on the order -- the sequence of events. So bear with me. I’d ask some of the Patriots very knowledgeable about the Bylaws and the Order to please, as you have been -- Patriot McIntosh, Patriot Anderson, I depend on you to correct me if I make a mistake. I’m just following this order that I have here.

RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

NC GREENLAW: But anyway, from what I understand, we have a report and -- it’s Resolutions from the Bylaw Committee at this point in time.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Good morning again, I’m changing hats. Jim Anderson, Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

You received a copy of the seven proposed Resolutions for the Bylaws. It was handed out to
you the other day. All of the NEC members received
in an email approximately -- probably now 22 days
ago the proposed Resolutions.

If you will take your copy of the
Resolutions, I do not want to sit here and read all
these Resolutions. You should’ve had a chance to
read them and discuss it amongst you as to how you
feel about it. I will go by the Resolution by
calling the Resolution number and I will explain how
the Bylaws Committee voted on it. We would need a
motion from the floor to either approve or
disapprove before we can have any discussion.

Please, let’s keep the discussion down to
three minutes. When we refer back to the Bylaws,
one person gets one shot and that’s it. Yes, sir?

NI HUNT: Can we put that up on the screen
please?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Let’s see what we can
do.

NI HUNT: Thank you.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Bear with us just a
minute please.

(Long pause)

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: While we’re doing
this, if anyone in here lost hearing aids, I have
them back at the back. Double check --

PATRIOTS: Huh? Huh?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: I’m glad we have a
sense of humor this morning. But I do have them at
the back.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: I’m not used to an
iPad, I’m used to a PC. Is the screen visible and
everybody can see it from the back? Okay.

Resolution 1-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON: This is Resolution 1-
2019. This Resolution deals with the distribution
of Life Membership rebate. As voted in Spokane that
the Life Membership rebate would be divided between
-- 50% going to the National Headquarters and then
the other 50% divided between the Chapters and
Departments. This Resolution is to set the Life
Membership rebates back to 50% to the Department,
50% to the Chapters, and nothing to the
Headquarters.

The Bylaws Committee approved this
Resolution with a unanimous vote and recommended to
the body for approval.

NI HUNT: Move for approval.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Second.
REG VI COM ANDERSON: We have a recommend for approval and a second. Any discussion?

DEPT COM BOKAN: As a representative for Region I, we would like to see that this is amended to state that we would like to put everything to the National for this year to get them out of debt.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Sir, that cannot be done. If you had brought a Resolution before the beginning of the Convention and presented it to the National Adjutant to be presented to the Bylaws Committee, and if it was read at least one day prior to the voting, it could be taken under consideration.

DEPT COM BOKAN: Okay, thank you.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: The Region Commander is correct, the Bylaws Committee, of which I was a member, I voted for approval at the time this was discussed. Based upon the information that I have heard here at the Convention as to the future of the organization, the Headquarters needs every dollar it can get.

I would recommend that everybody here that wants to see the Order try to survive on limited funds vote No.
REG VI COM ANDERSON: Any other discussion?

Hearing none, the motion on the floor is to approve this Resolution. Nick, division of assembly, if I remember correctly, sir?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Correct.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you. It will be division of assembly. I will ask that the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please count the members. Would you like them to stand or raise their hands, sir? All right, you will stand for either the Yea or the Nay. All in favor, please stand.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: So there’s not a confusion, you’re voting to approve this Resolution. Okay.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Please take your seat. All those voting Nay, please stand.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Please be seated.

The Yeas have it at 56 to 11.

(Resolution 1-2019 adopted.)

Resolution 2-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The next Resolution, 2-2019, this is concerning the National Convention.
This Resolution would turn around and add some additional information to the National -- to Article IX of the National Convention, Section 3C-Meetings, to be amended.

Basically, it’s stating that -- adding that because of a national or manmade disaster, or any other emergency as determined by the NEC of the Order, a digital vote of the election of officers is to be held no later than July 31st of the year. No National Convention shall be cancelled without the consent of the National Executive Committee.

The Bylaws Committee approved this Resolution unanimously and recommendation to the body is to approve. Yes, sir?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Commander, I move that this Resolution to amend the Bylaws be approved.

REG V COM ADKINS: Second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: We have a motion on the floor to approve this Resolution and seconded. Any discussion?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Hearing and seeing none, by division of assembly, all those in favor of approving this Resolution, please stand.

(Long pause)
NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: While they are doing the count, Commander, somebody back here recommended a voice vote. The Bylaws specifically state in the amendments: “5. The vote shall be taken by a division of the assembly.”

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Correct, sir.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You may be seated.

All those not in favor of this Resolution, please stand. All right, seeing none, the Resolution passes 71 to zero.

(Resolution 2-2019 adopted unanimously.)

Resolution 3-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Resolution 3-2019 deals with the National Officers. This resolution is being presented by the Bylaws Committee. It was brought to the Chair’s attention that during the rewrite of the 2017 Bylaws that there was an omission of some wording within the Bylaws. Bear with us a minute, it should come up. There it is. The omission when looking back through old Bylaws, it was determined that back in -- in or about 2011, a section was added to this that the wording, “and the Department Commanders of each Department.” That was when the Bylaws were redone.
in 2017, it was omitted.

This particular section also involves the insurance liability and making sure that the Department Commanders were covered by the umbrella insurance of the Order.

The Bylaws Committee approved this unanimous and recommendation to the Order to approve this Resolution. Can I have a motion from the floor please?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: I move that this Resolution be approved.

REG V COM ADKINS: Second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Motion on the floor to approve this Resolution and seconded. Open for discussion. Yes, sir?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I was the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee on 4/19/2017. The meeting was conducted at 18:34 hours. Article X, Section 2, the Bylaws Committee said we needed to add the Surgeon and the Historian and add the job descriptions. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Char Gatlin and Zack Fike.

Therefore, I suggest that this was not accidently left out, it was intentionally left out.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir?
DEPT COM CASSON: As we all know in this org, we’re in a funding issue. We have insurance people in this room and we have people in this room that belong to other philanthropic organizations. Other philanthropic organizations and, yes, we are one and, yes, we are a business, requires you to have some form of insurance to participate in parades, have car shows, etc., ad nauseum.

We vote No on this. We’re all liable for whatever. Kids in a parade, you’re in a parade, the MOPH float comes by -- the Shriners won’t let you throw candy no more. But you’re in a parade that they allow you to throw candy, here comes the MOPH float, and you’re looking at a kid, you want to toss candy. We did it in a war zone. Well, that kid falls underneath the trailer, he gets hurt. That family sues. This is what this saves us by.

So, it’s not just a protection for me, it’s a protection for all of you because some of our Departments are not able to get any kind of insurance because we’re either under in a lawsuit. Regardless of how that lawsuit will be resolved, we become insurance liabilities, or could possibly be considered.

I highly recommend for your own safety so
you don’t have to experience what I’ve had for the past five years, to vote Yes. Thank you very much. God bless.

DEPT COM GATLIN: I voted against this last year as Doug pointed out due to the fact that the Surgeon doesn’t give medical advice. Who’s the Historian? I don’t -- whatever they do. They don’t really have an active role.

But in the larger picture, being that they don’t have an active role and considering the problems we’re in, I don’t have an issue with the way it reads.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Any other discussion?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Seeing none, the motion on the floor is to approve this Resolution. All those in favor, please stand?

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Take your seats. All those not in favor, please stand? You may take your seat. The Resolution passes, 77 to 1.

(Resolution 3-2019 adopted.)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

PATRIOT PICKART: Reporting tardy, sir.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.
Resolution 4-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Next Resolution, 4-2019, this is National Officers, Section -- Article X, National Officers, Section 4B-Terms of Office.

What this is recommending, based on the National Commander, National Senior, and National Junior Vice, the terms of office, per the Bylaws, it says that they shall not succeed themselves in office.

This is allowing them to succeed themselves by one year if nominated and elected by the body.

The Bylaws/Resolution approved this with one Nay vote. Recommendation to the body is for approval.

I’ll accept a motion from the floor.

NI HUNT: Patriot Chairman, would you move to the Resolution second please?

I move for disapproval, there’s a fatal flaw in this. If you read under Resolved, No National Commander, etc., next line, “two concessive (sic) terms.” That, sir, is a fatal flaw and move for disapproval.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: We have a motion on the floor to disapprove because they’re saying that there is a flaw within the Resolution, and it has been seconded. Any discussion?
REG VI COM ANDERSON:  Hearing none and seeing none, all those in favor of disapproving this Resolution, please stand?

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON:  You may be seated.

All those voting Nay, please stand?  Seeing none, the disapproval of this Resolution is 52 to zero. Resolution is disapproved.

(Resolution 4-2019 disapproved unanimously.)

REG I COM EGGLESTON:  Hey, Chair, was that done purposely?

Resolution 5-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON:  Next Resolution, 5-2019, this is Re:  Structure of the National Executive Committee by creating a Board of Directors, which would consist of 21 members of the Order to handle the majority of NEC problems that would come up during the year.  It also requires this board of directors, if there is something major, to go back to the NEC, which is their -- to all the Department Commanders and get their opinion and/or vote, if needed, to approve something that needs to be handled.

The Bylaws Committee went through this
quite a bit. We had some long discussions on it.

The Bylaws Committee approved this Resolution with
one opposed and recommendation to the body is to
approve. I’ll scroll down so you can see the rest
of it.

REG V COM ADKINS: Make a motion to
approve.

DEPT COM GREENDEER: I second it.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: We have a motion on
the floor to approve this Resolution, we have a
second. We are open for discussion. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: I see this Resolution as
a way to muzzle the NEC. You are duly elected
officers to come here and cast your vote on behalf
of your state when it comes to an NEC. What they
don’t want to do is have to email the 85 members of
the NEC so they can reduce it and limit your voice.
That is not what we’re doing here.

If the Headquarters can’t figure out how to
email and do a vote for 85 fucking people -- I’m
sorry, 85 people, we’ve got bigger problems. This
is a complete travesty and a way to undermine the
spirit of the Bylaws. Thank you.

REG V COM ADKINS: The board of directors
still answers to the NEC and ultimately the supreme
body of the Convention. It is a requirement by our charter from Congress that we do this and have no less than 18 members. You’ve got to have an odd number to break a tie, but it is a requirement that has been overlooked for who knows how long. It is a fix, and that’s why this is here.

Look at some of your other fellow VSOs, they have this. It puts us in line with them. It also puts us in line with best business practices.

Thank you.

PNC SIEBELS: I too am opposed to this Resolution because in the Resolution part, it talks about -- let’s go to Section H. It takes the vote away from person who I think definitely ought to have a vote, and that’s the Chairman of the National Finance Committee. The NEC has already elected him, but this motion would take the vote away from him. I think if this body elected him, he ought to have a vote. This Resolution is all wrong.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot Gatlin?

DEPT COM GATLIN: Here is the skinny, I don’t BS, you guys know it. The problem with all 88 of us is a serious lack of participation. I mean, nobody participates and that’s committees as well. How many times have we seen votes go off and I’m not
talking about an illegal vote or somebody -- I mean, there’s multiple votes. When a legal vote comes out, there’s really no participation across the board. We’re lucky to get, in some cases, 50%. If you don’t participate and elect a democracy, you shouldn’t complain when it goes the other way.

So, as Chuck pointed out, by doing this to 21, which I think by Bylaws require to have at least 18, gives us an odd number. 21 is roughly a one-quarter sample, representative sample, of the NEC. That is not quite statistically significant per se, but it is a representative sample.

The way it’s made up, obviously you’ll have your I, II, III, your Region Commanders, but you’ll have two Department Commanders coming from each Region. That’s on you as the Region. If you’ve got a Department Commander who’s not voting, who’s not pulling his or her weight, then they’re out. You put your representative in there that is going to represent you on the body. The representative component is there.

This isn’t a comic book, this isn’t any type of conspiracy theory. This is just something to streamline. What we’re creating answers to the NEC. This is, as I said, I don’t BS, but we have
way too many people that don’t vote, that don’t participate, and we get wrapped around the axle in some of the most simple matters when we should just be pushing forward and not sweating small stuff. Thank you for your time.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot Hunt?

NI HUNT: I’ve heard a number of points, good. On the other hand, the way our NEC is set up, we basically have two ways to vote here. When we have elections, we’re voting strength. The NEC is one vote per Department and/or Officer that’s elected.

I have a major concern with the composition of such a board would strip a number of Departments of their voice and their right to vote. I believe that in the event -- and looking at some of the votes from the past, the Patriot is correct in that there are some that don’t participate. When election cycle comes around, those folks need to be removed. That Department needs to fix its issues.

Overall, we have, in my opinion, a fairly high percentage of folks that do participate. I am strongly opposed to this. Thank you.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: I disagree, I think we should vote Nay for this for two specific
reasons, first one being that all of the votes that
were done were a fiasco, the NEC votes done leading
up to this Convention. It was process, procedure
and preparation. It had nothing to do with the
Bylaws.

Second, the technology is out there now so
that it can be done expeditiously. We just didn’t
take the leadership as a leading body and do
anything with it.

The second one is that we have -- we’re
disenfranchising a great majority of our state
commanders because like in my Region, we have 11
states. The Region Commander gets to pick which two
he wants to represent to the other nine Commanders.
I think that is totally improper for the body.
Thank you.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

DEPT COM FLENER: I heard what Patriot
Gatlin had to say and the others and I agree. Yes,
we’ve had a hard time getting all of the people to
vote, we have lack of participation on all levels of
this Order.

My concern is, when I’ve talked to the
lawyers in Georgia, OCGA plainly dictates putting a
board together if we do this. Even though we have
an umbrella policy, when we make a board and go away from the committee part, everybody that’s on that board that’s from the state of Georgia is personally liable. That umbrella policy that National has will not cover us, according to the state of Georgia. How many other states out there are screwed that way?

Now our personal stuff if we sit on that board is liable for any lawsuits that goes against this Order.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot Middleton?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am opposed to this for a couple of reasons. One is, there’s -- in the charter and in the Constitution, the charter talks about the board of directors. I believe it states that we have to have a minimum of 18. It makes no reference to it cannot be a much larger number.

The fact that it’s difficult under the current administration to be able to assemble an 88-email list and get it out on time is an administrative problem, not one that should require a change to our Bylaws.

Secondly, the minish-ment of the power of a Region in the current Region IV where I reside,
basically there are seven votes on the NEC, actually
eight when you count the Region Commander. We’re
now going to dilute that down to three. I think
that absolutely just muzzles the power of the
Department Commander to represent his constituents.
That’s why we elect you as Department Commanders and
that’s why you’re required to do your duty and
represent your constituents. We’re now saying four
or five of you now have no voice. I’m strongly
opposed to this.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: McIntosh?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: I was the dissenting
vote on the Bylaws Committee. Fortunately, this is
going to be brief for me, I agree with what Patriot
Vedvick started out with. I agree with what Patriot
Middleton ended with. Basically what you’re doing
is you’re taking away the votes from every state.

If we have a National Executive Committee
and you want input, you should get it from every
state. I recommend voting to disapprove.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Any other discussion?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The motion that’s on
the floor is to approve this Resolution. All those
in favor, please stand?
REG I COM EGGLESTON: Could you restate the motion, sir?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The motion is -- recommendation was to approve the motion on the floor. Please have your seat. All those opposed, please stand?

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You may be seated.

Recommendation to approve has failed, 73 to 2.

(Resolution 5-2019 disapproved.)

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Commander, it’s gotten kind of dull in here. I just heard a question from a gentleman right up here in front of me, he looked around and noticed that when the Patriot over here who has a service dog, the service dog was standing. He wanted to know if the dog’s vote counted.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: I hope so.

(Laughter and applause)

Resolution 6-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The next Resolution is Resolution 6-2019 concerning the National Inspector. This Resolution was reviewed by the -- read to the NEC and recommendation from the NEC that the Bylaw Committee review, which the committee did. The report back from the committee, three
members approved, four members disapproved this Resolution. Basically it’s some of the wording within the Resolution. I’m not going to go into that.

I need a motion from the floor to disapprove this Resolution.

REG V COM ADKINS: Make a motion to disapprove.

DEPT COM McGLYNN: I’ll second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: We have a motion on the floor to disapprove this Resolution and seconded. Any discussion?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Seeing none, hearing none, all those in favor of disapproving this Resolution, please stand.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You may be seated.

All those who disagree with approving (sic) this Resolution, other words, vote Nay, please stand.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: You need to restate what you just said.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: I figured that was wrong. The motion on the floor was to disapprove this Resolution. All those voting Nay to disapprove...
this Resolution, please stand. In other words, you’re voting to approve this Resolution.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You may be seated.

The motion to disapprove this Resolution is 59 to disapprove, 20 to approve. The motion fails -- or the Resolution is disapproved. Sorry.

(Resolution 6-2019 disapproved.)

DEPT COM OLIZAREZ: Point of Order.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

DEPT COM OLIZAREZ: Just letting you know that Department of Washington, Commander Robert Olizarez is now present.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.

Resolution 7-2019

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Last Resolution, 7-2019, concerns the National Adjutant. In a nutshell, the first two sections of the current Bylaws state that the National Adjutant’s duty station shall be at the National Headquarters and occasionally, he leave the National Headquarters to attend meetings outside of the Headquarters building.

This Resolution will turn around and remove the first two sections of Article XI, Section 5A 1 and
2. The Bylaws Committee unanimously approved the
recommendation that this Resolution be passed and
presented to the body. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM McGlynn: I recommend we approve
this motion.

REG V COM Adkins: Second.

REG VI COM Anderson: We have a motion on
the floor to approve this Resolution and seconded.
Any discussion? Patriot Gatlin?

DEPT COM Gatlin: So the National Service
Officer and I kind of talked about this with a few
others. The Adjutant needs to be in D.C., we get
this. You don’t want to be teleconferencing in to
the VA Secretary. It just doesn’t look really
professional.

But bottom line, we don’t have any money.
We’re broke. Because we elect our officials here,
more legislative than executive and what I mean by
that is nobody runs in tandem like president, vice
president, governor, lieutenant governor, we do it
individually.

We have three people that could be at odds
with each other. When you’re looking at that and
I’m the Adjutant and then the new leader comes in
the next year and I get canned. Now I’ve rooted
myself up, taken my family and myself to D.C., put the kids in school, dealing with the beltway, the traffic, the whole nine yards, and this is about three months’ prep until I get to D.C. I don’t know who all’s -- I imagine many of you have been stationed or lived there have gone through it.

Now I’ve got to buy a house and all this -- I mean, it’s just -- for one year with no job security. The way this was intended, at least we figured, was that it would be up to the Commander to really step up the interview process and find the individual that they needed that could do it that had the flexibility.

Once again, I do know you have to be in D.C. I mean, that’s kind of how it has to work, but with our Purple Heart requirement and our other refusal to go to executive director and think outside the box on that, which by the way almost every other nonprofit and VSO has done, we’re really limiting our talent pool.

Say we have somebody in Arizona, California, Montana, wherever, if I can get to D.C. 10 to 12 times a year, the money’s there and I could come participate, yeah. But a lot of times maybe I can telecommute. Maybe it is a little more
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effective and cost effective.
Bottom line, as I said, I get you’ve got to
be there, but until we have money, I don’t know -- a
show of hands, who’d do it? I’d love to see a show
of hands in here who’s willing to go to D.C. for a
year and no guarantee year out. Maybe down the
road, two-year contract, something like that, but
that’s the skinny of it, folks. Thanks.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot Shaw?

DEPT COM SHAW: Tennessee is in the house,
running a little late. Sorry.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.
Patriot Middleton?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Patriot Chairman, I think
-- if we approve this, I think we are going down a
slippery slope in the wrong direction. I think we
absolutely need our National Adjutant to be the face
of the Order located in Washington, D.C.

At that same Bylaws Committee meeting I
referenced earlier on the 19th of April 2017, this
was discussed and it was actually -- the Bylaws at
that point were changed to make sure that the
National Adjutant, in fact, would be in the office
every day with the exceptions of when he was
attending meetings and such.
Obviously, I’m mindful of the current financial situation that we are in and understanding that we really don’t have the money to even pay a contract Adjutant, certainly one that would be living in the National Capitol region, which is a very expensive area to live.

I think that there’s another way out of this dilemma and I think that we should disapprove this Resolution. I don’t think we should change the Bylaws, but I believe that we could have a motion from the floor to give the Commander, whoever the new elected Commander and their team is, some latitude and leeway as far as them being able to get a National Adjutant onboard, be it somebody that would volunteer to be a temporary replacement during the interim while we look to find a better solution to this dilemma.

I just don’t think that we should be changing the Bylaws just for this particular situation when we should hope that there’s a way out of this and that the future is bright and full of money, and we can do that. I think changing the Bylaw and losing our presence in Washington, D.C. is a fatal error. Thank you.

NI HUNT: I agree wholeheartedly that
Patriot Middleton has some outstanding points. However, at this particular juncture in time, we simply don’t have the funds. If we require our appointed Officers and elected Officers to follow the Bylaws and the Bylaws say your duty station is there, you need to be there.

At this particular point in time with one noted exception, there was only one hand that went up in the room that said he was willing to go and be able to do that. The pool is, if not non-existent, very close to that. It’s extremely limited. If we do not change this Bylaw, we’re required to stick to it.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot Eggleston?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: It’s a prelude to that, we could always do emergency Article that would allow a temporary year-by-year basis to make that position, as is the National Commander’s position. It’s not a tandem position that you have to be at National, but you are required to come in for checks and balances. You can sit in California, you can sit in Arizona, you can sit wherever you need to sit and do your job tandem as a National Adjutant.

We vote on that year-by-year under the
articles of emergency. That is just a suggestion before we go to this vote. That is a suggestion. I think it’s a great suggestion because we have talent like hell. No, I do not want the National Adjutant position, I was stating a point since I live in Washington, D.C. I think it’s really behind time and we need to start looking at something like that until we get back up to par as we should be.

Emergency article, remember emergency article.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot?

DEPT COM CASSON: I don’t know why the Military Order of the Purple Heart is so married to D.C. I’ll give you a case in point. The National Headquarters for the Boilermakers Union is in Kansas City, Missouri for two reasons, one, taxes; two, it’s a cheaper cost of living. Yet they have a strong presence, or used to when the unions were very strong.

The reason I bring that up is, we can’t afford D.C. Look around you. I went to the Texas Department Convention, it had more people than this. You’ve got to look around the room. We can’t afford D.C. I’m sorry, Maryland and the rest of you guys out there on the east coast, D.C. is out of our budget, boys, if you want to live. If you don’t,
I’m going to vote Yes on this thing. The scary part is, whoever has to be the new Adjutant -- and by the way, I was calling around prior to this Convention asking people. I can point some out and I won’t, some of them, you know who you are. I said, “Why don’t you run for Adjutant?” “I’m not moving to D.C.” I don’t blame them. You couldn’t pay me to even visit D.C. again.

With that being said, we have an opportunity -- I know I’m limited on time, but we have an opportunity now as a body, and look around, all it will take is a floor vote. We need to think about selling, moving out of that D.C. area and forgetting that BS, get an Adjutant in a state that is labor friendly in a way and a state where the median income’s around $54,000-$56,500 for a family of three. That way, you can pay a National Adjutant somewhere in the $60,000’s and they’d have a decent living. Thank you. God bless.

(Appplause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot McIntosh?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: When the original -- when the rewrite went in that Patriot Middleton was talking about, I was the strongest proponent of the
Bylaws having the Adjutant in the office. So, bear that in mind when I say I have changed my mind because I feel that we need to react to what the situation is, not the situation that we had when these Bylaws were written. We have to react to what the situation is currently.

Therefore, I strongly recommend approving this to allow the flexibility to the National Commander. Patriot Middleton commented that temporarily we could let the Commander not adhere to this. That sounds like directing the Commander to violate the Bylaws if this doesn’t pass.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Any more discussion?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Hearing none, seeing none, the motion on the floor is to approve Resolution 7-2019. All in favor, please stand.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You may be seated.

All those against approving this Resolution, please stand.

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You may be seated.

The motion to approve Resolution 7-2019 is approved, 78 to 2.
(Resolution 7-2019 adopted.)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: That concludes the Bylaws Committee Resolutions for the Year 2018-2019. Thank you, Patriots.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: We will take a little extended break, 20 minutes. Need to return calls, have a smoke, and we’ll see you here in 20 minutes.

(Gavel raps)

(20-minute break.)

NC GREENLAW: Please take your seats. Let’s all stand and salute the flag. Please take your seats. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

NC GREENLAW: Moving through this meeting, I’d like to now invite Aleks Morosky up here to discuss the latest legislative situation and a report. Thank you.

NLD MOROSKY: Thank you, Commander. Good morning, Patriots. I know we’ve got a lot to get to today. The Legislative Committee did receive three Legislative Resolutions from Departments. They were considered by the Legislative Committee two days ago and all three were unanimously approved. We’ve now put them up on the screen so that they can be
Survivors Benefit Plan Resolution

NLD MOROSKY: The first Legislative Resolution was from the Department of Arkansas.

This has to do with the Survivor Benefit Plan, quite simply the SBP plan is a plan that retirees may contribute money into so that in the event that they die before their spouse, their spouse can continue to receive a portion of their retirement until they die.

Currently, however, is the spouse dies first, then the veteran has no way of recovering any of that money and it’s lost and they receive no benefit from it. Therefore, we have a Resolution from the Department of Arkansas to make this program a little more fair. It does so in the following way:

RESOLVED: That the Military Order of the Purple Heart Legislative Office develop and sponsor a legislative proposal to present to both houses of the US Congress changing the Survival Benefit Plan so that in the event the covered Spouse dies first, that the Survivors Benefit Program will either:

• Return the premiums paid to the Retiree,
until the death of the Retiree, at the same
monthly rate that the covered Spouse would
have received, or

- Allow the Retiree to apply for
reimbursement of Medical, Hospice, and
Funeral Expenses for the covered Spouse and
allow the Retiree’s survivors to apply for
reimbursement of his/her funeral upon
his/her death.

Again, this was unanimously approved by the
Legislative Committee. We will entertain a motion
for approval or as you see fit.

REG V COM ADKINS: Recommend approval,
motion to approve.

NLD MOROSKY: We have a motion.

DEPT COM SHAW: Second.

NLD MOROSKY: We have a motion and a
second. All those in favor, say Aye.

PATRIOTS: Aye.

NLD MOROSKY: Any opposed?

(No response)

NLD MOROSKY: Resolution is adopted.

(Legislative Resolution adopted.)

NLD MOROSKY: Bear with me while I pull up
the next one.
War on Opioids

NLD MOROSKY: The next Resolution that we have, also from the Department of Arkansas, and this one deals with the opioid crisis that we’re all aware of that we have all across the country. As a result, as you may know, there’s been a big push all across the medical community to reduce reliance on opioids because they are dangerous and they can be addictive drugs. There are a lot of negative consequences that can sometimes go along with them.

However, we found in many cases that although they were overprescribed at one point, there are some VA facilities where everyone is being taken off of them prematurely. In other words, it’s sort of an overreaction to a problem and the correction has gone too far the other way, even to the point where we’re hearing about folks that are multiple amputees and are in chronic pain and need opioids just to get by and be able to live their lives. They’re being told by the their doctors to go do yoga and that they’re not going to get pills anymore.

We recognize the fact that opioid crisis has to be dealt with, however, it should be dealt
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1 with in a medically responsible and compassionate
2 way. Therefore, we have a Resolution:
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BE IT RESOLVED, the National Commander of
4 the Military Order of the Purple Heart make the
5 unintended consequences of the “War On Opioids”
6 issue a priority for his 2019 Congressional
7 legislative [agenda] and to coordinate and
8 collaborate with the National Commanders of our
9 fellow Veteran Service Organizations to support
10 passage and enactment of legislation that will
11 affect a solution to help those veterans that
12 desperately and justifiably need opioids to
13 sustain their quality of life.
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This was also unanimously recommended for
15 approval by the Legislative Committee. I’ll
16 entertain a motion at this time.
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DEPT COM SHAW: I make a motion to accept.
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REG V COM ADKINS: Second.
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NLD MOROSKY: Motion and a second, is there
20 any discussion?
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(No response)
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NLD MOROSKY: Seeing none, all those in
23 favor of adopting this Resolution, say Aye.
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Patriots: Aye.
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NLD MOROSKY: Any opposed?
NLD MOROSKY: Resolution is adopted.

(Legislative Resolution adopted.)

Native American Indian Veterans Association

NLD MOROSKY: Last one.

(Long pause)

NLD MOROSKY: The third and final Resolution comes to us from the Department of the Dakotas. This has to do with a National Charter for the Native American Indian Veterans Association. This is an association that’s currently seeking a Congressional Charter. They’re working with their members of Congress the necessary committees to be able to meet all the requirements to do so.

This Resolution would simply say that if asked that we would endorse them for a National Charter. The Resolution also points out that there is currently no Congressionally Chartered organization specifically for Native American veterans and that Native American veterans have unique needs and that they have served at a higher rate than most any other group and contributed greatly, Code Talkers and so forth, throughout the history of the United States Military, and that we should give our support to such an organization if
we were asked to do so.

The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Military Order of the Purple Heart should endorse the National Charter for the Native American Veterans Association in its efforts to be Chartered by the United States Congress.

I will entertain a motion.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: So move that we accept this Resolution.

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Second.

NLD MOROSKY: Motion and a second, any discussion? Yes, sir?

DEPT COM GREENDEER: Living on the Oneida Reservation at Green Bay. I work with Don Lauder, who’s -- he’s a very active person. Two years ago, he took some veterans over to South Korea and I entertained them. This is a very good cause. We’ll be in Washington in February of 2019 (sic) dedicating our $5 million monument to Native Americans that’s located by the museum. Point of Interest.

(Applause)

DEPT COM CASSON: On the Native American, the National Native American Monument going in
Washington, D.C. has been designed by an Oklahoma
Native American veteran. Just to give you -- just
real quick, I’m sure we’re all going to vote for
this thing, I hope, they call it the seven civilized
tribes of all the different nations. Oklahoma, of
course, is a large majority of Native American
nations.

Understand something, you’ve got them all
with casinos and things like that. It’s not just
the money grab, but we get to show our Native
American brothers that we love them and we want them
to be a part of us because they don’t always feel
that way. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

DEPT COM ELIZALDE: I think this is going
to be a great thing that you’re doing that we
support. I belong to the Yaqui Nation and I’m going
to be forwarding this information to our people.
We’re based out of Lubbock, Texas. In Texas, Texas
approved about three years ago our actual existence
as part of the Native American programs. Congress
is also approving our existence.

Something like this is going to go a long
way to our people. We have a lot of American
Natives in the Yaqui Nation who served proudly in
the military in all the wars. Thank you for that.

(Applause)

JVC CHERONE: I had the opportunity at the Wisconsin Department Convention to do the groundbreaking for the Purple Heart Monument that’s going to be on the Oneida Reservation next year. I was very honored to be there and that was a -- so I think this is a great Resolution that we have -- we have to back the organization 100%. Thank you.

NLD MOROSKY: Any other discussion?

(No response)

NLD MOROSKY: Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting this resolution, say Aye.

PATRIOTS: Aye.

NLD MOROSKY: Any opposed?

(No response)

NLD MOROSKY: Resolution is adopted. Thank you.

(Legislative Resolution adopted.)

(Applause)

NLD MOROSKY: Patriots, this concludes the Legislative Resolutions. Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Thank you, great job.

(Long pause)

NC GREENLAW: We have final count of
REG VI COM ANDERSON: Can I face the audience please, sir?

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: One thing I forgot to do when I was up there handling the Bylaws is thank the members of the Bylaws Committee. On the members, there was Nick McIntosh, who was Secretary and did all of the -- put everything together and making changes as we needed. Char Gatlin, Gil Brown, Katherine Shaw, Chuck Adkins, Larry Leiten (phonetic), James McCormick, Rick Cherone, Felix Garcia, and Bill Suhre. I thank everybody for their attendance and helping to make the Bylaws Committee progress through this last year. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

CREDENTIALS REPORT

PATRIOT SMRT: Patriots, if you’ll turn your attention to the screen, Region IV did have a few alibis. I want to call out of note, a Past Officer of the Department is here so he will vote a Chapter vote in Mississippi, so we do have at least three votes that they’re going to be able to work. That’s different, so the total for Region IV now is
Our total delegates as of -- and we’ve closed the books in anticipation -- is 2,634. I say again, 2,634. Simple majority is 1,318. 1,318, over. A two-thirds is 1,747.

All right, we’re going to walk the dog, though, for Regions. Most notable after communications, arm wrestling, and a couple of beers with Region Commander of IV, we were able to come to terms and agreement. We appreciate the extra effort put in and actually being able to access more current data than what we had out of Headquarters.

Thank you for logging in online and being able to resolve that. You see a difference and I highlight for Florida, we’re sitting right there at 188. That is a change.

Also, Georgia came to us, so they have 92. I put those in bold. Hopefully, these colors work for you guys. Can you see this a little bit better than yesterday with all the different colors? I’ve neutralized the background.

If there are any questions, please come to the back table after we’re finished with this.

Region IV is first in the pipeline.

This is Region V, again, I highlight,
Louisiana is carrying Chapter votes. I believe they worked it out, a single person will be coming to the microphone. I read 505 total. Oklahoma, 35. Competent, capable, can I move on? Any questions? (No response)

Patriot Smrt: All right. VI, once again, Hawaii, Tommy Tanaka, welcome and thank you for attending. We love you. We’re giving Tommy his chance as a past everything in Hawaii to be able to represent his state. It was most fortunate that his Chapter is the largest Chapter because he was able to carry that 20 votes. His other two Chapters would’ve been an additional 5, so you’ve got almost 90%.

Right there, we have 456 (sic) as the total vote for that Region. No questions? Those highlighted in red are obviously No votes.

Patriots: 356.

Patriot Smrt: Correction, 356, 356.

The total number I’m reading right now is 342 on Region I, lots of red right there, sorry about that. Both Maryland and Virginia are there and I believe Maryland has worked out that they will have a single person representing their vote, but you’ll see the split between their two Chapters for
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1 a total of 25. Virginia is credited right there for
2 35. Any questions?
3
4 (No response)

PATRIOT SMRT: Moving forward, just also
5 note when Regions post to the microphones, we will
6 make sure that your screen is up, so reference that
7 and make sure your arithmetic works so that you get
8 credit. You do have the ability to vote Yea, Nay or
9 Abstain, or one person abstain or you can even pass
10 and we’ll collect you later. There are a myriad of
11 opportunities available to you. This is your body,
12 your election. Exercise appropriately.
13
14 653 is the total right here. Illinois, we
15 don’t have a representative, everyone else does.
16
17 This is Region II. Region II.
18
19 Finally, III, 123. Region III gets 123.
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21 Understand that my people are going to be
22 tabulating. We’re going to have hardcopy hash marks
23 that will be signed off at the conclusion of any
24 vote. If we have a three vote race, one person will
25 drop out, the lowest, and then we’ll have a head-to-
26 head.
27
28 We do have only one race right now that is
29 a three-person raise, pending the closing of the
30 nomination. We have at least another horserace,
two-person race. Please, Regions, get it together.

I don’t think the main body wants to get in your business, we want you to elect your own Region Commander. We’ll stand corrected, there’s two and two. We’ll resolve that once all nominations are closed. Thank you very much. So noted.

Question from the floor, Patriot?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Patriot Smrt, the numbers that you have highlighted in red are really hard to read from the back of the room.

PATRIOT SMRT: True, and those are just goose eggs. Those are people that have no vote. That big red block highlights that that Department has no representation.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Okay. Like I said, it’s hard to see them all the way in the back.

PATRIOT SMRT: Affirmative. Thank you for your suggestion. I will leave this minimized and we’ll call it up when we get to that portion of the business.

NATIONAL OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Commander

NC GREENLAW: We will move ahead with the nominations, additional nominations and then go on to the vote. Any additional nomination at this
point for National Commander? Sir, you had a question?

JVC CHERONE: I’m withdrawing my name from that position for running for National Commander.

Just let Felix Garcia be nationally elected National Commander of this organization, which he should have. So I’m removing my name for National Commander nomination. Okay?

NC GREENLAW: Anything else to add to that? Are you running for any other office?

JVC CHERONE: I will be nominated later.

NC GREENLAW: When I get there, okay.

DEPT COM GREENDEER: Are we doing nominations?

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for National Commander?

(Gavel rap)

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(Gavel rap)

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(Gavel rap)

(Visited nominations closed.)

Senior Vice Commander
NC GREENLAW: Senior Vice. We have additional nominations for Senior Vice.

DEPT COM GREENDEER: I would like to nominate Richard Cherone for Senior Vice Commander, who had a lot to do with making this Convention begin and start and end. Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. Any more Senior Vice nominations? Yes, sir?

PATRIOT RAY: I would like to nominate Charles Eggleston as Senior Vice.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: With all due respect, I rescind my nomination. But thanks again, sir.

NC GREENLAW: You do not accept it?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: I decline the nomination for Senior Vice Commander.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

DEPT SVC JACKSON: Could you close the nomination for Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Yes.

DEPT SVC JACKSON: And close each one of them?

NC GREENLAW: Yes, I will.

DEPT SVC JACKSON: Thank you.
NC GREENLAW: Thank you. I close the nominations for National Commander.

Are there any other nominations for the Junior (sic) Vice?

PATRIOTS: Senior Vice.

NC GREENLAW: Excuse me, Senior Vice.

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: Are there any additional nominations for Junior (sic) Vice?

PATRIOTS: Senior.

NC GREENLAW: Senior Vice. Senior Vice.

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Are there any additional nominations for Senior Vice?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: We close the nominations for Senior Vice.

(Senior Vice Commander nominations closed.)

Junior Vice Commander

NC GREENLAW: Are there any additional nominations for Junior Vice? Where are we, Senior Vice or Junior Vice? Junior Vice. I’m trying to keep my temper in check here.

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: Do we have any additional
nominations for Junior Vice?

(Gavel rap)

**NC GREENLAW:** We have running for Junior Vice, Patriot James McCormick and Patriot Lenny Lazzara. Do we have any additional nominations for Junior Vice?

(Gavel rap)

**UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT:** Commander, I do not have a nomination, however, I believe the correct procedure is to ask the Patriots, are they willing to accept this position if voted on -- if elected.

**NC GREENLAW:** Now I have a question for Bylaws.

**REG I COM EGGLESTON:** Point of Order. That would be correct if it was a new nomination from the floor. As a present nomination from the floor, you don’t have to do that, Commander.

**NC GREENLAW:** Is that correct? So I don’t have to ask if they intend to serve?

**REG VI COM ANDERSON:** The correct procedure would have been to ask the nominated person, do they accept the nomination. You’re asking them do they accept the nomination.

**NC GREENLAW:** So should I --

**REG VI COM ANDERSON:** You could do that en
mass if you like after all nominations have been --

**NC GREENLAW:** Can I ask all at once?

**REG VI COM ANDERSON:** Yes, sir.

**NC GREENLAW:** That’s good, that’s what I’d like to do. Thank you.

Do we have any additional recommendations (sic) for Junior Vice?

(Gavel rap)

**NC GREENLAW:** I think that’s my third. So we close out Junior Vice.

(Gavel rap)

(Junior Vice Commander nominations closed.)

National Judge Advocate

**NC GREENLAW:** Do we have any recommendations (sic) for Judge Advocate?

**Patriots:** Nominate!

**NC GREENLAW:** Do we have any additional nominations for Judge Advocate?

(No response)

**NC GREENLAW:** To my knowledge --

**UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT:** Who is our nominee?

**NC GREENLAW:** To my knowledge, we don’t have a recommendation for a -- nomination for Judge Advocate.

**DEPT COM SHAW:** Excuse me, Point of Order.
NC GREENLAW: Who is it? James Gulley? I didn’t see it. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM SHAW: I believe there was a letter that was supposed to be brought in for us to see that -- an email that was supposed to be brought in for the nominee.

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: Ernesto’s got the letter.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: It was turned in yesterday.

NC GREENLAW: So we do have a nominee, James Gulley?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: That’s correct.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

PSVC MIDDLETON: The Bylaws state:

A member who wants to be nominated at a National Convention and will not be present at the Convention shall submit a written statement to the National Adjutant of the candidate’s willingness to accept such office.

That has been done, as I understand it.

A two-thirds vote of the votes cast is needed to admit the name for a nomination.

That has not been done, that I’m aware of.
NC GREENLAW: We have that in writing by email, I understand. Okay, so we need a two-thirds vote, I believe, on this. Is that correct?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Yes, sir.

NC GREENLAW: All in favor of accepting -- we need a motion? Do we have a motion?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You have to have a motion from the floor to accept the letter submitted by James Gulley for the position of Judge Advocate. I’m not making the motion, I cannot make the motion.

NC GREENLAW: Do we have a motion?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: I make that motion to accept the letter for the nomination for Judge Advocate, sir.

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: Second that.

NC GREENLAW: All in favor, say Aye. What?

Yes, sir?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Can we have discussion please?

NC GREENLAW: I’m sorry, discussion?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Does anybody know -- I mean, do we have -- it’s a requirement that the candidate for Judge Advocate be a licensed attorney.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: He’s an attorney.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Do we have that for a
REG I COM EGGLESTON: Yes.

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: Yes, he’s a licensed attorney out of Houston. He was our Judge Advocate in Texas for five years.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Thank you, sir.

NC GREENLAW: So we have a motion on the floor, it’s been seconded. Any discussion? Any further discussion?

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: So we vote, all in favor, say Aye.

PATRIOTS: Aye.

NC GREENLAW: All opposed?

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: It’s passed unanimous. I’ll move on with the Sergeant-At-Arms. Do we have any additional nomination for Sergeant-At-Arms? Yes, sir?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Point of Order, you need to gavel three times for Judge Advocate, and then close the position.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you.

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any further nominations for
1. Judge Advocate?

(Gavel rap)

3. **NC GREENLAW:** Any further nominations for Judge Advocate?

(Gavel rap)

5. **NC GREENLAW:** Any further nominations for Judge Advocate?

(Gavel rap)

7. **NC GREENLAW:** Judge Advocate nominations are closed.

(Judge Advocate nominations closed.)

9. **National Sergeant-At-Arms**

11. **NC GREENLAW:** Do we have any additional nominations for Sergeant-At-Arms?

(Gavel rap)

13. **NC GREENLAW:** We have running, Patriot Ken Swords. Do we have any nominations for Sergeant-At-Arms?

(Gavel rap)

15. **NC GREENLAW:** Do we have any additional nominations for Sergeant-At-Arms?

(Gavel rap)

17. **NC GREENLAW:** I’ll close those nominations for Sergeant-At-Arms.

(Sergeant-At-Arms nominations closed.)
National Inspector

NC GREENLAW: Do we have any additional nominations for National Inspector? Currently, we have Richard Hunt. Any additional --

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: -- nominations for National Inspector?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for National Inspector?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: We’ll close the nominations for National Inspector.

(Inspector nominations closed.)

National Finance Officer

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for the National Finance Officer? We have Patriot Phil Moore.

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for National Finance Officer?

(Gavel rap)
NC GREENLAW: We’ll close the nominations for National Finance Officer.

(Finance Officer nominations closed.)

REGION COMMANDER NOMINATIONS

Region I Commander

NC GREENLAW: Now we’ll go through the Regions, the Region Commanders. Do we have any additional nominations for Region Commander for Region I?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: We now have Patriot Charles Eggleston. Do we have any additional nominations for Region I?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Additional nominations for Region I?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: I close the nomination for Region I.

(Region I Commander nominations closed.)

Region II Commander

NC GREENLAW: Region II, currently John Dismer.

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations
for Region II?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region II?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region II?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: I close the nominations for Region II.

(Region II Commander nominations closed.)

NC GREENLAW: We’ll go to Region III. Are there any additional nominations for Region III Commander? Currently, we have Robert Olizirez. Any additional nominations for Region III?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region III?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region III?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: We’ll close the nominations for Region III.

(Region III Commander nominations closed.)
Region IV Commander

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region IV? Currently, we have Doug Middleton.

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region IV?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region IV?

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: We close the nominations for Region IV.

(Region IV Commander nominations closed.)

Region V Commander

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region V? We currently have Chuck Adkins.

(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region V?

(Gavel rap)

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NC GREENLAW: We close the nominations for Region V.

(Region V Commander nominations closed.)

Region VI Commander

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region VI? We have currently -- what’s this read?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Jim Anderson.

NC GREENLAW: What’s that? We currently have running Edward McGlynn. I don’t have it spelled properly here. We also have Jim Anderson. Is that correct?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

NC GREENLAW: Any additional nominations for Region VI?

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1 for Region VI?

2 (Gavel rap)

3 NC GREENLAW: Close the nominations for

4 Region VI.

5 (Region VI Commander nominations closed.)

6 NC GREENLAW: Have I left anybody out? I
don’t think I have.

7 (No response)

8 ROLL CALL FOR THE VOTE

9 NC GREENLAW: So we go to vote. That’s

10 right, now we go to Roll Call.

11 NSD COLEMAN: Roll Call for the vote.

12 National Commander?

13 NC GREENLAW: Yes.

14 NSD COLEMAN: Senior Vice?

15 SVC GARCIA: Present, sir.

16 NSD COLEMAN: Junior Vice?

17 JVC CHERONE: Here, sir.

18 NSD COLEMAN: National Finance Officer?

19 NFO MOORE: Here.

20 NSD COLEMAN: National Sergeant-At-Arms,


22 National Inspector?

23 NI HUNT: Here.

24 NSD COLEMAN: Region I Commander? Excuse
me, I mean Region I delegate, delegation.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Region II delegation?

REG II COM DISMER: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Region III delegation?

REG III COM GASDEK: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Region IV delegation?

REG IV COM LAZZARA: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: Region V delegation?

REG V COM ADKINS: Here, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: Region VI delegation?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Here.

REG V COM ADKINS: What’s the delegation?

NSD COLEMAN: Because the Commanders are running and the way the votes are set up from the Credentials Committee, these are the individuals to vote. The delegation for the Regions actually come out and vote. Instead of -- yeah, we’re going to get to the Departments for the states. We’re going to do that last.

We have three PNCs here.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Point of Order, Commander.

NSD COLEMAN: I don’t want to go down this --
NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Point of Order!

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: There’s no need to have a Roll Call because when people come up to vote, that is the Roll Call. There’s no sense going through it right now. You go through the Roll Call, you start with Region IV. That’s your Roll Call.

NSD COLEMAN: Yeah, line them up. Let’s line them up. Point taken.

(Applause)

ACCLAMATION VOTE APPROVAL

DEPT COM CASSON: I make a motion that the Adjutant -- acclamation that -- to -- the Adjutant has one vote, acclamation vote, for Patriot Commander Felix Garcia and all other unopposed nominees. Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: We have a motion on the floor.

DEPT COM SHAW: Second.

NC GREENLAW: We have a motion on the floor to cover all the unopposed. One vote for unopposed and it has been seconded. Discussion?

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: Have any discussion on this?

(No response)
NC GREENLAW: All in favor?

PATRIOTS: Aye.

NC GREENLAW: All opposed?

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: Unanimous.

(Motion carried unanimously.)

(Gavel rap)

(Appause)

NSD COLEMAN: The Adjutant casts one vote for all the individuals that’s unopposed in this election. Region IV?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: What are you voting for?

NSD COLEMAN: Senior Vice.

PATRIOT SMRT: Stand by and we’ll give you our signal when we’re ready to take the tally.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Just waiting for the signal.

REG V COM ADKINS: Patriot Adjutant, as Kansas is not here, just skip them.

(Long pause)

PATRIOT SMRT: Credentials Committee suggests that you take this short time if you have to caucus amongst your delegation. If you don’t have a unanimous vote, do so. Acting Adjutant, the
Credentials Committee is ready when you feel that the Patriots are ready.

NSD COLEMAN: Well, let’s get started.

Region IV, are you ready?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Acting Adjutant, to the Commander, can we take a short five-minute recess to allow the different Departments to consult which way they would like to vote, if they have not already done so?

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Let’s take a ten-minute recess.

(Gavel rap)

(Ten-minute break.)

NATIONAL OFFICER ELECTONS

Senior Vice Commander

NSD COLEMAN: Region IV?

(Long pause)

NSD COLEMAN: Region IV? At ease! Region IV?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: You’ve called us three times, we’re here.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger. Alabama for Senior Vice, who do you cast your --

DEPT COM DAUGHRTRY: Department Commander proudly casts 50 votes for Rick Cherone.
NSD COLEMAN: Florida?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Florida casts 68 votes for Paco, 120 votes for Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Georgia?

DEPT COM FLENER: 92 votes, Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Mississippi? Excused.

Mississippi, we have a delegate from Mississippi.

DEPT SVC DUETT: Chapter 803, Meridian, Mississippi casts three votes for Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: North Carolina?

DEPT COM EBERSBACH: 182 votes for Paco.


DEPT COM EBERSBACH: 184.

NSD COLEMAN: We’ll check. South Carolina?

DEPT COM LOPEZ: 83 votes, Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Tennessee?

DEPT COM SHAW: 40 for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Region V, Arkansas?

DEPT COM FERGUSON: 35 votes, Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Colorado?

DEPT COM ELIZALDE: 56 votes for me.

NSD COLEMAN: Kansas?

REG V COM ADKINS: Absent.

NSD COLEMAN: Louisiana?

DEPT ADJ BROWN: Delegate, Chapter 504, 12
votes for Rick Cherone and 6 votes for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: New Mexico?

DEPT COM COMSTOCK: 38 votes for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Oklahoma?

DEPT COM CASSON: All delegate votes to Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: 35. Texas?

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: Pass.

NSD COLEMAN: Region VI, Arizona?

DEPT COM McGLYNN: All 71 votes for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: California?

DEPT COM EASTMAN: All votes for Paco. It should be up there, it’s not up there.

PATRIOT SMRT: California has 222.

DEPT COM EASTMAN: That’s changed in the last five minutes, I guess. All 222 for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Guam, excused. Hawaii?

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): Hawaii splits, 10 Paco, 10 McCormick (sic).

NSD COLEMAN: He said 10 for Paco and 10 for Cherone.

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): McCormick (sic).

NSD COLEMAN: Nevada?

DEPT COM YELINEK: Nevada casts 350 votes for Paco.
NSD COLEMAN: 30.

PATRIOT SMRT: Your state has only 30 votes. You have 350 members.

NSD COLEMAN: Utah?

PATRIOT SMRT: Stand by, I needed to hear clearly Nevada.

NSD COLEMAN: Nevada, please come back for the record and give the proper vote numbers.

DEPT COM YELINEK: 30 Paco.

PATRIOT SMRT: Thank you.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Utah?

DEPT COM GIBSON: 13 votes for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Region I, Connecticut?

PATRIOT SMRT: No votes.

NSD COLEMAN: Delaware?

DEPT COM MORRIS: 16 votes for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Maryland?

(People=inaudible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Maryland casts 25 votes for Paco. New Jersey?

PATRIOT SMRT: No votes, Jersey.

NSD COLEMAN: Massachusetts?

PATRIOT SMRT: No votes.

NSD COLEMAN: New York?

DEPT SVC PRATTS: New York casts 101 for
Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: New England?  

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: No votes?  

REG I COM EGGLESTON: No such thing.

NSD COLEMAN: Pennsylvania?

DEPT COM BOKAN: Pennsylvania casts 165 for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Rhode Island?

PATRIOT SMRT: No vote. Correction, it’s a Chapter vote. I say again, Chapter vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Okay.

PATRIOT SMRT: Correction, Virginia is next and it’s a Chapter vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that, sir. Virginia?

PATRIOT BOGART (Alt): Virginia, 35 votes for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Region II?

PATRIOT SMRT: Commander, we have an election.

(Appause)

PATRIOT SMRT: Patriot Paco.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Point of Order, we do not have an election until everybody’s voted.

PATRIOT SMRT: Negative, we have achieved a 

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simple majority unless you want to go walking it.

NSD COLEMAN: We will continue to vote.

Region II?

PATRIOT SMRT: Affirmative.

NSD COLEMAN: Every vote counts.

PATRIOT SMRT: No.

NSD COLEMAN: Yeah. Illinois?

PATRIOT SMRT: No vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Indiana?

PATRIOTS: Iowa!

PATRIOT SMRT: That’s fine, let him do it.

DEPT COM SHADOWEN: Indiana, 34 votes Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Iowa?

DEPT COM HEIN: Iowa, 23 votes Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Kentucky?

DEPT COM THOMPSON: 29 votes, Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Michigan?

DEPT COM EATON: 154 votes for Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Minnesota?

DEPT COM ANDERSON: I don’t see my votes up there. Okay, 108, Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Missouri?

DEPT COM SCHLEY: 58 votes for Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Nebraska?
DEPT COM JENSEN: 26 Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Ohio?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: 139 votes, Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: West Virginia?

DEPT COM McCormick: 30 votes, Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Wisconsin?

PATRIOT SMRT: West Virginia 30. Is that accurate?

NSD COLEMAN: 30.

PATRIOT SMRT: Thank you.

DEPT COM GREENDEER: Rick Cherone, 52 votes.

NSD COLEMAN: Region III, Alaska?

DEPT COM KNOTT: 25 for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Idaho?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Idaho, absent.

NSD COLEMAN: The Dakotas?

PATRIOT SMRT: No vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Montana?

DEPT COM GATLIN: 9 Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Oregon?

DEPT COM RUPP: 37 votes, Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Washington?

DEPT COM OLIZAREZ: 42 for Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Wyoming?
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REG III COM GASDEK: 10 votes, Paco.

PATRIOT SMRT: Texas passed. Could they come to the microphone please?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Point of Order. You don’t ask for passed until everybody votes. You still have the Commanders, Past National Commanders to vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: At that point, then you call for the people that passed.

NSD COLEMAN: Okay. National Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Senior Vice?

SVC GARCIA: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Junior Vice?

JVC CHERONE: Paco.

(Appause)

NSD COLEMAN: That’s definitely statesmanship. That’s definitely that.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: That’s brotherhood.

NSD COLEMAN: National Finance Officer?

NFO MOORE: Rick Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: The National Judge Advocate is not here, excused. National Inspector?

NI HUNT: Cherone.
NSD COLEMAN: Region I Commander?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Region II Commander?

REG II COM DISMER: Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Region III Commander?

REG III COM GASDEK: I’m voting as Wyoming.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Region IV Commander?

REG IV COM LAZZARA: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Region V Commander?

REG V COM ADKINS: Paco Elizalde.

NSD COLEMAN: Region VI Commander?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Sergeant-At-Arms? He’s absent.

ASST SAA SWORDS: I have an email for me to cast his vote.

NSD COLEMAN: No, you have to submit it like 30 days.

ASST SAA SWORDS: No proxy.

NSD COLEMAN: No proxy, okay. PNC Barclay?

PNC BARCLAY: Abstain.

NSD COLEMAN: PNC Ron Siebels?

PNC SIEBELS: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: PNC Sims?
PNC SIMS: Rick Cherone.

NSD COLEMAN: Are there any alibi votes left? Any individuals who -- Texas?

DEPT COM LOPEZ: Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: 323 votes.

PATRIOT SMRT: We have concluded, obviously, this vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Yes.

PATRIOT SMRT: If anybody wants the numbers, they can come back. We have the -- the winner is Patriot Paco.

NSD COLEMAN: Congratulations to National Senior Vice Commander, Paco.

(Patriot Elizalde elected Senior Vice Commander)

(Applause)

Junior Vice Commander

NSD COLEMAN: Region IV?

PATRIOT SMRT: Does anybody need to caucus on this one or actually coordinate?

NSD COLEMAN: Yes.

PATRIOT SMRT: Give five minutes?

NSD COLEMAN: Five minutes, caucus for National Junior Vice.

PATRIOTS: No.

NSD COLEMAN: No? Region IV?
PATRIOT SMRT: Let us stand by and I’ll give you my up when we’re ready for their tally.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that.

(Long pause)

NSD COLEMAN: Is the committee ready?

PATRIOT SMRT: Stand by for just a second.

(Long pause)

PATRIOT SMRT: Credentials is ready.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Region IV, Alabama?

DEPT COM DAUGTRY: 50 for Lazzara.

NSD COLEMAN: Florida?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Lenny Lazzara.

NSD COLEMAN: Georgia?

DEPT COM FLENER: 92 for Lazzara.

NSD COLEMAN: Mississippi delegate?

DEPT SVC DUETT: Lazzara, 3 votes.

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DEPT COM SHAW: 40 for Lenny.

NSD COLEMAN: The Caribbean?

(No response)
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DEPT COM FERGUSON: 35 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Colorado?

DEPT COM ELIZALDE: 20 votes for Lazzara, 36 for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Kansas?

REG V COM ADKINS: Absent.

NSD COLEMAN: Louisiana delegate?

DEPT ADJ BROWN: 18 for Lazzara.

NSD COLEMAN: New Mexico?

DEPT COM COMSTOCK: 38 for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Oklahoma?

DEPT COM CASSON: All votes for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Texas?

PATRIOT SMRT: Pause. Pause. Clearly enunciate your number please.

DEPT COM CASSON: Oklahoma, 35 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: No, no.

PATRIOT SMRT: We asked for New Mexico to clearly enunciate for the record.

DEPT COM COMSTOCK: 38 for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Texas?

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: Pass.

NSD COLEMAN: Region VI, Arizona?
DEPT COM McGLYNN: McCormick, 71 votes.

NSD COLEMAN: California?

DEPT COM EASTMAN: 222 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Hawaii delegate?

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): 20 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Nevada?

DEPT COM YELINEK: 30 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Utah?

DEPT COM GIBSON: 13 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Region I, Connecticut?

PATRIOT SMRT: No votes.

NSD COLEMAN: Delaware?

DEPT COM MORRIS: 16 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Maryland?

(Inaudible response)

NSD COLEMAN: 25 votes McCormick.


New York?

DEPT SVC PRATTS: 101 McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Pennsylvania?

DEPT COM BOKAN: 165, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Rhode Island? Not here.

Virginia delegate?

PATRIOT BOGART (Alt): 35 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Region II, Illinois?
NSD COLEMAN: Indiana?

DEPT COM SHADOWEN: 34 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Iowa?

DEPT COM HEIN: 23 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Kentucky?

DEPT COM THOMPSON: 29 votes, Lazzara.

NSD COLEMAN: Michigan?

DEPT COM EATON: 154 votes, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Minnesota?

DEPT COM ANDERSON: 108.

NSD COLEMAN: For who?

DEPT COM ANDERSON: McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Nebraska?

DEPT COM JENSEN: 13 Lazzara, 13 McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Ohio?

PATRIOT SMRT: Please call Missouri.

NSD COLEMAN: No, we called Missouri. You didn’t get Missouri? Missouri?

DEPT COM SCHLEY: 58 votes for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Ohio?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: 139 votes for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: West Virginia?

DEPT COM McCormick: 30 votes, McCormick.
NSD COLEMAN: Wisconsin?

DEPT COM GREENDEER: 52 votes for McCormick.

PATRIOT SMRT: Could you restate Wisconsin please?

NSD COLEMAN: Wisconsin, please come back.

DEPT COM GREENDEER: 52 votes for McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Region III, Alaska?

DEPT COM KNOTT: 13 McCormick, 12 Lazzara.

NSD COLEMAN: Idaho?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Dakotas?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: Montana?

DEPT COM GATLIN: 9 McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Oregon?

DEPT COM RUPP: 37, McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Washington?

DEPT COM OLIZAREZ: 21 Lenny, 21 McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Wyoming?

REG III COM GASDEK: 10 votes, Lenny.

NSD COLEMAN: Committee?

PATRIOT SMRT: Continue forward with the National Commander and Officers.
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1 NSD COLEMAN: National Commander?

2 NC GREENLAW: McCormick.

3 SVC GARCIA: McCormick.

4 JVC CHERONE: McCormick.

5 NSD COLEMAN: National Finance Officer?

6 NFO MOORE: McCormick.

7 NSD COLEMAN: Sergeant-At-Arms?

(No response)

8 NSD COLEMAN: Judge Advocate, excused.

9 National Inspector?

10 NI HUNT: Lazzara.

11 NSD COLEMAN: Region I Commander?

12 REG I COM EGGLERSTON: Lazzara.

13 NSD COLEMAN: Region II Commander?

14 REG II COM DISMER: McCormick.

15 NSD COLEMAN: Region III Commander?

16 REG III COM GASDEK: Region III voted as a Department.

17 NSD COLEMAN: Roger that. Region IV Commander?

18 REG IV COM LAZZARA: McCormick.

19 (Applause)

20 NSD COLEMAN: Region V Commander?

21 REG V COM ADKINS: McCormick.

22 NSD COLEMAN: Region VI Commander?
REG VI COM ANDERSON: McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: PNC Barclay?

PNC BARCLAY: McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: PNC Ron Siebels?

PNC SIEBELS: McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: PNC James Sims?

PNC SIMS: Abstain.

NSD COLEMAN: Alibis, Texas?

DEPT COM LOPEZ: McCormick.

NSD COLEMAN: Credentials?

PATRIOT SMRT: We have an official count,
Patriot McCormick is the winner.

(Patriot McCormick elected Junior Vice Commander)

(Applause)

NSD COLEMAN: That’s what I’m talking about, brotherly love, brotherly love. That’s what I’m talking about.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Patriot Acting Adjutant?

NSD COLEMAN: Yes?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I wish to withdraw my nomination as the Region IV Commander and would request that the Region vote unanimously to renew Patriot Lenny Lazzara as Region IV Commander.

(Applause)

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Got to do a vote.
Patriot Commander, we will keep a count of all the votes, both digitally as well as paper copies to the back. Any Patriot who wants to come and inspect is more than welcome to do that. We appreciate your participation, your patience with us, we thank you, obviously, for assisting us and aiding us.

I want to recognize Bulldog Turner, Past National Commander Jim Sims, and Patriot Charles Jackson for giving me assistance here. We’ll still work, but I want to --

NSD Coleman: All right, Region IV. Are you ready?

Patriot SMRT: We’re ready.

NSD Coleman: Okay. Region IV?

REG VI COM Anderson: Point of Order. This is for the Region and the Region VI only. The Region Commanders -- or the Department Commanders of Region VI will vote for whom they want as a Region VI Commander. Nobody else, unless there’s a tie more than three times. Then the body will vote who to bring in as a Region Commander.

NSD Coleman: Correct, only the Region.

REGION COMMANDER NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

Region IV
NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Also, a Point of Order, you also have an opened seat in Region IV because the candidate that was nominated withdrew. That means you need to have another nomination for Region IV.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that, duly noted.

NC GREENLAW: I’ll open Region IV for nominations.

PSVC MIDDLETON: I nominate Lenny Lazzara as Region IV Commander.

DEPT COM SHAW: Second.

NC GREENLAW: Are there any other nominations?

(Gavel rap)

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(Gavel rap)

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(Gavel rap)

NC GREENLAW: Nominations for Region IV is closed.

(Nominations for Region IV Commander closed.)

NC GREENLAW: We have a question.

DEPT SVC JACKSON: Region IV, since the nominations are closed and you previously had a wiped ballot for the uncontested, that still applies
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1 to Region IV. So Lenny is the Region Commander
2 because there's no other --

3 NC GREENLAW: I didn’t hear any of that.
4 DEPT SVC JACKSON: You would have to do it
5 for Region IV.

6 NC GREENLAW: Has to resign, yeah.
7 DEPT SVC JACKSON: Since it’s uncontested.
8 NI HUNT: Move that the Acting Adjutant
9 cast a single vote for the Region IV Commander.

10 NC GREENLAW: Do we have a second?
11 REG I COM EGGLESTON: Second.
12 NC GREENLAW: Any discussion?
13 (No response)

14 NC GREENLAW: All in favor, Aye?
15 PATRIOTS: Aye.
16 NC GREENLAW: Oh, he has to do that, sorry.
17 NSD COLEMAN: National Adjutant casts one
18 vote for Region IV Commander.

19 (Patriot Lazzara elected Region IV Commander)

20 (Gavel rap)

21 (Applause)

22 UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: After what happened
23 to Doug in the last couple of years, it takes a
24 mighty fine gentleman to do what he just did in
25 Region IV. Thank you very much.
Region VI

NSD COLEMAN: Arizona for Region VI Commander?

DEPT COM McGlynn: All the votes for McGlynn, one vote.

NSD COLEMAN: Guam?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: California?

DEPT COM EASTMAN: California votes for Jim Anderson.

NSD COLEMAN: Hawaii?

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): Arizona (sic).

NSD COLEMAN: Mac, okay. Nevada?

DEPT COM YELINEK: McGlynn.

NSD COLEMAN: Utah?

DEPT COM GIBSON: 13 (sic) votes, McGlynn.

NSD COLEMAN: It’s one.

DEPT COM GIBSON: Sorry about that.

PATRIOT SMRT: McGlynn.

NSD COLEMAN: Congratulations to the new Region VI Commander, Mac.

(Patriot McGlynn elected Region VI Commander)

(Gavel rap)

(Appplause)
NSD COLEMAN: Since there are no more contested positions, I will turn it back over to National Commander.

NC GREENLAW: We are running a little late, but I still think it's a good idea to have a quick ten-minute recess for a bio break. We can go straight forward, if you'd like.

PATRIOTS: Straightforward.

NC GREENLAW: You want to have a vote on that?

PATRIOTS: No.

NC GREENLAW: All right, we're going to have a ten-minute break.

(Gavel rap)

PATRIOTS: No!

NC GREENLAW: What, what, what?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Lunch is in ten minutes.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Go straight to lunch.

NC GREENLAW: Lunch can wait. Are we worried about not having lunch? You want to go straight forward? Raise of hands, who wants to stay? Okay.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Installation of Officers.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

NC GREENLAW: We’ll go right straight to installation.

NSD COLEMAN: Sergeant-At-Arms?

NC GREENLAW: Wait a minute.

(Gavel raps)

NC GREENLAW: All right. Patriot Commander elect, has the Order decided upon the Officers for this ensuing year with the MOPH?

ELECTED OFFICERS: Yes, sir.

NC GREENLAW: Do you vouch for each Officer elected having received the decoration of the Purple Heart from the government and is in good standing with the Order?

ELECTED OFFICERS: Yes, sir.

NC GREENLAW: We will then proceed to install your officers in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Order.

Patriot Adjutant, will you call the roll calls of Officers-elect, and they will report to the Sergeant-at-Arms in the rear of the Hall. Report to the Sergeant-At-Arms the rear of the hall.

NSD COLEMAN: National Commander-elect?

SVC GARCIA: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: National Senior Vice
Commander-elect?

DEPT COM ELIZALDE: Here, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: National Junior Vice Commander-elect?

DEPT COM McCORMICK: Here, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: National Finance Officer-elect?

NFO MOORE: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: National Sergeant-At-Arms-elect?

ASST SAA SWORDS: Here.

NSD COLEMAN: National Judge Advocate-elect?

(No response)

NSD COLEMAN: National Inspector-elect?

(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region I Commander-elect?

(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region II Commander-elect?

(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region III Commander-elect?

(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region IV Commander-elect?

(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region V Commander-elect?
(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: Region VI Commander-elect?

(No audible response)

NSD COLEMAN: The Roll Call of the Elected Officers, sir.

NC GREENLAW: Patriot Sergeant-At-Arms, present the Officers-elect to this station. Stand in one rank with the Commander-elect at the right of the station facing front.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Face me.

(Long pause)

NC GREENLAW:

Patriot Officers-elect, you have been chosen to serve as Officers of the MOPH for the ensuing fiscal year. It is an honor and an obligation. I am sure that you will strive to be worthy of the confidence and responsibility. Permit nothing to swerve you from the faithful and impartial administration of your office, your service, or your leadership. Upon you will largely depend the record and progress of the MOPH for this year.

You will employ earnest, aggressive leadership, and follow closely the Constitution,
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1 Regulations, and Ritual of this Order, the
success and growth of the MOPH is assured. If
you accept your office, followed by sluggish
interest and only occasional cooperation, the
MOPH will mark time and its progress will be
limited. The fault will be yours.

2 Study carefully and exemplify clearly the
principles and objects, which are:

3 PATRIOTIC: By word and deed let us testify
our loyalty. Permit no Patriotic National
Holiday to pass without your observance.

4 FRATERNAL: No Patriot should be allowed to
be friendless when lonely, or without aid when in
need.

5 HISTORICAL: The historical foundation of
our Order must be emphasized. The memory and
precepts of George Washington must ever continue
as an influence for true Americanism.

6 EDUCATIONAL: Our constant endeavor should
be that our youth and immigrants know and
appreciate the blessings and benefits of our
Constitution, our Republic form of government,
and our American institutions.

7 Commander-elect, in accepting your
obligation, you promise to build a program for
regular meetings and interesting MOPH activity
based on these four Cornerstones of our Order.

Junior Officers-elect, when you take your
obligation you agree to assist in this program
and each and all of you agree to plan and conduct
an aggressive membership activity.

(Three gavel raps)

NC GREENLAW:

You will raise your right hand, give your
name when I say I, and repeat after me: I, -- do
hereby solemnly promise -- that to the best of my
ability -- I will faithfully discharge -- the
duties of the office -- which I hereby assume --
according to the Constitution -- Bylaws --
Regulations -- and Ritual -- of the Military
Order of the Purple Heart -- of my office -- ...
and all property and monies in my possession --
to my successor when elected or appointed -- by
the Constitutional provisions of the Order. --
All this I pledge on my honor -- as an active
member -- of the Military Order of the Purple
Heart of the U.S.A.

Patriot Officers, about face.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Patriots of MOPH, I’m pleased
to present your Officers for the ensuing year.

(Applause continues)

NC GREENLAW: I’d like everybody to descend on these men and congratulate them.

(Three gavel raps)

(Break.)

NSD COLEMAN: Patriots, we have a third party, ROTC organization, here to Retire the Colors, so please say your congratulations very quickly and have a seat so we can retire the colors and recess for lunch. Let’s keep it moving. Let’s keep it moving.

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Please everybody take your seats!

NSD COLEMAN: We’re going to Retire the Colors!

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Please take your seats!

(Patriots mingling)

NSD COLEMAN: Will the Commanders elect, please take a seat so we can Retire the Colors.

(Patriots mingling)

(Gavel raps)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NC GREENLAW: Take your seats. We have the
Good of the Order and I think we can make this fairly quick so we can break for lunch. I’d like to also at some point Retire the Colors.

I’d like to open up the Good of the Order.

I would like to make one request first before we start. I’d like Todd and Kathy Shaw to please come up here and face the Patriots. This is the first married Purple Heart couple. I just want to give them recognition.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: I’d also like to say that they are working hard -- they’re a little young to be worrying about this, but they want to be buried together in Arlington. They’re getting some pushback on that, so I would encourage us to help out if we can. If we have any contacts that they need, not that Todd needs much help. I’m sure he’s on it.

They want to be buried next to each other in Arlington Cemetery and let’s hope that is accomplished. Thank you. Congratulations.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Now for the Good of the Order. Yes, sir?

PNC SIMS: There was a great deal of
discussion this morning about the issue of the location of the Headquarters. I just want to let you know that in 2007, Junior Vice Commander Jim Sims and Senior Vice Commander Jeff Roy spent six months doing an extensive study regarding the relocation of the Headquarters.

We looked at everything from the mean income of the areas to expected salary to whether it was a transportation hub, what were the tax implications, and so forth. In the end, we recommended relocation to Oklahoma City.

A committee was set down to take a look at a site, Oklahoma City, a beautiful building, conveniently located. But that’s not the answer that Bob Lichtenberger and the Texas delegation wanted. They wanted to go to San Antonio and it was killed.

**PNC BARCLAY:** Can I expand on that please?

The real story behind that was that we were lined up, we had -- if anybody wants to see this beautiful building, this estate we had, made a $50,000 deposit on to move to Oklahoma City. We had lined up -- I had this -- one of our Senators, our Governor, and the Mayor of Oklahoma City all lined up, help us get the $1.5 million -- it was $1.5 million, is that
what it was? $1.5 million to buy the building.

We had a company in Oklahoma City that agreed to take care of all lawn maintenance forever for us for free. All I needed was a 30-day extension signed by the National Commander to finalize getting $1.5 million from the people of Oklahoma.

In a meeting in New Mexico, Executive Meeting, the National Commander killed it. He refused to sign a 30-day extension of the contract. Like I said, we made a $50,000 deposit on the building. He killed it because we wouldn’t give us the 30-day extension. What that all involved in was -- and jealousies among Departments and Regions, that’s what it amounted to.

You all -- we all -- every one of us suffering now. Part of the problem of where we are in the expenses we’re involved in, it wouldn’t have solved the first -- all the problems of our finances, but we’d be in a much better position to do what we do and be a viable organization without the financial problems we have if that one National Commander had not --

I’ll give you one other example of something that’s happened in the past that very,
very few people know about. It so happens at that
time I had Charlie Strain’s brother’s son’s father-
in-law was an executive with Walmart. He happened
to be coming to town one day and I was at a party.
I cornered him off by ourselves and I was asking him
-- he was one of the highest vice presidents in
Walmart.

I asked him what the possibility if we
could hook up some kind of national agreement with
Walmart for marketing of something we’d come up
with. What we’d come up with was a magnetic sticker
that said they supported the combat wounded. It was
going to cost $5,000 investment on our part to put
it together to show to Walmart.

This vice president schooled me on
everything you needed to talk to. He was making the
appointment for us for the decision maker at Walmart
to do this on a national level. I can document
everything I’m saying is a fact. It’s not a snow
job.

So we put together, we get an appointment.

We were going to talk to the decision maker at
Walmart to put this together nationally at all their
stores. At the time, we had the same National
Commander. We had a lady in Oklahoma City who was
at the time working for us on a salary and she was
working on a lot of these projects like this for us.

We had it all set up and I hadn’t heard
from her in about 30 days. Finally, I called her.

I said, “How come I haven’t heard about our
appointment going to headquarters of Walmart?”

(Gavel raps)

PNC BARCLAY: She said the Commander killed
it 30 days ago, “I was afraid to tell you, figured
you’d kill him.” I called him and asked him why he
had killed that and he -- another jealousy thing
about who gets credit for whatever, he says we --

(Gavel raps)

PNC BARCLAY: -- couldn’t make any money
off of it.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. Thank you.

SVC GARCIA: Commander, can I face the --

NC GREENLAW: Yes.

SVC GARCIA: Thank you, sir. Patriots, it
was just brought to my attention that David Price,
Finance Committee, he is hospitalized. He’s pretty
bad in the hospital. Tony Kohl put that out,
Patriot Kohl, he put it on Facebook. Please keep
him in your prayers. That’s all I wanted to let you
know.
NC GREENLAW: We’ve got three minutes each.

Yes, sir?

Commander, can I face the --

NC GREENLAW: Yes, please.

PATRIOT BOGART: Department of Virginia, but I’m going to talk here in my role as BVA. One of the big things that’s going on right now in Washington is the National Defense Authorization Act where they’re wanting to cut 20% of healthcare providers in the Department of Defense. What this means is, they’re wanting to take 20%, almost 18,000 positions, away from DoD.

Our troops are deployed, so that means if they’re combat wounded they’re not going to have the opportunity to have great traumatic injury care that we all had in our service.

On top of that, they’re wanting -- as part of 20%, they’re wanting to cut 50% of the eye care professionals. That means if somebody takes an eye injury, they’re not going to have someone who has a traumatic experience because there’s nowhere else that medical folks can get the care, the trauma care, that we experience, the blast injuries except in the Department of Defense.

I ask you guys to help us out. We’re going
to be hitting the Hill hard next week when I get back to Washington. Write your Congressmen, write your Senators, let them know that we do not want to cut healthcare for our military by 20%. That’s short-sighted, you cannot grow the traumatic experience -- the experience for traumatic care providers in only -- by sending new medics to AIT. It’s not going to work.

It take ten years to grow an ophthalmologist. They hone their skills in the medical facilities. Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you.

DEPT SVC SHAW: Hi, Cathrine Shaw.

NC GREENLAW: We’re going to have to shut it down after a few more and then --

DEPT SVC SHAW: Fellow Patriots, I have -- and this is more for the command team.

NC GREENLAW: Hang on just a second. We have to shut this down now after a few more sessions of three minutes. We need to go to lunch, come back, Retire the Colors, and close the Convention. Please, go ahead.

DEPT SVC SHAW: This is more for the command team, but it’s actually for every Patriot in here as well as bringing it back home to our
Chapters. I have an awesome fundraising idea. You guys are all familiar with St. Jude’s Hospital. I think it’s twice a year, every time you go into a gas station, they sell -- they’re usually about this size and it’ll have their log on it and they’re a dollar but it’s all across the nation.

Why can’t we -- now, it would be a little soon to try and do it. I know that there’s some legalities right now with our logo. Maybe it could just be the Purple Heart itself. If we could do this for Veterans’ Day and have it ready to go in each and every gas station, supermarket, you know, for a dollar. Have the Chapters collect the money, bring it to the Department Commanders and have the Department Commanders forward it on up.

But if we did this this size with our logo on it or what we’re allowed to use right now that’s a logo, I think for Veterans’ Day, if we could get it out there across to all of our Chapters across the nation, I mean, everybody can afford a dollar. A lot of people do support when you see it at the gas station or at the supermarket for a dollar.

A lot of Americans support the combat wounded, combat injured. So I think we ought to -- there is no other organization that’s doing this...
besides the St. Jude. I think we can be at the forefront of all of the VSOs and jump on this and do it across the nation.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

REG V COM ADKINS: Having listened to the information that was shared to us by Past National Commander Sims and with Patriots of my own Region, just going to give a head’s up to our Commander elect that during the next NEC, I’m going to make a motion that we form a committee to explore moving the Headquarters to a newer and more relatively inexpensive area.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Commander, this’ll take two minutes. This is addressed towards the new Commander as much as it is you, sir. In October of last year, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum opened in Columbus, Ohio. It is the resting place of stories of the 20 million veterans that have served in our United States Military.

The Department of Ohio decided to partner up immediately. The Three-Star General that was hired to maintain and operate that approached us and asked us if we could bring it up at the national
level. The reason Purple Heart needs to be involved is that this is an international scope. Of the 25 veterans that they picked to represent all the veteran stories, 18 of them are combat wounded veterans.

We have a unique opportunity in a unique place for our stories to be told. They’re told to everybody that walks in. They’re on videos, on displays, on dioramas. It’s absolutely an amazing place. Commander, I will be getting with you and see if we can do something at the national level to make this part of our legacy. Thank you.

Patriot Tanaka: Commander, in Hawaii, we say ohana. Ohana means family in Hawaii. Here, we are family, okay? I’ve been coming for 31 years and this is my ohana. With that, I bid you aloha!

Thank you, sir.

(Applause)

Nc Greenlaw: Aloha.

Dept Com Morris: Commander and fellow Patriots, this Convention being on again, off again, shortened and everything, I believe we all owe a debt of gratitude to the Department of Missouri for putting this on.

(Applause)
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NC GREENLAW: Thank you, John. Well, it looks like we have no more -- okay, so we’re going to recess for lunch. We have a new Commander’s NEC Meeting coming up. We’ll recess for lunch and come back and Retire the Colors.

(Three gavel raps)

(Lunch break.)

Patriots of the Year

NC GREENLAW: Please take your seats.

Before I close the Good for the Order session, I’d like to acknowledge our Patriots of the Year. With no budget and no staff, we’re going to have to fulfill our obligations to that at a later date.

What I would like to do is invite the Region Commanders, if they would please, step up to the microphone and acknowledge your Patriots of the Year so they can be recognized to the NEC and the body.

Region I?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: First of all, as being the number one Region in our country as Region I, that’s why we’re Region I, I have to say that my selection this year for Patriot of the Year for Region I is Charles Dillon, Jr.

(Applause)

REG I COM EGGLESTON: He’s an absolute
worker bee and I’m just going to keep it brief because I know we’re going to do the closing ceremony. But I just want to give recognition to him and his actual Department. We’ll send -- I’ll make sure a plaque gets sent out to you in recognition as well, sir. He is from Pennsylvania, by the way, the Keystone State.

(Applause)

REG I COM EGGLESTON: And that’s a Purple Heart state.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. Region II?

REG II COM DISMER: My Patriot of the Year is Walter Schley. There he is.

(Applause)

REG II COM DISMER: He’s been extremely hardworking and I know he’s put a lot of miles on his vehicle running up through the state and all the counties that he has made. I’m hoping to get some of the rest of my Commanders. I’m sure they’re worthy of the honor too. Right now, that’s the only one I really knew. Thank you, Walt.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Region III?

REG III COM GASDEK: Our Patriot of the Year for Region III John Knott, Jr. Would you
please stand? From the Department of Alaska.

(Applause)

REG III COM GASDEK: John is one of the youngest, he’s held just about every position in a Chapter and a Department. He’s worked tirelessly.

I don’t know if you are familiar with Alaska, all the space between towns, sort of like Laramie, Wyoming where I’m from.

Anyway, John, thanks a lot for all you do for the fundraisers, for the Patriots, family members, community, and what you’ve done for our nation not only in your service but in serving the brothers and sisters of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Thank you.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Region IV?

REG IV COM LAZZARA: Region IV Patriot of the Year is Bud Allen out of Florida. I got to see him in action this year at the Florida Convention. It was amazing all the work he has done for the State of Florida.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Region V?

REG V COM ADKINS: Region V Patriot of the Year is Lazario “Airborne” Camarillo.
Unfortunately, he has already departed. He is a National Service Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and he’s had to go to training. But I will tell you, when I look at the packet I received, hands down he was the best selection.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Region VI?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Region VI Patriot of the Year was Ron Chivot (phonetic) and he’s an active duty Captain, already in the process of transitioning out of the Army, headed for Quantico to try to become an FBI agent.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. The paperwork and recommendations will be forwarded to National for the pick that we’ll get back to you at a later date for the National Patriot of the Year. I really thank you. Let’s have a big round for all of them.

(Applause)

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Continued)

NC GREENLAW: We are still in the meeting for Good of the Order. We have a few minutes.

Anybody else like to speak? Yes, sir?

REG V COM ADKINS: If you notice on the last page of the Agenda, down there at the bottom it
says dinner on our own, and then it says we
eliminated the banquet dinner. If you paid for the
dinner/dance, you will be reimbursed for that
expense.

I ask that all Patriots who paid in advance
consider that a donation to the MOPH to help defray
costs for this Convention and to help the
Headquarters out with other costs and bills that
they may have.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. Thank you. Yes,
sir?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: One of the things I
noticed this year, we had a number of NEC votes.
Remember, Department Commanders, when you’re elected
you swear to fulfill your duties as a Department
Commander. Part of your duties as a Department
Commander is being a member of the NEC. The turnout
of voting is pathetic. If you didn’t vote, I’m
going to say that you weren’t fulfilling your
duties. I don’t care how you vote, Yea, Nay, or
abstain, but your duty is to vote.

There have been a lot of problems with how
the voting was done and I believe Felix agrees that
there is a much better way to do it. He’s going to
use a better way. It’s going to make it easy, it’s
going to comply with the Bylaws and it will be
secure.

Once again, if you are a Department
Commander, it is your duty to vote.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW:  Sir?

DEPT COM YELINEK:  This is a question
directed to John Dismer. Can you let us know about
the transportation tomorrow? Is there going to be a
list posted of the departure times and so forth?

REG II COM DISMER:  I need a list from you.

(INAUDIBLE - not at mic).

DEPT COM YELINEK:  Okay, where should we
meet you to give you that information?

REG II COM DISMER:  Write it down and give
it to me.

DEPT COM YELINEK:  Okay.

NC GREENLAW:  Yes, sir?

DEPT COM GATLIN:  I understand we’re all
behind the 8-ball in this Convention and on and off
again considering everything else. We’ve been here
three days and it wasn’t all that streamlined, I get
it. But something to think about, if we had a
fourth day, we come in on Monday, we’re out of here
Thursday, or Friday morning rather, you have the
weekend to get home to rest, this, that, and the
other. I think four days is enough moving forward.

We make the first call at 08:00. We’re
soldiers, we know what that means. Then we can
tailor off the others, maybe have a half day, have
fun with the family, whatever. I think four days is
enough. I think seven is just way too many. I
think four, we can get it done. If we figure out,
we streamline a little more, we can accomplish a lot
and save a lot of money while conducting business.

Thank you.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

DEPT COM GREENDEER: Before we came here,
there were so many emails that were confusing. I
couldn’t tell the difference between what was valid,
what wasn’t. I started eliminating them and pretty
soon someone said, did you see a certain email?

After this Convention’s over, obviously in
my mind, they’re going to start up again. I’m
wondering if we could -- if I’m the new Commander,
have us call it official email so the rest of them
can be deleted and not even seen. Thank you.

DEPT COM SHAW: I just want to make a quick
These kids are standing over here at the position of attention. Can you at least put them at ease so they can relax until we’re done?

NC GREENLAW: They are at ease. Yes, sir?

PNC BARCLAY: I just have one quick comment. Everybody knows what a stress this was trying to get this thing put together. As we all know, things have been pretty screwed up. But Missouri did it and we ought to thank them for the stress that they’ve been under and the Convention that we’ve had as a result of all the mess that’s gone on. Everybody give Missouri and hand.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: I know John didn’t do it all by himself either. He had a good team working behind him.

DEPT COM CASSON: Through everything that the Department of Oklahoma has been through the past six years, I want to give you some good news. Department of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma is an official Purple Heart State. It becomes official November this year, but it’s already signed by the governor. I’m so proud of those guys in Oklahoma.

I want to this to all the other Commanders and whatever position you’re at, our strength lies
with that Chapter and with the lowest member of that Chapter. It took Chapters to do this. I had a
great Patriot out of Tulsa that did a tremendous job making Purple Heart Cities and all that stuff that
we embraced it.

Even though every time we turn around, we were getting our pants shot off, those guys went out there. I’m so proud of the members of the Department of Oklahoma, but I’m also proud that we are a proud Purple Heart State. God bless you and God bless the MOPH.

(Appause)

RETIRING THE COLORS

NC GREENLAW: Do I have a motion to close the Convention? I guess we retire the Color Guard first. Retire, Color Guard.

(Retiring Colors)

CONVENTION CLOSE

REG V COM ADKINS: I make a motion that we close the National Convention.

NC GREENLAW: Do we have a second?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: I second it.

NC GREENLAW: All in favor?

PATRIOTS: Aye.

NC GREENLAW: All opposed?
(No response)

(Motion carried.)

(Gavel raps)

CLOSING PRAYER

NC GREENLAW:  We have a prayer.  We can always stand a prayer.  National Chaplain, James Miller?

CHAPLAIN MILLER:  Could everyone take a seat just for a second please?  I would like to say that this past year has been a tremendous honor for me to be the National Chaplain for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.  As you know, a Department and organization that I dearly love.

This has been a great year for me.  A lot of things have happened.  First, I become the National Chaplain.  What an honor.  Then on top of that, I received, as a lot of you know, the Order of the Palmetto, which is the highest order the State of South Carolina can give out.  I was so humbled by that and the things that’s happened to me this past year, I look back and I say, my gracious, James, the Lord has been so good to you.  He has taken care of you.

I think that it’s on account of individuals and Patriots like this, this here, my family and my
Department and Chapter back in South Carolina is the reason I am what I am. That’s all I am right there. So now, if you would please stand please?

Let’s have a moment of silence for our departed Patriots for missing in action and our POWs.

(Moment of Silence)

CHAPLAIN MILLER: Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we do thank you for another day. We thank you for this Convention we’ve had so far. We ask you to continue to bless us. We ask you to thank -- we want to thank you for everything that’s happened, the different things. We ask you just to be with our new Commanders, our new Senior Vice, Junior Vice, and all the other officers that’s appointed and elected. Be with them. Help them to make the right decisions for this Order so that it may go forward for you and go forward to be able to help many veterans and get us back on track again. This, we ask in your name. Amen.

PATRIOTS: Amen.

REG V COM ADKINS: Just so you know, the Chaplain will be available at the hot tub tonight for baptisms.

(Laughter)

NC GREENLAW: I would like to say to one
thing about our Chaplain, James Miller. He hinted about it, but he received the highest civilian award you can get in the State of South Carolina. It’s very rare that it’s given. They gave it to him because of his patriotic activity and his service to his country. He really deserves the -- it’s the Medal of Honor in the civilian world in South Carolina. Let’s give him a big hand please.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: This Convention is closed.

(Three gavel raps)

(1:49 p.m.)

(09 July 2019 87th National Convention Business Session II Closed.)
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