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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  

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(11:06 a.m.)  

CALL TO ORDER  

NC GREENLAW: I call this NEC meeting to order.  

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  

NC GREENLAW: Face the flag. Stand and face the flag. Senior Vice?  

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.  

NC GREENLAW: Ready, two.  

OPENING PRAYER  

NC GREENLAW: Take your seats -- excuse me, Chaplain. Chaplain? Please stand for the Invocation.  

CHAPLAIN MILLER: Again, I would ask each individual here to pray in your own personal beliefs as I pray in mine.  

Your Holy, we do thank you for everything you’ve done for us and for protecting, for giving us safety
coming here to this Convention. Lord, again, I ask you to please watch over and protect each one of us here. Help us to make the right decisions, help us to get rid of our differences from each other and to work together to make this Order what it should be. This, I ask in your name. Amen.

Patriots: Amen.

NC Greenlaw: Take your seats. Thank you, gentlemen.

Roll Call

NC Greenlaw: I’d like to call -- have the Roll Call. Mr. Adjutant?

NA Hernandez: I’m going to do this a little bit differently. I notice a lot of people missing. I’m going to start at the top and go down. For the Regions, I’m not going to -- I guess this year Region IV has the lead. If we can get Region IV to line up once I get down to the name of Frederick Taylor -- I don’t think he’s here, but when you hear Fred Taylor’s name, come up, please start lining up and we’ll go IV, V, VI, III, II, I. Please identify who you are for this first one, what Department. Region Commanders, please take the lead. If there’s a Department missing, not here for the NEC, please identify that by state and
I’m going to start first with Douglas Greenlaw?

NC GREENLAW: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Felix Garcia?

SVC GARCIA: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Rick Cherone?

JVC CHERONE: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Phil Moore?

NFO MOORE: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Dennis Wallot?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Here, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Al Flyr?

PATRIOT FLYR: Here, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Paul Picard?

PATRIOT PICKART: Here, sir.


Richard Hunt?

NI HUNT: Here, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Nicholas McIntosh?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Here, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Matt Bridges?

(NO RESPONSE)

NA HERNANDEZ: Matt Bridges?
NA HERNANDEZ: Matt Bridges?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Charles Eggleston?
REG I COM EGGLESTON: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Chris Vedvick?
Patriot VEDVICK: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: John Dismer?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: John D. Dismer?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Barry Gasdek?
REG III COM GASDEK: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Lenny Lazzara?
REG IV COM LAZZARA: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Charles Adkins?
REG V COM ADKINS: Here, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: James Anderson?
REG VI COM ANDERSON: Here, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Frank Athanason?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Frank Athanason?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Boyd Barclay?

PNC BARCLAY: Here.

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(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Jim Randles?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Jeff Roy?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Jeff Roy?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Ron Siebels?

PNC SIEBELS: Here sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Al Silvano?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Al Silvano?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Jim Sims?

PNC SIMS: Here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Region IV, please start lining up. Region IV, please start lining up to the mic, followed by Region V. Fred Taylor?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Fred Taylor?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Neil Van Ess?

(No response)
NA HERNANDEZ: Neil Van Ess?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Bill Wroolie?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Bill Wroolie?
(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: He’s no longer an NEC member, he resigned, excuse me.

Region IV, Commander, identify yourself.

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

NA HERNANDEZ: North Carolina is present.

Next Commander? Region IV please, Region IV.
Region IV first. Here, I’m going to make it easy, Region IV, Alabama?

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Daugherty, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Florida?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Vedvick, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Georgia?

CRED CHAIR HUNT: Patriot Commander -- Patriot Adjutant?

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir?
CRED CHAIR HUNT: Each one of those Patriots who are responding that they are voting cannot leave until they have their paddle or they will not have a vote. Would Alabama please approach the mic and receive that paddle?

NA VAN HOY: Florida, come next and get yours and let’s proceed. Georgia?

DEPT COM FLENER: Flener, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Mississippi?

DEPT COM SHAW: Excuse me, Adjutant, he’s at the hospital. He was not feeling well this morning. He is here, though.

NA HERNANDEZ: Identify yourself, who you are please. We are being recorded.

DEPT COM SHAW: Todd Shaw, Department Commander, Tennessee.

NA HERNANDEZ: Who is missing from Mississippi, name?

DEPT COM SHAW: Mr. Truitt Breazeale

NA HERNANDEZ: Copy. North Carolina?

DEPT COM EBERSBACH: North Carolina, Bill Ebersbach.

NA HERNANDEZ: Puerto Rico?

(No response)
NA HERNANDEZ: Puerto Rico?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Region Commander, if they’re not here, please identify the persons missing.

REG IV COM LAZZARA: They’re not here.

NA HERNANDEZ: Who’s the name? Puerto Rico, who’s not here, name?

REG IV COM LAZZARA: (inaudible).

NA HERNANDEZ: South Carolina?

DEPT COM LOPEZ: Carl Lopez, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Tennessee?

DEPT COM SHAW: Todd Shaw, Department Commander, Tennessee.

NA HERNANDEZ: Region V, start with Arkansas?

DEPT COM FERGUSON: Cardner Ferguson, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Colorado?

DEPT COM ELIZALDE: Paco Elizalde, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Kansas?

REG V COM ADKINS: Charles Adkins, Commander, Region V, Mike Callahan from Kansas is excused.
NA HERNANDEZ: New Mexico?

DEPT COM COMSTOCK: Pete Comstock, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Region VI, please start lining up. Oklahoma?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: Texas?

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: John Lunkwicz, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Region VI, Arizona?

REG V COM ADKINS: Adjutant?

NA HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir?

REG V COM ADKINS: We have Louisiana, you skipped Louisiana.

NA HERNANDEZ: Copy. Who’s Louisiana?

PATRIOT BROWN (Alt): Danny Brown, delegate from Louisiana.

NA HERNANDEZ: I apologize, sir. Thank you. All right, now to Region VI, Arizona?

DEPT COM McGLYNN: Ed McGlynn, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: California?

DEPT COM EARTHMAN: Charles Earthman, Department Commander.
NA HERNANDEZ: Guam?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Region Commander Jim Anderson, Guam, Nick Francisco, not present.

NA HERNANDEZ: Hawaii?

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): Tommy Tanaka, Past Department Commander for Hawaii. I’ll vote as a delegate.

NA HERNANDEZ: Roger, sir. Utah?

(No response)

(Applause)

NA HERNANDEZ: Region I, start lining up please.

DEPT COM GIBSON: Dee Gibson, Department of Utah Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: We’ll go to Region I. Region II, start lining up. Go ahead.

DEPT COM YELINEK: Wait a second here, Nevada is reporting in, Len Yelinek, Department Commander, Nevada.

NA HERNANDEZ: Copy. Got it. Region I, Connecticut?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Region I, Connecticut?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Connecticut’s not here.
Delaware?

DEPT COM MORRIS: Gary Morris, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Massachusetts?

(No response.)

NA HERNANDEZ: Massachusetts?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Massachusetts is not here.

Maryland?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Charles Eggleston, Region I Commander, Maryland is excused.

NA HERNANDEZ: New Jersey?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: New Jersey?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Not here. Northern New England?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: I think that’s been closed, hasn’t it? New York?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: New York?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Pennsylvania?

DEPT COM BOKAN: Frank J. Bokan, Commander,
Pennsylvania.

NA HERNANDEZ: Virginia?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Virginia?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Not here. Region II, Iowa?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Iowa?

DEPT COM HEIN: Richard Hein, Iowa.

NA HERNANDEZ: Illinois?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Illinois?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Illinois, not here.

Indiana?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: Kentucky?

DEPT COM THOMPSON: Gerry Thompson,
Department Commander, Kentucky.

NA HERNANDEZ: Michigan?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Michigan?

DEPT COM EATON: Robert Eaton, Department Commander, Michigan.
NA HERNANDEZ: Minnesota?

DEPT COM ANDERSON: Department Commander, Anderson, Minnesota.

NA HERNANDEZ: Montana?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Montana?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: I’m doing the best I can.

Missouri?

DEPT COM SCHLEY: Wal Schley, Commander, Department of Missouri.

NA HERNANDEZ: Nebraska?

DEPT COM JENSEN: Wade Jensen, Department Commander.

NA VAN HOY: Ohio?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Tom Cunningham, Ohio, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Wisconsin?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Wisconsin?

DEPT COM GREENDEER: George Greendeer, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: West Virginia?

DEPT COM MCCORMICK: James McCormick, Department Commander, West Virginia.
NA HERNANDEZ: Region III now, Region III.

Alaska?

DEPT COM KNOTT: John Knott, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Dakotas?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Dakotas?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Ken Teunissen, he should be here but he’s absent right now.


Idaho?


NA HERNANDEZ: Montana?

DEPT COM GATLIN: Char Gatlin, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Oregon?

DEPT COM RUPP: Lawrence Rupp, Oregon, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Washington?

DEPT COM OLIVAREZ: Robert Olivarez, Department Commander, Washington.

NA HERNANDEZ: Wyoming?

REG III COM GASDEK: Barry Gasdek, Senior Vice, Wyoming.
NA HERNANDEZ: Thank you all, gentlemen, ladies. Commander, you have a quorum.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

NC GREENLAW: One quick announcement, we’re forming our Credentials Committee. The Chairman of that committee is Chris Smrt. He is actively pursuing the additional two members to that committee. We’ll have that this afternoon.

NATIONAL COMMANDER’S OPENING REMARKS

NC GREENLAW: I’ve got a few words to say and I’d like to say that I have nothing negative to say about any person in this room. We’re all brothers and this is a real brotherhood. I hate to see us having this in-fighting. I will say that -- yes, sir? Brothers and sisters, of course. Pardon me. Brothers and sisters.

I do have a few things to say. It should take about five minutes, it’s not long. This is going to be an interesting Convention, conference, whatever we call it. I apologize upfront for any mistakes, any inadequacies that we show here because you’re looking at the staff right here. We’ve got no staff, got no money. We’re unfunded, we’re struggling for survival. It’s pretty nasty out there, so we’re in this fight together.
I think this is the most important meeting we’ve had in 60 years since we, we, founded the Foundation in 1958. Our Foundation working for us, not us for them.

The Foundation has failed us. I will say some tough things about the Foundation, no one in this room. God bless each and every one of you. Whatever is said, don’t take it personal. When I pound on the Foundation a little bit, it’s not about the individuals on the Foundation, I don’t hate any of them. I don’t hate anybody, but I will say that they made some big mistakes as a group.

The Foundation has failed us. They’re now insolvent. They’ve clearly broken our 2016 agreement by not funding the Order. It’s been a negotiated, reasonable budget of $6.4 million they signed, sealed, did not deliver.

Our budget submitted for this year is just right at $7.2 million. The Foundation has agreed to fund us at a level of $600,000 for the year. We can’t cut ourselves that deep, period. The entire year. The Foundation has failed us. They failed in their most important mission, to fund the Order. They’ve become dependent on two flat revenue streams, car donations and thrift stores, not much
else than that. As a member of the Foundation Board as National Commander and an experienced board member myself, I’m witnessing this firsthand, eyewitness.

They’re doing about $25 million in revenue. It’s a lot of revenue. $25 million, that’s a lot of money. They’re spending $24.2 million in expenses to make that $25 million. In other words, they’re doing about 3% net profit. In the nonprofit world, we call it surplus. That’s a 3% margin. 97% of the money that they bring in at the Foundation goes to expenses. The average in the country for a military nonprofit is about 25%, 20% to 25%, tops.

In 2014, which to me seems like a few days ago. 2014, the Foundation had $21.8 million net asset value. As of March of this year, as a sitting Board member, I was a witness to this, their net asset value now is negative $1.8 million.

NA HERNANDEZ: Can you stop for a second? Sorry to interrupt you, sir, but there’s -- it’s being brought out that the deputy sheriff here is not actually a member, so they’re saying --

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: And Dave Molinaro.

NA HERNANDEZ: No, Dave Molinaro is the recorder. The recorder, it’s pretty much given that
you need to have him here to record the minutes.

But they’re saying you have to have a vote. The deputy sheriff, I’ll say you don’t need a vote because there’s nothing in the Bylaws to look in -- especially the emails that we receive with threats. We’re going to teach you a lesson. It’s here for the safety of you, me, and the organization so nothing gets out --

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Take a vote.

NC GREENLAW: You want a vote?

NA HERNANDEZ: I don’t --

NC GREENLAW: I think we ask the deputy to step out. Deputy, I’d like you to step out of the room please. We’ll solve that real quick. But stay close.

NA HERNANDEZ: Thank you, sir.

NC GREENLAW: Handle that. Okay. $21.8 million, that’s what the Foundation had in 2014. Today they’re worth negative $1.8 million. In other words, $1.8 million less than zero. That’s why they’re rated F. That’s why they have zero stars created by the corporations out there that analyze this type of thing, the profit (sic) watch groups. Not to mention the fact the Foundation is $2.1 million in arrears to the Order. They owe us $2.1
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1 million, accounts payable.

On the other hand, the Order, in my opinion, is rated A, A-plus. We have an A-plus Order. The finest Service Officer Program in America, not the largest, but the best. We handled over 135,000 cases last year, produced over $140 million in benefits back to our vets that we helped out. We have a 90% success rate in the cases that we bring to the table. That’s the highest in the country. The other organizations average around 60%.

We are the best of class. I want to congratulate the people that we have out there doing this. It’s a tragedy that we are not funded. We wouldn’t be fighting amongst ourselves like this if we were fully funded. We’d be cruising along with that $6.4 million status quo, moving on to the next year for $7.2 million, no problem. I hate to see us turn on each other. That’s why I refuse to do it.

I don’t think we should.

So the Foundation wants to take over that Service Program, take it away from us. I was told to my face by a major leader in our Order, MOPH, to give the Service Officer Program to the Foundation. To my face. I said, no, they can’t even run a car.
program. How can they run a big Foundation -- a big officer program like we have, Service Officer Program?

Well, then give it to the Wounded Warriors Program (sic). I said, no way. So, it’s imperative, in my opinion -- and I’m outgoing, you can vote this down. It’s my opinion that we have the best Service Officer Program in the country and we should keep it and we’ll fund it. We have corporate sponsors that’ll fund this. We have government grants that will fund this. Right now, I can say that everything that we had going -- and it is a pipeline. It’s frozen because of this lawsuit.

The trial is September 23rd and it should take three days. I don’t know where the six, nine months comes from. We’ve got a judge and she’s a good judge. I sat through a hearing with her. She knows what she’s talking about, she’s done her homework, she’s on time, and she’s smart. I really enjoyed it when she locked the heels of our competition’s lead lawyer. It made me feel pretty good.

We will win this lawsuit. We will win this lawsuit. I hear a rumor that there’s going to be a vote today, tomorrow, Wednesday, I’m not sure when,
if it even happens. You know how these rumors are, 70% of them aren’t true, but the other 30%, maybe they are. I hear that there’s going to be a vote to drop the lawsuit. That would be a huge mistake. You know why the Foundation wants us to drop this lawsuit. You know why, because they’re going to lose.

The reason why I’m going through all these numbers with you, I know you’ve heard and you’ve seen in emails, probably sick and tired of it. But I want to get it on record here in the minutes of this meeting that we are here in this situation that we’re facing right now 100% because of this Foundation.

Now, have we made some mistakes along the way? Hell, yes. You know when the battle starts, the strategy, the tactics, all that goes out the door. It becomes sometimes even hand-to-hand. We’re nearing a hand-to-hand situation here. I feel really good about this lawsuit. I’ve been around lawsuits my entire career. I’ve been on boards my entire career -- not my entire, but later CEO parts of my career. I’m telling you that we’re in good shape and we have -- I’m going to clean this up. We have a screwed up Foundation.
So, what I’m asking is not to fight among ourselves. The stress is palatable. We feel it in every ounce of our PTSD bodies. Believe me, I’m a firm believer that everybody in this room has PTSD to one degree or another. If you’re in combat in any form, you have PTSD.

So, let’s learn from our past, don’t forget it, but let’s not look back. Let’s learn from our past. Let’s go forward and be positive. Let’s enjoy each other’s company the next couple of days and make things positive happen for the MOPH. I’ve got nothing to say about -- bad about anybody in this room. I love everybody in this room. So let’s not take it personal.

I can say that there was a -- what I consider an improper raid on the Headquarters where a group of people in this room came unannounced to Headquarters and did some kind of an audit, found some things they didn’t understand, called the police. They turned this information to the Fairfax County Police Department. I was shocked. I said, what the hell? How come I didn’t know about this? They didn’t notify me.

I would’ve joined them. I would’ve encouraged the meeting. Hell, yes, you want to see?
Come on, let’s go, I want -- I’ll be on the next airplane. Well, we were held on a very intense inquiry by the Fairfax County Police Department. They put their top detective on it. He did a thorough investigation, a thorough inquiry and he found nothing wrong. He found everybody innocent of these charges. The books balanced to the penny. Everything was -- of course, we were moving fast. I approved it. I don’t regret approving it. I think if any one of you were National Commander with the same information that I had at that time of distress and everything going upside down, you would’ve done the same thing. I really believe that.

So you can blame me all you want because I approved that. They cleared our National Adjutant of any misbehavior at all. I don’t even want to tell you what the detective said to me further but it wasn’t very nice about the people that conducted this raid. I call it a raid.

This is my little comeback from sitting down here earlier. We did the best we could do with the information that we had to save the Order, for the Good of the Order. We had the best intentions and that became very clear to the detective that
head up this inquiry. So, that’s my talk.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**NC GREENLAW:** I’d like to take any questions that anybody has. I’d be happy to answer to the best of my ability, the best of my knowledge. Please step up to the mic and I will recognize you. If you have a question, you’ve got three minutes. Yes, sir?

**DEPT COM SHAW:** Gentlemen, every one of us had been on perimeter in a jungle, in a desert, and clearing a room. We would --

**NC GREENLAW:** Talk into the mic.

**DEPT COM SHAW:** -- die for the men to our right and our left. I know that. Even if you didn’t like the guy, you still would’ve died for him. That’s what we need to do here. We need to get together and stop it and take care of each other.

(Applause)

**NC GREENLAW:** Any other questions, comments? Yes, sir?

**PSVC MIDDLETON:** What is the current status of the Service Officer Program? How many do we have actually on the rolls right now? How many are furloughed? How many have been let go?
NC GREENLAW: We’ve cut it down. I’d like you to speak to this, our National Service Officer, Arthur Coleman.

NSD COLEMAN: Greetings. Currently, we have two NSOs working, one at the Board and Pat Byers in Seattle, Washington, and myself. We are adjudicating as much as we can with those three people. As far as someone being laid off, no one has been laid off, everyone is still furloughed until pay has been remitted to those individuals.

NC GREENLAW: Any other questions?

NROTC OFF NEWALL: Going back to the Service Officer Program, what is happening with claims that were submitted in states that don’t have Service Officers currently?

NSD COLEMAN: If it is initial claim, the claim is in the system. I have access to the system, as well as Pat Byers and Jamar Creech (phonetic). There are a lot of claims out there and the claims that’s about to be adjudicated, I’m doing 48-hour reviews now. I have maybe 700-800 pieces of mail that comes to the Headquarters and I do check them daily. So for the last two and a half months, whether the individual’s paid or not, I’ve been there every day and sometimes on the weekend because
we have hearings.

This is what I love to do. I love advocating. I wish we can make it simpler. This is a very complex program, and so I’m doing the best that I can. So there will be some complaints out there about communication. But as far as the claims, we’re not letting them fall to the wayside. Just right now, I’m just doing what I can to get things done.

**NROTC OFF NEWALL:** Okay, I guess the answer to my question you gave me is our claims are still valid, they’re just not getting worked on as quickly as possible -- as quickly as you can or as quickly as we’d like. Thank you.

**NC GREENLAW:** Yes, in the back?

**DEPT COM GREENDEER:** Four weeks ago, we closed up the Service Office in Milwaukee and we took everything from paperclips to pens to copy machines and cabinets, probably value of, I would say, $5,000 or $6,000. I put it in storage for $75 a month and was hoping we could find the disposition to do with that equipment because it’s worth -- I think there’s about eight computers involved with it.

I know you can’t answer it, but it’s
important to know what we’re to do with that equipment.

**NSD COLEMAN:** I submitted a plan to the National Commander as well as the Junior Vice Commander to do a proper closeout. In order for our organization to do proper closeout, I would need a skeleton crew to come in and to hit these areas so we can secure this PPI. Because there is some privacy issues here by law that we have to get fixed, the members are not allowed to take any of those documents. Department Commanders, if you’re having problems in your state -- I think Tennessee called me as well as Nevada. They’ve been on it, so all you have to do is contact me. We’ll figure out a way securing those documents in those states.

**DEPT COM GREENDEER:** One other thing, we are receiving all those documents and I did call Milwaukee and they said they’re -- we’re not taking care of, they have copies of them, they told us to shred them. I probably have about ten pounds that I shredded.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Did you shred them?

**DEPT COM GREENDEER:** Yes, I did.

**NSD COLEMAN:** Okay. I need to talk to you offline about that and get with the director for the
NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

REG V COM ADKINS: Unfortunately, Lori Wilka passed away during February. God rest her soul. You partially answered the question, what’s being done to secure the equipment that was in her office in the North Little Rock Region Office. But when we fully revive the NSO Program, three years ago the Department of Arkansas submitted some recommendations. Are those going to be considered when we fully revived this? It does contain some cost measures in here.

NSD COLEMAN: Yes, I will consider it. I believe we spoke in December.

REG V COM ADKINS: Yes, sir.

NSD COLEMAN: We communicated in the winter or the spring -- no, the --

REG V COM ADKINS: The spring.

NSD COLEMAN: The magazine, they put out a plan. I did go to the U.S. Census Department of Commerce to figure out where the veterans were migrating to, the different states. I wanted to make sure that when we do the downsize, it makes sense.

REG V COM ADKINS: Right.
NSD COLEMAN: It makes sense. So, we’re going to track our footprint in states where veterans are at a minimum, whether it’s Purple Heart or just veteran claims. The states where we have a large number of veterans, we want to make sure we bulk up and get those taken care of.

REG V COM ADKINS: Yes, sir. Just to reiterate, Mr. Nate Todd, the director of the Arkansas Department of Veteran Affairs, stands ready to assist MOPH in any way our state can.

NSD COLEMAN: I appreciate that. Thank you, Commander.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

NI HUNT: Several questions. We have offices that have been maintained at the VA hospital in South Florida that were basically volunteers. There was one paid Service Officer that is not being paid now, but that office is self-funding. Is there any reason why it should not continue to practice?

NSD COLEMAN: Okay, so this is a very, very complex question, I’m going to answer as fast as I can. Number one, as far as the VA is concerned, OGC, you are actually advocating legal documents for veterans. One, they have to be insured by us; two, they have to be compensated to be insured by us; and
three, whether or not the offices are free, 95% of our offices where our employees lie are free. This is the give back from the VA to be their watchdogs and for us to advocate.

So, we can continue to have the office, that’s fine. But having someone that’s certified by OGC, by the VA, is a whole different ballgame.

Getting someone to do it for free, which really -- as far as insurance policies are concerned, it just can’t happen in that sense. In order for us to have access to the VA system, to get a PIP card, we have to meet certain criteria.

Currently, we do because everyone is furloughed. But as soon as I lay everyone off, I’m not sure we’ll be able to handle our credentials.

NI HUNT: Would you please give me the definition of furloughed?

NSD COLEMAN: Furlough is when an individual does not come to work, does not get paid but they maintain benefits. At the time when the furlough was initiated, the benefits were active. They were not going to be paid during that time under that impression. If we laid off the individuals during that time, we have to pay out about $350,000 within two or three days, which we
NI HUNT: Thank you. One more question on that.

NSD COLEMAN: Yes, sir?

NI HUNT: What is the status of our appeals at the board level?

NSD COLEMAN: The status of the appeals now, the appeals -- the new AMA that was brought into law last year went into effect February 19th, 2019. So, they have two systems of appeals. One is the legacy program. These are actually appeals that extend beyond five, ten years.

Then you have the new program with AMA where they can actually appeal not just with a Form 9, but from an NOD level. If you’re looking at the totals that we have because we’ve been knocking them out, we have about 461 in circulation. I will say approximately two-thirds of those would be considered legacy, so they fall under a different docket.

We’re trying to get some AODs, which is an advancement of docket, the way you file it at the board because it is still a court. We don’t control how that works because the board has claims for
every veteran in the United States. When the judge puts it on his docket, then we get notified and we adjudicate it appropriately.

NI HUNT: Thank you, sir. Last question and I’m going to sit down. Commander, I agree wholeheartedly that our National Service Officer Program has been outstanding as far as their results. My question, however, is how can you keep employees on a limb when there’s no revenue coming to pay them? Thank you, sir.

NC GREENLAW: The simple answer to that is we raise the revenue. I’m telling you that I’ve been out there. There’s a lot of money. The Purple Heart veteran is very hard to turn down and we rise to the top at every meeting that I’m --

NI HUNT: But so far, sir, we’ve not received any money and it’s hard to eat on dramatis.

NC GREENLAW: The money is frozen by this lawsuit. Let’s not forget where the blame lies. The blame lies with the Foundation. The Foundation. If we had this money, we’d be status quo. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: Before I start to address you, I’m going to address him about the furlough. My name is Gerry Thompson, District Commander of the state of Kentucky.
NC GREENLAW: Identify yourself please.

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: I just did. The definition of furlough is you go home and you don’t get benefits. I’ve been a union member all my life. I’ve been furloughed, I’ve been laid off, I’ve been dogged off. I’ve never got anything. So that’s the definition of a furlough and I know those people in that office ain’t union, so don’t come up with no furlough and you still get benefits.

NC GREENLAW: Do you want to address that?

NSD COLEMAN: That is not the legal definition of a furlough.

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: Oh, yeah, it is.

NSD COLEMAN: No, furlough --

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: Yes, it is.

NSD COLEMAN: No, no.

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: And get paid too, you also put wages in there.

NSD COLEMAN: No, no, that’s not true.

Okay, we can just go back to the beginning of this year when our federal government individuals -- employees were furloughed. They still had benefits but they was not paid, okay?

We don’t have a measure where we have crippled mass individuals here that work, like law
enforcement. So, if you look at your own federal
government, it’s defined by the federal government,
not by the states, right? The way it works is, when
you furlough individuals, you do not lay them off at
that time. The decision was made for this reason.

If you want to think about employment and
labor laws, you have, one, if you lay them off, you
have to pay them their last check, whatever benefits
they have, like a severance. Once you lay them off,
most states get you to the next pay period or up to
30 days. We have quite a bit of states where you
have to pay within 48 hours to three days.

We had a decision to make, a business
judgment ruled decision to either lay off everyone
or furlough everyone. To layoff at that time cost
us $350,000 and paid within seven to fifteen days.
By furloughing, we can push it down the line.

We was looking -- the decision was made
based on the court case that we was going to have
May 2nd, the injunction. The injunction was not
favorable and it changed the rules to the game.
Once that happened, the furlough was submitted by me
for 60 days to end June 29th. The reason why no
contact was made because no measure for economic
help was given out.
I don’t have control of the purse strings. I manage and I do what I can with what I have, according to the Constitution and Bylaws and according to federal law. See, when you have an organization that’s in multiple states and other U.S. territories, we are guided by federal law because of the broad span of advocacy that we do in this country.

So, as far as the furlough is concerned, that is an administrative furlough that we actually put out.

**DEPT COM G. THOMPSON:** Man, you just go on and talk all you want to, but I know what a furlough is. But now I want to talk to Mr. Greenlaw. We’ve got a lot of problems here. When we leave here this next three days, what I think we need to do is just clean house, both sides. All these musical chairs were -- everybody going to step up, they don’t need to step up. We need to -- people here, if you really want your organization to get back where it needs to be, you need to get new people, period.

This thing ain’t just started this year, it started several years ago. Every time that you get a Commander, he always get -- who’s been the last Commander and the Commander before and they suggest,
this is how I run it. This is how I run it and this
is how you need to run it, and it don’t work.

National Commander, when he’s on watch,
he’s the only asshole and that’s his decision. When
he steps off, he’s the daddy of it, not what
somebody else told him to do. That’s what’s
happened here just like with our Adjutant. They got
rid of him two years ago for problems and he comes
right around and he appoints him again, and then we
get all these problems.

Nobody like him. He’s arrogant, smart,
I’ll say ass because that’s exactly what he is. You
brought him on. I asked him, I said, “Why did you
do that?” He said, “Because the last two” --

NC GREENLAW: Your three minutes are up,
sir.

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: “The last two
Commanders told me to,” but he done it anyway. They
can sit up there and lie all they want to about all
this money, but this is what’s happened.

But if you all love this organization like
I do, when we leave here today, we’re going to have
some new officers on both sides. We’re going to
bring this thing back --

NC GREENLAW: Sir --
DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: -- the way it should be.

NC GREENLAW: Sir?

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: We're all brothers and sisters here. We all shed blood.

(Gavel raps)

NC GREENLAW: Your three minutes are up, sir. I'm sorry, and I appreciate your passion and you're 90% right.

DEPT COM G. THOMPSON: Well, you don't want to hear it, so that's fine.

NC GREENLAW: I do care, I care a lot. I care about this Order, I love this Order. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM CASSON: I have a couple of questions. Somebody start the timer. Number one, protected funds, why were they used? Number two -- write this down, you might need to. One is protected funds, where are they and why?

NC GREENLAW: Number two, this is going to sound trivial but it's not. Roger Newall was promised at last year's Convention in Spokane that he would get funded at the ROTC for the things we give out. Against my better judgment, I followed MOPH. At that time, we were told we were going to get an Adjutant who said, "I'm going to take a pay cut so
we could fund ROTC.” To date, Roger Newall, out of his pocket, is somewhere around $1,320.

Now, you can write a check for $9,999.99. Why don’t you just go ahead and cut that check for Roger Newall for $1,320? Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Is the gentleman completed?

NA HERNANDEZ: Yeah.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Okay. There’s no response? Okay. I have another question on furlough and that question is directed towards Mr. Coleman. In March of this year, you trained how many MOPH NSOs down in Florida, sir? You can stand at the mic because I’m going to ask a couple more questions.

NSD COLEMAN: I trained 65.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Okay, you trained 65.

Okay.

NSD COLEMAN: That belongs to MOPH.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Shortly after that, they were all furloughed. Is that correct?

NSD COLEMAN: They was furloughed on April 29th.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: So a month later, a
Military Order of the Purple Heart
of the U.S.A., Inc.

month after that. Okay, now --

NSD COLEMAN: Approximately two months.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Not disagreeing with the gentleman from Kentucky, but the definition of furlough means that they’re on the rolls, they’re not being paid. Is that correct?

NSD COLEMAN: Correct.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: How many of those 65 that you trained are still on the rolls versus they moved on to other jobs that were real jobs at the time? How many of those 65 do you still have on your rolls that you can bring back if the NSO Program is financed at this Convention?

NSD COLEMAN: I can bring back 31.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Half?

NSD COLEMAN: Yes.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: So we’ve got 4,000 NSOs or VSOs in this country and we’ve got 31 right now that we can bring back?

NSD COLEMAN: Correct.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: All right, that was my question. Thank you.

DEPT COM BOKAN: My question is directed at the National Service Director. I want to -- what I was hearing, you had said about the insurance about

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canceling the insurance, that we don’t have
insurance for our Service Directors. Well,
Pennsylvania, we have a fund that we put aside and
we kept it going. I just want to be clear on this,
so you’re telling me our insurance is no good for
them now, it’s finished? So we should actually get
another policy for them to protect ourselves?

NSD COLEMAN: Omission and errors policy,
we do have one for the Order, and this is to cover
our NSOs whether they’re in Michigan or Pennsylvania
or the other states. We have to pay that.

Now, as I said before, I don’t control the
purse strings. I can only relay a message to say
these debts have to be paid to cover us and our
organization.

DEPT COM BOKAN: Maybe you don’t understand
my question. My question is, as of right now, do we
have insurance or does the state of Pennsylvania and
anybody else that’s doing this have to pay that --
have to get another insurance policy or are we
covered?

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir, what do you mean by
insurance? There’s seven policies that we have.

DEPT COM BOKAN: He had said before about
insurance for our Service Officers should they make
a mistake and get sued.

**NA HERNANDEZ:** Here’s our insurance company for all of it, here in the next couple of days, it will expire. We’re hoping here at this Convention — I’ll go back to Region V Commander’s question, the D&L policy. Let me just go real quick to that one. That’s why it’s so important. I think Oklahoma — and I’ll answer your question later, it’s very important to everybody here because now you’re no longer insured as an officer.

Unfortunately, this organization gets two to three lawsuits a year amongst itself. We have two, three active right now. Now what this means, as of today unless we figure it out, you’re personally responsible as an officer. The Service Program, we’re under a different umbrella, different policy, but the same organization.

Hopefully the question that will be answered to you or the statement to you will be here after lunch and I’ll have Clifton Agency that does all our underwriting, are we insured? Right now, it’s Chubbs, the largest insurance, they don’t want to insure us, we’re too volatile and that word’s being used so many times.

**DEPT COM BOKAN:** Okay, so my answer is that
as of lunchtime, we’re probably not?

NA HERNANDEZ: Correct.

DEPT COM BOKAN: And then we can take it from there.

NSD COLEMAN: Roger that.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Commander, I’ve listened quietly to the questions, lots of valid questions, good answers. The real problem is none of this matters. None of this. We have to decide where we’re going to get our funding from. If we don’t have our funding, gentlemen, we have nothing. We haven’t decided that. We talk around the issue. The issue is and only issue is where’s the money coming from? If we can say it’s going to come because we’re going to work together with the Foundation or we’re going to do this with a group -- we’ve heard comments about this grant money out there. Minnesota, we’re becoming totally independent for one reason, we don’t have stability at National. We’re going to take care of ourselves and we’re asking the same question, where is the money? Where’s it coming from? We’re struggling with this.

I think at this National level, we need to find a way to make sure that this organization stays
viable. I’m neither left nor I’m right. I do the follow the money thing, where’s the money? That’s all I care about. If we can make it work with this group or that group, I’m all for it. We’ve got to find a way to bring the money in. Until we have an honest discussion with all of us sitting there bringing up ways. You throw it on the wall until it hit and sticks. Then we’ve got something.

Right now, we can talk about this all we want to, we’re just wasting time. We’re wasting time. Thank you, sir.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: I can just answer that. I agree with you. I agree with you 100%. I’ll tell you who we’re not going to be funded by, the Foundation. I’ll tell you who we will be funded by, we’ll be funded by ourselves. We’ll split off our own 501(c)(3). We’re going to win this lawsuit and we’re going to go forward with corporate donations and government grants.

All we need -- even Patriot Cherone brought this budget up from $1.5 million. That’s feasible. That’s feasible. That’s easy. That’s like one sponsor. So what I’m telling you is, there is a lot of money out there for the Military Order of the
Purple Heart, not the Foundation. We have a list that we’re working on that when we win this lawsuit, that money will be freed.

If asked, I will stick around and help on the sidelines to close these deals. I can mention — which they don’t want me to do, I can’t mention it publicly, but we have at least five corporations right now that are very interested in helping us.

I was at a fundraiser, a third party fundraiser, in May during Fleet Week. We raised about $60,000. We haven’t received the money yet, but it’s on the way. They’ve got the wiring instructions, the money’s ready to come. It’s a third party, so we can’t be accused of raising money against the Foundation’s wishes.

At that meeting, when that was over, the Fleet Week when the ships came in, we had a breakfast meeting and I was approached by UBS. I was approached by JP Morgan Chase. I was approached by the Bank of New York Mellon that they want to help us.

People -- the corporations are made up of people. Without the people, they’re just pieces of paper. These people have families and they all have veterans in their families, at least an extended
range. If they don’t have them in their immediate
family, they have family members that are veterans,
cousins and uncles and so forth.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: I agree with that.

NC GREENLAW: They love us!

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: We need --

NC GREENLAW: There’s government money --

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: But we need --

NC GREENLAW: I’m confident --

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: We need it in our
hand, the contract signed, we’re going to get this --

NC GREENLAW: The Foundation --

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: -- much money.

Until we get that, it’s --

(Speaking over each other)

NC GREENLAW: -- if we were funded like
they promised. We have $6.4 million and we have our
$2.1 million and we’d be a status quo meeting.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Sir, even if we win
the battle --

NC GREENLAW: What we --

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: -- we won’t get any
money from them.

NC GREENLAW: What we do --
DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Where’s the money coming from?

NC GREENLAW: We’ll cut our expenses down to a level that we can afford going forward. We will raise the Service Officer Program up, which I’ve been told by -- these are not my words. I’ve been told by a corporate sponsor, “We will help you rise from the ashes.” They’re out there.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: That’s good.

NC GREENLAW: Hey, I’m not -- why would I stand here and lie about something like that? This is the truth.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: I’m not saying that, sir. I’m not saying you’re lying.

NC GREENLAW: Government funding is there available. All we have to do is get it, but we can’t get it during the middle of a lawsuit.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Okay.

NC GREENLAW: These people have families, they can’t afford to risk $500,000 or a million dollars and have it go down in a lawsuit. They could be fired. They’re protective of their own space. Some of these companies are very political. It is what it is.

So to answer your question, sir, and I’m
with you 100%, we spend what we’ve got. That’s what
we’ve been doing. We drove some debt up to save the
Order. It’s all been approved, it’s all been --

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: -- critically analyzed by the
police department, we’re fine. What we do is we go
forward and we’re going forward.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Okay.

NC GREENLAW: I’ll give you my word that
this is going to happen. You watch. Watch. I get
kidded about my pipeline all the time. I try not to
use that word anymore, but we have people there that
are standing behind us.

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Okay, thank you,
sir.

NC GREENLAW: In the short run, we’ve got
problems.

NA HERNANDEZ: Commander, real quick, do
you want to continue with these last few Patriots
here and then go to lunch? We’re at the lunch
period.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, let’s -- we’ll do this --
we’ll do these three and then we’ve got two or
three hours after lunch to go through more questions
if you have them.
UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: I’d like to make a motion that we recess for lunch and return at 1:30 to continue this discussion.

NC GREENLAW: Second? All in favor --

REG V COM ADKINS: I’ll second.

NC GREENLAW: -- Aye?

PATRIOTS: Aye.

NC GREENLAW: All opposed?

(No response)

(Gavel rap)

(Motion carried.)

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: All right, I’ll keep my question.

NA HERNANDEZ: Gentlemen, the lunch is -- yes, sir? It’s not a box lunch, it’s a deli style, make your own sandwich. I don’t know exactly what’s on the menu. It was the biggest bang for the buck, so everybody can -- you don’t have to spend any money. It’s part of the Convention cost.

Go outside, find out exactly what it is, but it’s a deli style sandwich, make your own sandwich thing. You know where it is.

NC GREENLAW: Be back here 1:30.

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: All rise, face the flag. Ready, two.
(Lunch break.)

CREDENTIALS REPORT

NC GREENLAW: We have a Credentials Committee. The Chairman is Chris Smrt, in addition is Chuck Jackson, Region I; Billy Weldon, Region VI. I’d like to go ahead and continue questions, answers. Yes, sir?

PATRIOT SMRT: If I may add additional two in order to be able to address, Bulldog Turner and Patriot Sims. If you would add those two, that will give us a four-person committee to be able to account for everything and work any questions from the floor. Would that be okay, Commander?

NC GREENLAW: What are the Regions please?

PATRIOT SMRT: Sims is III, Bulldog, Region IV. So we have quite a complement in order.

NC GREENLAW: Okay, we’ve got Turner and Sims added to that, yes.

PATRIOT SMRT: Thank you, sir.

NC GREENLAW: You’re welcome.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN’S COMMENTS

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

CHAPLAIN MILLER: Commander, as the National Chaplain, growing up, I was given a lot of inspiration and encouragement from people I really
respect. They told me to always do the right thing
at the right reason for the right time. I’ve always
practiced that and it works well.

I would like to see all of our Patriots in
here when they address other Patriots to address
them properly by calling them either Patriots or
Commander or Junior Vice or Senior Vice. Be
respectful for their office. You may not like the
individual, the individual may’ve done some bad
things.

The Commander and me have not always got
along together. I’ve called him on the carpet
numerous times when he was a Commander for me when I
was State Commander and Region Commander. I wasn’t
afraid to jump on him and he’ll vouch for that.

Ernesto is another one. I’ve had words
with him, but Ernesto is still my friend. Everybody
is my friend because, first of all, I’m a Christian.
Second of all, I’m a Purple Heart recipient and I
have the same thing in common with every Patriot in
here. I shed blood just like you did in a foreign
country for our country. I’m very proud that I was
able to do things like that.

So please, I would request all of us,
address them properly, respect the office that they
have. You may not like them but respect the office.

I didn’t like Jimmy Carter, the peanut man from Georgia, but I respected him because he was Commander In Chief and President of the United States. I would encourage everybody to please do that. Thank you, sir.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. Thank you.

ROLL CALL

DEPT COM YELINEK: Commander --

NC GREENLAW: Hang on one second please.

We need to do a Roll Call. Is Jim Anderson here?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

NC GREENLAW: Should we do a Roll Call?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

NC GREENLAW: Yes?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Roll Call needs to be done anytime we go on recess other than going for ten minutes.

NC GREENLAW: We’ll get to you in just a minute. Thank you.

NA HERNANDEZ: Okay, we’re going to do Roll Call like we did earlier, the same. The reason being is we had some updates to the spreadsheet to make sure that we account for everybody here. We’re
going to start with the National Officers. We’ll start with Region I, and we’ll go II, III, IV, V, if you just get ready here in a few minutes. Some of this will go by quickly since I know who’s here.

Commander Greenlaw’s here, Commander Garcia’s here, Rick Cherone’s here. Finance, NFO Moore -- sorry, we’ll go by last names, Wallot’s here, Flyr’s here, Pickart’s here, David Price, excused; Gary Witt, excused; Bill Suhre, excused.


Frank Athanas is not here. Boyd Barclay is here. James Blaylock is not here. James Durkin is not here. Gober’s not here, Hems is not here, Hudson’s not here, Little’s not here, McKenty’s not here, Puskar not here, Randals not here, Roy’s not here, Siebels is here, Silvano is not here, Sims is here, Spinelli is not here, Fred Taylor is not here. Van Ess is not here. Wroolie’s no longer an NEC member.

Did I miss anybody from the National
Leadership except for Regions? Yes, sir?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Past National Commander Boyd Barclay is here.

NA HERNANDEZ: I did count him here, sir. He’s here. So now I’ll start with Region I. Please identify who you are. This will be the last Roll Call -- or not the last count. For Region I, Connecticut?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Connecticut, not here.

Delaware?

DEPT COM MORRIS: Gary Morris, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Massachusetts?

(No response.)

NA HERNANDEZ: Massachusetts?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Maryland?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Maryland? New Jersey?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: New Jersey?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Northern New England doesn’t exist. New York?
REG I COM EGGLESTON: New York is en route, car broke down 15 minutes out.

NA HERNANDEZ: Roger, sir.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: So they’ll be there shortly.

NA HERNANDEZ: Got it. En route.

Pennsylvania?

DEPT COM BOKAN: Frank J. Bokan, Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Virginia?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Virginia?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Virginia’s not here. Region II? Region II, get up. Region III, if you can start getting ready. We see a couple of people left. Try to expedite this and utilize the time wisely.

All right, Region II, Iowa?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Iowa?

DEPT COM HEIN: Iowa is present.

NA HERNANDEZ: Who are you, sir?

DEPT COM HEIN: Richard Hein, Iowa.

NA HERNANDEZ: Please identify who you are,
full name, for the recording. Illinois?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Illinois’s not here.

Indiana?

DEPT COM SHADOWEN: Commander Mike Shadowen, Indiana.

NA HERNANDEZ: Kentucky?

DEPT COM THOMPSON: Gerry Thompson, present.

NA HERNANDEZ: Michigan?

DEPT COM EATON: Robert Eaton, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Minnesota?

DEPT COM T. ANDERSON: Terry Anderson, Department of Minnesota.

NA HERNANDEZ: Missouri?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: Nebraska?

DEPT COM JENSEN: Wade Jensen, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Ohio?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: Tom Cunningham, Department Commander, Ohio.

NA HERNANDEZ: Wisconsin?
DEPT COM GREENDEER: George Greendeer, Department Commander, Wisconsin.

NA HERNANDEZ: West Virginia?

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

DEPT COM McCORMICK: Region III, Alaska?

DEPT COM KNOTT: John Knott, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Dakotas?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Ken Teunissen, Department Commander, absent.

NA HERNANDEZ: Idaho?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Idaho, Ned Barker, Department Commander, absent.

NA HERNANDEZ: Montana?

DEPT COM GATLIN: Char Gatlin, Department of Montana, title, chief space cadet.

NA HERNANDEZ: Oregon?

DEPT COM RUPP: Lawrence Rupp, Department Commander, present.

NA HERNANDEZ: Washington?

DEPT COM OLIVAREZ: Robert Olivarez, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Wyoming?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir, you’re here as a Region Commander and a state?

REG III COM GASDEK: That is correct. I will be voting with Wyoming.

NA HERNANDEZ: Roger, sir. You get that, Credentials? Chris Smrt, did you get that?

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Daugherty, Department of Alabama.

NA HERNANDEZ: Florida?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Vedvick, Department Commander. I will be voting for Florida, not on Publications.

NA HERNANDEZ: Georgia?

DEPT COM FLENER: Flener, Department of Georgia, Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Mississippi?

DEPT COM BREAZEALE: Truitt Breazeale, Mississippi, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: North Carolina?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: Puerto Rico?
NA HERNANDEZ: Puerto Rico?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: South Carolina?

DEPT COM LOPEZ: Carl Lopez, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Tennessee?

DEPT COM SHAW: Todd Shaw, Department Commander of the Volunteer State that saved Texas’ butt.

NA HERNANDEZ: Region V, Arkansas?

DEPT COM FERGUSON: Cardner Ferguson, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Colorado?

DEPT COM ELIZALDE: Paco Elizalde, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Kansas?

REG V COM ADKINS: Department Commander, Mike Callahan, absent/excused.

NA HERNANDEZ: Louisiana?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: New Mexico?

DEPT COM COMSTOCK: Pete Comstock, Department Commander.
NA HERNANDEZ: Oklahoma?

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

NA HERNANDEZ: Texas?

DEPT COM LUNKWICZ: John Lunkwicz, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Region VI, Arizona?

DEPT COM McGLYNN: Arizona, Ed McGlynn, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: California?

DEPT COM EARTHMAN: Charles Earthman, California, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: Guam?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Guam?

(No response)

NA HERNANDEZ: Not here. Hawaii?

PATRIOT TANAKA (Alt): Tommy Tanaka, Past Department Commander and a delegate.

NA HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. Great seeing you again. Nevada?

DEPT COM YELINEK: Len Yelinek, National Commander (sic).

NA HERNANDEZ: Utah.

DEPT COM YELINEK: State Commander.
NA HERNANDEZ:

DEPT COM GIBSON: Dee Gibson, Department Commander.

NA HERNANDEZ: All right, that’s everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NA HERNANDEZ: Real quick, announcements, you saw today the venue for the meals. Dinner will be the same location. Every day it changes a little bit. Tomorrow will be the same thing for lunch, same thing for dinner. Wednesday, lunch and dinner.

Yes, sir?

NROTC OFF NEWALL: Point of Order.

National ROTC Officer, Roger Newall, was omitted from the Roll Call this morning and this one this afternoon, for the record.

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir, I think I omitted every appointed Officer actually. Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

PATRIOT SMRT: Point of Privilege, Commander. If we could get representatives of Louisiana, California, and Arizona to the Credentials table? Louisiana, California, and Arizona.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR (Continued)

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?
DEPT COM YELINEK: It seems to me part of the lawsuit has to do with the ownership of the trademarks. I’d kind of like a little history on what the hell happened? Who authorized the transfer? When was it done and what have you? Can you give us a little breakdown? Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir, I’m glad you brought that up. In my hands, I hold the licensing agreement that was signed by the National Commander, Commander Gober, and Mary Lou Keener. It’s dated February 7th, 2017.

I have in this hand Exhibit D in the lawsuit that has a very similar trademark service license agreement, dated February 3rd, 2017. The one that Patriot Gober signed earlier -- actually, the date says later, but it’s very clear in my mind -- and I have this blown up so you can take a look at it if you’d like yourself. I was going to put it up on there, but I don’t think it’s going to show. The date in Commander Gober’s licensing agreement was changed. In my opinion, looking at it with a very powerful glass, it looks to me as if -- and I’ll put it out here if you’d like to take a look at it yourself. It looks to me like the date was changed from February 1st, 2017, to February
7th, ’17. It’s very clear that this date has been changed. I’m not positive about moving it to the 7th. It looks like it to me.

It’s very clear when you look at it you can see that something was erased and this date was put in. Why Commander Gober’s signed agreement is different than the final agreement that’s signed by Mary Lou Keener and Chairman Wroolie.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Hang on a second. So I find it very interesting and I’ve sent these two copies to our lawyers for the lawsuit to find out exactly why this date was changed. It’s positive that the date was changed. Something was changed, you can see the erasure. But I’m not sure about the date, I can’t vouch for the date. It looks like it was changed from the 1st, which would be before this one, which makes sense because he and Commander Gober and his wife, Mary Lou Keener, put this one together. I would assume this one would be correct. It’s different than Exhibit D.

I can’t go through it with you right now, but in several ways, it’s completely different than the actual exhibit they put in for the lawsuit. I find this very curious and I’ll be real curious to
see if our lawyers can do a forensic look at this date and explain to me why these two are different in major, major ways.

If you’d like, I can give you an example.

Would like an example?

PATRIOTS: No.

PATRIOTS: Yes.

NC GREENLAW: Okay.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Commander, may I address that?

NC GREENLAW: Example -- I’ve got the floor, hang on a second. I’ll give you all the time you need. In Article I, Paragraph 1.3 -- in the original signed by Gober and Keener states, “The license is limited to use of the license marks only in connection with charitable fundraising for specific projects.” The same paragraph in the changed agreement, Article I, 1.3, it says here, “The license is unrestricted in scope.” It was restricted in the earlier one, but the one they actually used for the court, it says, “The license is unrestricted in scope.” That’s just one example. I can’t go through the whole thing with you, but there are changes in here and I’m curious as to why this happened and why there’s a change of
date. Now, maybe you have an answer for that. I’d like to hear it please. Go ahead.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Commander, the reason that the dates are different is because at the Norfolk Convention when that deal was hammered out and was signed by Commander Gober at the time, days later when we were able to view the document, when I was reviewing it I found that there was a fatal flaw in the document. It was unintentional and that is, in the original documents they did not allow both the National Commander, the Senior and the Junior Vice Commander to have votes and a voice on the Foundation Board.

That was an oversight that Jason Johns had written in the agreement. That was not the intent and it was agreed upon by Chairman Wroolie at the time and Commander Gober at the time that that had not been the intent of the agreement. They revised the agreement, that paragraph, to reflect what had been agreed on by both parties.

When it was resigned, it was several days later. That’s the reason why the dates that you see there have been changed because there was a fatal flaw in the initial document that they signed. Both parties agreed that that was not the intent and both
parties resigned the agreement at a later date.

NC GREENLAW: Hang on, I have a question. Then why is Commander Gober’s signed on the 7th and this one is signed on the 3rd?

PSVC MIDDLETON: The original one, I believe, was signed on the 3rd and then the error was found. It was resigned later.

NC GREENLAW: Yeah, but this is dated earlier than this one. How can you find -- you have to have ESP. That’s the question I’m asking. Why is this one -- if this was signed -- this was signed later, right? The --

PSVC MIDDLETON: The initial documents were signed --

NC GREENLAW: The one signed by Wroolie was done later, right?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Both of them resigned later.

NC GREENLAW: No, this one was signed -- this one says on the 7th, this one’s on the 3rd.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Both of them signed both documents at different dates.

NC GREENLAW: Not on my signature pages I have here.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Well, the original is
signed by both of them.

NC GREENLAW: This is a copy of the original, right?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I don’t know what you have, sir.

NC GREENLAW: This is a copy of the original.

PSVC MIDDLETON: I don’t know what you have, but I know what happened.

NC GREENLAW: I have in my hands a copy of the original. The one signed on the 7th -- excuse me, on the 3rd was signed by Mary Lou Keener and William Wroolie. The one signed on the 7th, a week later damn near --

PSVC MIDDLETON: Of what year?

NC GREENLAW: -- was signed by --

PSVC MIDDLETON: Of what year? Mary Lou Keener --

NC GREENLAW: Mary Lou Keener and --

PSVC MIDDLETON: Mary Lou Keener was simply a member of the Board of the Foundation when the initial Norfolk agreement was signed.

NC GREENLAW: I’m questioning the dates. This date, February 7th, is obviously changed for some reason.
UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: What year, Commander?

NA HERNANDEZ: Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Good question.

NA HERNANDEZ: May I make a statement, sir?

NC GREENLAW: Sure.

NA HERNANDEZ: Let’s go back to the original question from the Patriot. Just hear me out for a few -- I’ll be as brief as possible. The medal that belongs to us, the members, who earned it for the battles we scorn and wars, we own it. It was given away 11 years ago, September 18th, 2008. It was transferred from MOPH to the Foundation. Look at the time, who’s the Commander, who’s the Adjutant?

Go to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, you’ll find the whole thing in there, it’s in there. I tried to contest it. Arthur and I missed it by a couple of days because the day we were signed on contract at the Headquarters of this year, we could contest it. Every ten years, the patent needs to be renewed. I’d ask the membership, how can 13 people on the Foundation control 50,000, roughly, members for the medal? That medal should belong to us, the
membership, and then we license it out to them. Do you not agree, sir?

**PSVC MIDDLETON:** The agreement hammered out at the Norfolk Convention --

**NA HERNANDEZ:** Sir, I’ll let you -- the question --

**PSVC MIDDLETON:** No, the agreement said -- in the agreement, it states that another entity, an LLC, will be formed, a holding company that will be formed --

**NA HERNANDEZ:** Correct, sir --

**PSVC MIDDLETON:** -- to take care of the medal.

**NA HERNANDEZ:** Mary Lou Keener’s on there. She’s the one, the principle person in charge.

**PSVC MIDDLETON:** The initial agreement did not specify who would be on that LLC. It simply said there would be three members.

**NA HERNANDEZ:** All right, sir, I’ll tell you who it is. We know it’s Mary Lou Keener, Jim Blaylock, and Bill Hutton. Bill Hutton removed himself.

**PSVC MIDDLETON:** Eventually, those are the three that were selected to be on the LLC, that is correct.
NA HERNANDEZ: And that goes -- all right, sir.

PSVC MIDDLETON: But the initial agreement merely stated that an LLC will be formed consisting of three persons, without naming who those persons would be or the exact date and when the LLC would be formed.

NC GREENLAW: I have one last question. These are important documents. Were these voted on by the NEC?

PSVC MIDDLETON: They were voted on by the Convention.

NC GREENLAW: And the NEC had no previous knowledge of this until the Convention?

PSVC MIDDLETON: The Convention overrules the NEC. Convention is the final authority.

NC GREENLAW: But the NEC had no idea this existed until the Convention. Wouldn’t you need a vote from the NEC to even go forward with this?

Patriots: No.

PSVC MIDDLETON: No. It merely needs to be brought to the floor of the Convention for a vote.

NC GREENLAW: So you’re okay with this?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I don’t really know what you have, I’m just telling you what the history is.
NC GREENLAW: Are you okay with this?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I don’t know what “this” is. I’m merely giving you a history of what happened.

NC GREENLAW: This is a copy of the original agreement and the changed agreement. Are you in agreement with the change, Exhibit D?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I don’t know because I don’t have it. I know I was not even a party to --

NC GREENLAW: This is a fake --

PSVC MIDDLETON: -- the negotiations at the time.

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Ernesto -- Patriot Hernandez was a party to the --

NC GREENLAW: You’re for it?

PSVC MIDDLETON: I’m sorry, sir?

NC GREENLAW: I assume you’re for this agreement. Our point is, it should be an illegal agreement.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Sir, it doesn’t make any difference whether I support it not, I was never a party to it.

NC GREENLAW: You seem to be defending it.

PSVC MIDDLETON: I’m merely giving you a
NA HERNANDEZ: Commander Greenlaw --

NC GREENLAW: Thank you, I appreciate that.

PSVC MIDDLETON: You’re welcome, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Here is the history lesson, there was three people from the Foundation in Norfolk, three people from the Order. I was one of them. Nobody else in this room was there. It was Bob Puskar, myself, and Willie Nazzario. On the other side, the Foundation, was John Agenbroad sitting in the center, who is the Parliamentarian of the Foundation, and it was Bill Wroolie, and it was Bill Hutton.

When it was signed, who signed it? Bob Puskar at the supreme body where we all clapped. Remember? We on to the golf tournament except for a few of us. That’s when it was signed and Bob Puskar signed the initial contract. Whatever errors were found, that should’ve been sent to the NEC, what you’re saying, sir, then ratified at the following Convention. That’s what happened.

NC GREENLAW: Any argument with that? Yes, sir?

DEPT COM VEDVICK: I had a couple of questions. One, I know the NSO Director stated that
the furlough ended on 29 June of 2019. It’s now July. Are we now paying these individuals who were furloughed their salaries and -- or have they been laid off?

My next question is, talking about trademarks, we’re over here talking about getting our trademarks back, but we are perfectly happy, complicit with giving our trademarks away to the Purple Heart Store for nothing. We get zero dollars from Phil, from that store to our Order. We’re over here griping about money? We’re crying about money, but you guys don’t want to get money from the one guy who’s taking money from you.

(Applause)

DEPT COM VEDVICK: We must require that any sale that has our trademark in it, any sale, there has to be some sort of percentage that comes back to the Order, period. These days of handshake deals with vendors and allowing them free travel, free rooms, free advertising in our magazine, that has to end. That kind of business has no place here for this Order. We’re scrounging for money. You’re over here hitting us up for money, we’ve got to find money. We’ve got money, get it from them.

All right, last thing. My only other
concern this entire year isn’t about fundraising.

Look, we’ve all tried to fundraise in our own ways. Some of us are successful, some have failed. I can stand before you and say that I have failed more than I succeeded, but I continue to try.

Sir, I understand that you’ve tried to raise funds and that has not been as successful as you’d hoped it would be this year. I can take that on face value. The problem that Florida has is the continued expenditure above what you were receiving each year. This past year has put us in such a deep debt that we are tapping into the Life Membership Fund.

When we start tapping into that fund, we will be in the same spot that the Foundation currently is with zero capital or principle to -- in order to build upon for the next year. That’s all I have, sir. Pending your answer from the NSO on the staff.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you.

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Do you want me to restate that question? The first question was, the furlough ended on -- I ask the NSO Director, the furlough ended on 29 June 2019.

NA HERNANDEZ: I got your second question
and I’ll turn it over to Arthur. Let me explain on the funding. Rewind one year ago, take it to March. Certain people in here were in the room, you found out that your budget was reduced from $6.4 million to roughly $2.8 million, right? There was a big scare, this and that went on. The media took on, you have a Service Officer going on TV and, guess what? The Foundation came back and said, you’re lying, we never said that, and there was no trail of it. It was a scare.

So for us, we reduced -- the one thing nobody’s talking about is the contracts that we got rid of. The website that we have held their feet to the fire that we paid $58,000 for, this wasn’t me, this was prior. So we did our due diligence, sir. So we never received anything in writing from the Foundation to say, hey, your budget is going to be reduced.

I even sent an email to the Finance Committee. I never received an email saying it was reduced. Our concern was, here we do a Chicken Little threat and they come back and say, nope, here’s your money. Guess what? We’re back in the situation that we did a year ago.

We reduced a lot of funding, a lot of
spending. I mean, as much as rumors are out there, I’ll be happy to talk to you at any point and show you the numbers anytime. I’ll be happy to sit down with you and the committee that came down and looked at our books. Let’s go over them. Let’s do it live.

DEPT COM VEDVICK: Sir, we agree with you. The State of Florida agrees that the Foundation has failed us in funding. That is a fact. Nobody’s disputing that fact. We are all in agreement that we are not being funded as per what our requirement is. Nobody disputes that.

The only dispute is our budgeting after that fact. Even after a couple of months in when we were like, all right, look, we’re only going to get X-number of dollars, something drastic has to happen. When we start talking about -- people get emotional about losing the NSO Program, that’s a false narrative because currently several Departments will be funding those NSO Programs through grants through their states or self-funding it.

That program will exist in a smaller fashion, regardless of how we continue to fund it. That’s just what I’m trying to get across. Thank
you.

**NSD COLEMAN:** I think I answered this before. He is partly correct. We’re -- it will be a diminished advocacy footprint here as far as our organization is concerned. But this is the issue, the states that we have contracts with, it’s a reimbursement contract. It is not a contract they pay prior to the services being performed.

In other words, we have to have the funds first and then once we pay the individuals, then they reimburse us with reports of things that we have accomplished advocating for veterans. That is the way it works.

So, regardless if we go out here and get these grants, the first thing we need to do in this situation is figure out if we’re going to have the money just to deal with the contracted states and the granted states. As I said before, I don’t control the purse strings. From my understanding, the Foundation has been controlling the purse strings for about 60 years.

When you actually fund an organization and you’re mandated to do that because they are supposed to be subordinate to us. They are a subsidiary of our organization who gained power over a number of
years. Saying that without any notice, we went from receiving $533,000 a month to $25,000 a month. This is crazy.

Even if we wanted to downsize, you don’t have the personnel to downsize properly. I have forwarded an email to the National Commander as well as the Senior Vice and Junior Vice with a plan to downsize our advocacy footprint across the nation. It takes six to seven months to adjudicate not just a claim but to deal with the claims that’s in the circuit as well as picking up the PPI, which is the personal information documents at these offices that we’re going to shut down.

I get calls from Department Commanders and Department Adjutants about this paperwork. The membership does not have the authority to go and take those documents. Now, I can task them to do that but I will have to get with the RO. They would still have to have someone there and has to be shredded.

We are in a digital system. The VA is no longer paper. It’s paperless now. Most of the documents we have are scanned in. If we want to fix this and to minimize our footprint, we’re going to need funds for six or seven months just to either
downsize or close the program so none of the
veterans that we support will have any harm. Either
you do nothing and have harm or you do something to
mitigate this harm. That’s what I want to do.

I’m trying to mitigate potential litigation
that we can have for missed dates, for cases that
has to be adjudicated. That’s where we at now.
What this Patriot has said is very much correct, but
we still need funds just to do the minimum.

**REG V COM ADKINS:** Just to reiterate what
he said, our NSO passed away. If he were to task us
to come down to the office in North Little Rock to
recover some of that, the Department of Arkansas
bought the computer and a lot of the software and
equipment that was actually being used in that
office. So we would like to get it back.

The hard drive, because of HIPAA and the
Privacy Act of 1974, as amended to 2011, would
actually require the VA to take that hard drive out
and keep it because of the information that’s on it.
We would get the shell back. Personally don’t have
a problem with that.

Now to the other thing. Chris Vedvick
talked about getting out there and fundraising.
He’s been successful in some areas and unsuccessful
in others. Same way within the Department of Arkansas and other Departments within Region V.

How many of you all know who Freddy Simon is? Freddy Simon is a Purple Heart recipient and a member of MOPH and is the founder of Freddy’s Frozen Custard and Steak Burgers. Up until about two years ago, his company donated a sizeable amount of money every year to the Foundation. You know why he stopped? Because we’re discussing it in this room.

When you hear Commander Greenlaw saying that money’s been frozen in the pipeline, that’s true. I went to Freddy’s and tried to see if we could get them to donate, but they won’t. They won’t come back and touch it.

There are things that you can try at the local level to experiment with and see if you can work up to the National level. Everybody knows what 7 August is, right? On 7 August, Slim Chickens, an Arkansas based restaurant chain, all eight restaurants in Northwest Arkansas are going to donate 15% of their sales to Chapter 460, my Chapter. My Commander’s sitting over there. We’ve got to meet with them here in a couple of weeks to finalize a couple of details for that day.

I want to experiment with that at the local
level and see if we can get it next year because Slim Chickens has gone international. Maybe we can get them to do a national fundraising thing on 7 August in the future to help raise funds for the Order. Those are the things that you’ve got to start looking at when we start talking about raising funds. That’s all I’ve got. Thank you, sir.

**NC GREENLAW:** Thank you. Sir?

**REG IV COM LAZZARA:** Commander, you stated before that we’re going to become a 501(c)(3). If we do that -- we went through this before. If we do that, then Aleks Morosky can’t do his thing up on the Hill. How is that possibly going to work for us? If we’re a 501(c)(19), the big companies that you’re talking about, they’re not going to give us anything because they can’t write it off.

I’m just curious how you’re going to change to a 501(c)(3) or is it going to be both? Those are your own words.

**NC GREENLAW:** Yeah.

**REG IV COM LAZZARA:** You can’t do that.

**NC GREENLAW:** From what I understand, you can do that. You can have a 501(c)(3) and a (19).

That’s what I’m told. Yes, sir?

**DEPT COM COMSTOCK:** I’ve got two things I
want the body to think about because work we’re doing today and what we’re doing the next few days I think are important. The first is, what is our short term goal? What are we supposed to be doing between now and September -- the court date? What are we supposed to be doing? What are we supposed to be telling our membership?

The second one is a long term goal, how do we get back the Service Program? How do we funds ourselves? I haven’t heard anybody say what the goals are. We’ve got, we might do this, we might do that, the other. When I go back to the membership, I want to tell them what we’re planning on doing. I haven’t heard what the short term goal is, short term between now and the court time, and the long term goal, which is going to be the next officers. They’re going to say what they’re going to say.

Unfortunately, we make a lot of decisions before they ever take place and they have to live with them. So I think we need to be talking about those two goals. Thank you.

NC GREENLAW: Well, what I can say, as I said earlier and I have right here as a Board Member of the Foundation during my tour as National Commander, I can tell you that the Foundation is not
planning on funding us. You can’t see this, I’ll leave it down here. You can take a look at it yourself. These are not my numbers, these are the Foundation numbers.

When you look down, you can see all the red. You can probably see the red from where you are. That means that they’re negative. They have revenue and expenses. In the expense line where it says funding the Military Order of the Purple Heart, as a Board Member, I receive these numbers for our information before the May 9th -- last month’s -- May 9th -- two months ago, the May 9th Board Meeting in Atlanta -- they held in Atlanta where they flew everybody in from all over the country and had a nice hotel, paid for all of that.

The Leadership did not go to that meeting. We called in on the phone. The numbers that they sent me in my board book, this is a copy, it has zero funding all the way across the year. From March to February 2020, zero.

Now, as an experienced board member myself, having run three public companies, I can tell you that when a CFO puts together the board book, these numbers are honed and polished. They come out exactly to the right numbers. This one does, it all
adds up, so I knew when I received this, this is
their real number, zero.

One hour before the Board meeting, I get
another one. In that, they have $25,000 across
instead of zeros. We all know the real intent, the
real desire, was to fund us for zero through
February 2020, at least, and probably forever on.
That was their real intent because this is an
obvious zero all the way across. It couldn’t be a
mistake, there’s no way it could be a mistake.

Someone got to the Foundation and said, my
god, you’ve got to put something in there. You
can’t just put zero, that’s un-funding. So they put
in $25,000. It may as well been one dollar with the
effect that it had on our overall existence.

I heard -- I think I can say this and if I
shouldn’t say it, I’m going to say it anyway. I
heard their lawyer, the Foundation’s lawyer, say,
“In the contract it doesn’t say that we have to fund
any particular dollar amount. We can fund any
dollar amount we want as long as we use the word,
fund.” I heard a very important person say, “That
means you’re telling me that if the Foundation
funded you one dollar that would be called funding.
Is that correct?” Dead silence. Shuffle, shuffle,
shuffle, “Well, I guess I have to say that, yes, one
dollar would be funding.”

This number, to me, the original number of
zero is where their true heart was and their intent
in taking care of their MOPH. I restate, all of
this back and forth that we’re having is terrible
and it hurts. I’ll tell you what, it’s all because
of this Foundation. This Foundation has failed.

I could go deeper about some of the calls I
get from their revenue sources. I forced my way in
with meetings. I got a meeting with Ruckman, the
CEO of the Foundation who’s not a Purple Heart
recipient, he’s not even a veteran. We’ll put that
aside. But I demanded to see the car program
contracts and the thrift store contracts, thick
contracts.

I sat in their conference room for three
hours and I read both of those contracts. Let me
tell you, I don’t care what you hear, you can hear
the truth from me, from my eyes, not a third party,
my eyes. I witnessed the fact that two of those
contracts are the worst contracts you could ever
imagine. I’m thinking, who in the hell negotiated
these contracts?

Let me give you an example. The thrift
store contract, there’s no reporting set up to evaluate the money -- the reasoning behind the checks we get from the thrift stores. All we get is a check, period. No validation of what that money was worth. Even worse than that, it’s done by weight. The thrift store clothing and whatever they have is done by weight. A mink coat is worth exactly the same as a pile of rags. There’s no way to evaluate how much that we’re getting, what the true value is.

What’s even worse than that, the numbers, the Foundation receives out of one -- every dollar, the Foundation receives 15%. The thrift stores receive 85%. Who negotiated that contract? It’s ridiculous. Usually when these deals are done, you give them a little more. The thrift stores should be 55%, we get 45%. But 85% and 15% is ridiculous, and that means millions of dollars.

I am so upset with the Foundation. I have a hard time keeping my temper. All of this that we’re going through right now is 100% the fault of our Foundation. We’ve got to hold their feet to the fire. We’ve got a lawsuit coming up and the other side does not want this lawsuit. They tried to settle and I’m willing to settle. What are we
settling? They wanted to mediate. What are we mediating? Are you paying us or not? What do we mediate? You pay us half, you pay us a little, you pay us a dollar? So there’s really nothing to mediate.

So we’re going to court on the 23rd of September and we’re going to win that case. I just have one simple answer to our problem. Is Dennis here, Dennis Wallot?

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Yes, sir.

**NC GREENLAW:** Dennis, when I first met you, you said, “Here comes another National Commander.” That’s true, come in and out in a year. You said something to me that I never forgot and it’s absolutely correct. You said, “There’s nothing wrong with organization that $10 million wouldn’t solve.” That’s correct. We don’t have the $10 million. We don’t have the $6.4 million. We don’t have $1 million. We don’t have $500,000 from our Foundation. Maybe we will this year, they’re planning on giving us $600,000 for the whole year. We have a $7.2 million budget submitted to them and they’re trying to get us to cut our expenses down to $600,000. That’s ridiculous.

I’m sounding like a broken record, but it’s
their fault. We’re surviving here the best we can
and we’re making decisions. Maybe in retrospect,
they’re the wrong decisions but at the time with the
information we had and the money we had on hand, we
decided to go into debt. I approved those deals.

By the way, those overdrafts with the bank,
with PNC Bank, those were approved by the bank. I
was on the phone, they approved those overdrafts.
It wasn’t like we just did it. We couldn’t do it
without the bank’s approval for that kind of money.
It is what it is. We did the best we could do at
the time under the circumstances we were in and the
information we had at hand. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM McCORMICK: In West Virginia and
pretty much all of us have followed this email
traffic. I’m looking at this from the position of,
okay, I know that the Foundation has failed us. I
don’t think there’s anybody in here that disagrees
with that, that there’s an issue with the
Foundation. But if we fail as an Order from this
day forward, it is on us because we do not adjust
fire, shift fire, move in the direction that you
need to move and go and engage and destroy the enemy
by the use of fire maneuver.

Now that is me coming out here saying, as a
business owner, if I ran my business like the Foundation runs things or even like we run things sometimes, folks, we would be bankrupt. We’re there now. No disagreement on the Foundation. How do we move forward?

I’ve sat, I’ve listened, I’ve looked at this. There’s a lot of financial irresponsibility and it’s not any one person’s fault. I don’t think there’s a person in this Order that wants to see the Order fail. I believe with all my heart that everyone wants to see us succeed, no matter what our differences are, no matter where we’re from. We have to figure out a way to pick it up move forward.

How do we do that?

Here’s some things that I listened to, sustainability. We have to come up and run the order like a business, a sustainable business. This whole thing -- when I heard the thing about the thrift store, I just laughed because we run a consignment shop that’s very similar. We run a consignment shop, not a thrift store. I would’ve loved to have had that. That was a sweet deal to get 85%. We pay our consignees 60%, we keep 40% and we still make it.

You know what? We go through all of these
things, like you’re talking about the weight. That 400 pounds might be 400 pounds of Tiffany lamps that are antiques that are worth the $10 million that you need to get to where we’re going. How do we get there?

We are all smart enough and we are all adult enough that we can come together and come up with a plan of action. Sustainability, live within our means if not under our means. I would love to go to Hawaii every year and I’m sure my wife would love that, but we’re only going to be able to do it about once in our lifetime because we have eight kids and three grandchildren.

Thinking about the sustainability and the survivability of the Order after we’re gone, what are we going to leave? What are we going to be remembered for? The other thing is relevancy, folks. We have to come up with some kind of a way that says we are the Military Order of the Purple Heart, we are relevant because.

Our NSO Program, we’ve got to have a National Service Officer Program of some sort. It may not be the same thing that we used to have, but if we don’t have something, then we better have something else that makes us relevant.
When you’re talking about nonprofit status, instead of being a lobbyist, be an advocate. I ran a national advocacy program, 78,000 members. You’ve seen me out here doing the vets for energy thing. 78,000 veterans and not one of them was a registered lobbyist and we got every piece of legislation we ever want to get passed. That’s how you do that because of reality, being real.

Chapters make it happen. Ultimately, we can have the strongest national organization, but if our Chapters don’t have members, if our Chapters aren’t active, if our Chapters aren’t funded, if our focus is not on making the Chapters relevant, we will fail. I’ve never seen a division command section win the war without the platoons and the squads moving forward to do what needed to be done.

(Applause)

DEPT COM McCormick: Last thing, what are we going to be remembered for? Are we going to be remembered for the people that lost the Order that’s been around since 1932? We need to run this Order like a business. We need to have relevancy.

Ladies and gentlemen, Patriots, I love each and every one of you. If I didn’t, I would tell you that. I’m not here to fight with you. The emails
that I sent out are not designed to slap people or
make people feel bad. They are sincere, legitimate
questions because I have two sons that are serving
right now. God forbid, if one of them ends up in
this Order and stand here ten years from now
listening to the same stuff that I’m listening to,
would break my heart. Thank you.

(Appplause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. Hang on one
second. Go ahead.

NA HERNANDEZ: Ladies and gentlemen, I just
want to go over a few things from this morning and
then I think it’s a perfect segue because I had a
great conversation with the gentlemen wearing the
hat back there, the red hat, about going forward.

First, let me start with a few
clarifications and a little bit of what I’ve seen.
Let’s figure out the path of success or the path way
ahead to move forward. First one, it was brought up
earlier the finance -- I’m going to go back a little
bit. The Finance Committee that American Express,
these accounts, these accounts, the access. I don’t
have access to any of those accounts whatsoever as
well. I want to put that on the record.

Secondly, it was brought up about using the
building’s equity and the Finance Committee has a
$2,700 bill for the appraisal. If you know any kind
of contract you enter into, anything over $500,
anything over one year in duration must be in
writing. I would ask the Finance Committee to
please show us who signed off on that appraisal
because if that is the case they’re charging us,
that’s on them. We shouldn’t be paying that bill.
They’re a bank, they’re a financial institution.

A couple of things here, I’ll go as quick
as possible. The funds, why did some of the
restricted funds get comingled? Well, when I came
onboard, it was 19 different accounts to protect the
dollars. It was switched to three accounts. So you
need to go back to a different methodology so you
know everything is separated so it’s protected so
money doesn’t get expended when it shouldn’t get
expended.

We were in a situation of, hey, money has
to be paid out, especially for the payrolls. ROTC,
the reduction that Arthur took and I took, that paid
for all the medals for two years. It paid for John
Lloyd to come back and correct the system that
failed us. Remember you couldn’t log on to your
member logon? It’s called spaghetti coding. Anyone
in the room that knows -- a few of you that are saying coding, either Fortran or Pascal, he had to redo it from backwards. He was the only guy who had the knowledge. So that paid for those portions.

Let’s go to Foundation. I’m going to stop slamming the Foundation. True, we’re all tired, I’m tired of saying it. The Foundation right now has an agreement with us. They would fund themselves first, then the Order, then the debts they owe. For us to live in a beltway circle, we do this a lot, we do this for a living. We go out there, a lot of meetings, a lot of stuff that we hear. They are paying their creditors.

Charles Eggleston, one of the greatest Patriots, him and I had a little falling out, but it is what it is, kind of like what McCormick mentioned. But he knows the circuits we run around. The Foundation does have money and they’re paying bills.

Now, the one thing that I’ve noticed is before -- and if you don’t mind, Chaplain, if we can maybe get gentleman in the red hat here in a second because I think it’s going to be a perfect segue. But the thing that I’ve noticed is very few people really read what’s in front of you. I’m going to
give you an example.

The agreement for the attorneys that represent the Order, stay away from names, who really, truly read every page of it? You don’t have to raise your hand. I can say I did. Here’s why that I know for a fact that many of you didn’t read it. If you read on there, it is pro bono to $1,000 a month. $1,000 a month. Actually, I agree with it, don’t get me wrong. This thing needs to go forward especially with that in light.

You need to win, get the trademark back, get the medal back within the Order. There’s stuff out here the Commander not discussing, the Department of Army is involved as well, and OFD is involved. There’s more coming out to this.

With that, I think -- Patriot Flyr, you came up before we started this meeting. I think you said it best, “How do we get out of this mess? What do we do going forward?”

I don’t know if you mind, Chaplain, if you could just jump in front real quick so we can look at that next, what do we do to move forward? How do we -- you know we’re supposed to have civility, excuse me with this one, how do we un-fuck this and go forward? All right, sir.
NC GREENLAW: Swore with the Chaplain standing right in front of him.

CHAPLAIN MILLER: Commander, I just have a question to ask, not as the Chaplain but as the Chief of Staff of Chapter 402, the largest Chapter in South Carolina at Fort Jackson. Why was it that the rumors have come out that the ladies were totally funded but yet we were not funded by the Order? Why is that? That’s my question.

NC GREENLAW: You have to ask the Foundation. You have to ask the Foundation that. First of all, their funding level is a lot lower and they can probably afford to do it. Keep in mind, when I said they spent $24.2 million to make $25 million, there’s $800,000 there they have to float, not to mention what they can take out of the revenue stream to rob Peter to pay Paul, which they’ve been doing all the way back for years. It is what it is. They have $800,000 to play with and what’s that, you know? A couple hundred thousand, $150,000 a month, whatever it is. It’s not much but it’s a little and they’re doling it out. They may be doing more revenue now than I know about. I’m on the Board and I don’t hear anything. I don’t hear anything from anybody ever.
It’s a sad situation, but this lawsuit is coming and we’re going to win it, we’re going to get all of our rights back into the Order. The Foundation’s going to go off on their own and try to raise money. Our long term solution is to raise our own funds from friendly corporations, high net worth individuals, and government grants and other grants that we can find along the way.

I can tell you one thing, USAA Insurance sent me an email with three grants that we can apply for with them. They said usually it’s a couple hundred thousand per grant. That’s $600,000 right there. They’ve gone quiet on me because of this lawsuit, but it’s there and we have others. We have some big fundraisers in New York City that invite very few veteran organizations in along with their others. We’re on the top of the list.

There’s a lot of money out there. We can raise our own money. I’ve seen it, and I know you haven’t seen the dollars you wanted to see. Neither have I, but this lawsuit has stopped us in our tracks. We’re not going to get much. We can trickle it in here and there like we got $60,000 coming from the Dolphin Fund for the Fleet Week promotion we did. That’s not much, but it’s a help.
We can trickle it in, but the big money is out there waiting. If you don’t believe me, just wait until after the lawsuit, you’ll see. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM GATLIN: I’m not as eloquent as some of my colleagues and most of you that know me know I’m pretty blunt and direct. First and foremost, I’ve been looking at this picture behind you the entire time and thinking how I would take that objective, using like a combined arms, joint service approach.

If you have documents, and you keep talking about them -- and none of this requires a response, by the way. Please make them available so we can see them or put them up on the big screen.

Secondly, the Foundation doesn’t affect us out in Montana. I’m tired of talking about them. I get they screwed up, I get they failed, I get it. I’m sure this gentleman’s going to say behind me and I’m sure the Adjutant did. Kind of move forward. We’re just sounding like a broken record.

I disagree to some extent with the Chapters. I think that’s based on population the amount of people, amount of funding. We run at CO, XO, 1, 2, 3, 4 like we were all taught. It’s easier for me to be able to maintain funds, cost efficiency
by having a centralized command and control, which point I need to delegate authority, take somebody out, I do. It's much more efficient.

When you start thinking about warrant forms and all this, that, and the other, it's archaic. We need to move forward and standardize, or at least upgrade, our technology and our approach. Other groups are doing it. Why we're not, I have no clue.

Goals, I think the gentleman -- a couple gentlemen hit on that earlier. What are they? Short term, long term, I have no clue. I'm still looking at the picture.

Incorporation, I keep hearing everybody talk about it. Everybody's going to form these 501(c)(3)'s and all this, that, and the other. We in Montana aren't going to do it. I don't have the people, we don't have the time, we don't have the inclination. Quite frankly, it's embarrassing. One of the goals I hear mentioned about all the time is membership, membership, membership. You guys are crazy if you think I'm going to go out and try to recruit people with all this stuff going on.

Some of us actually have professional reputations. I'm not knocking anyone in this room, but to go out, we are the laughing stock. There's
no doubt about it. Personally, I will continue to defend the Order because I believe in it to some extent, but I’ll tell you, we’re starting to wane a little bit.

I told the folks in Montana I would say this and I’m going to say it. We need to get it together and have a positive attitude because I, for one -- and maybe I’m the only one willing to say this. I’m having a hard time going out and bringing people in. What do you get? $50 and a magazine? We don’t even have the magazine anymore.

One last thing, while we talk about these grandiose plans and these ideas for moving forward, this philosophical pie in the sky, on the end of it we’re on the line bearing the brunt in these rural states, even these urban states when it comes to recruiting, when it comes to fundraising, when it comes to engagement. If we don’t have a centralized plan -- and we’re going to centralize even more with all these weird 501(c)(3)’s, potentially 50 different ones, there will be no centralized command. We’ll be going 50 different directions in 50 different ways in 50 different speeds.

Folks, the only thing we’re going to have in common is we’re going to go down the bowl right
down the drain. Thank you for your time.

PATRIOT FLYR: National Commander, we have a lot of things to decide and we don’t have a lot of time to do it. I just listed a couple of items. I think we’re going to have to come to a decision within the next hour or so. One, how are we going to operate until September? Two, what are our plans for our Headquarters employees? Are we going to try to bring them all back, some of them, none of them?

The other, the status of the lawsuit, I’ve had a lot of people ask me if the Order wins the lawsuit, what exactly do we get? They don’t have any money.

The other one, are we going to have a National Service Organization? This is something that needs to be discussed and some type of consensus come on.

Finally, we need a realistic budget, not based on “the check is in the mail,” but the revenue sources that we have right now. I’d suggest have a budget, operational budget, until September and then have incremental. What happens if we do raise a million dollars? What’s going to be our priorities? Are we going to try to bring Headquarters staff back? Are we going to start paying salaries? What
are we going to do with it? If we raise another
million, what will we do with that?

Now, if we raised the whole $7.2 million,
fine, we can accomplish all the goals we’d like to.
I could probably come up with a budget on all the
things I’d like the Order to accomplish. That’d be
$20 million. Until we got something more solid that
we can depend on, we can’t depend on people telling
us, “Oh, yeah, I’ll give you the money Monday.”
“No, I’m a little short this week, maybe next week.”
We need to get budgets based on our proven
revenue sources right now. Thank you.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. I just would like
to respond quickly and then we’re going to take a
15-minute break. Steve Ruckman, the CEO of the
Foundation, said to a highly regarded PNC in the
Military Order of the Purple Heart last year, he
said, “All we have to do is stop funding the Order
and they will crash and burn.” That’s what he said.
I believe this person that told me that.
The Foundation is not on our side. To be
perfectly honest, I don’t the Foundation cares at
all, and I’m cleaning up my language here. I don’t
think the Foundation cares at all about us. They
want us to go away, they want to go off running with all those intellectual and Purple Heart rights. That’s not going to happen. They want us to drop this lawsuit. They’re trying everything they can do to get me to drop this lawsuit. We’re not dropping this lawsuit.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: One of your questions --

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: (inaudible)

NC GREENLAW: Yeah, it can be dropped. All you have to do is vote it --

DEPT COM CASSON: If it’s brought on this floor and it’s voted on and it’s passed to drop the lawsuit, then we’ve saved $95,000 and we move forward. It’s not your call! It is our call! You’re dealing with our lives and our members’ lives.

NC GREENLAW: I’ll be very pleased to put that vote up. I don’t disagree with you. Why are you so angry? I don’t disagree with you.

DEPT COM CASSON: (inaudible)

NC GREENLAW: I’m trying to stay calm. I’m trying to be civil.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Commander?

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?
REG VI COM ANDERSON: Call for a recess please, sir.

NC GREENLAW: We’ll call for a 15-minute recess.

(Gavel rap)

(15-minute break.)

(Gavel raps)

NC GREENLAW: Please stand and face the flag. Hand salute. Two. Thank you. Be seated.

I’m going to multitask here. We’re trying to get something up on the board. We have one question. This will be the last question, then we have some business to take care of. Yes, sir?

PDC WILLIAMS: Two questions -- really, it’s three. Number one, I want to know, do we have buildings in D.C. -- I mean in Virginia that belongs to the Foundation -- I mean that belongs to us, the MOPH, that we need to take care of?

NC GREENLAW: Did you say, do we have a building?

PDC WILLIAMS: A building.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, we do.

PDC WILLIAMS: Are they costing us money now?

NC GREENLAW: We do have a building.
PDC WILLIAMS: Is it costing us money?

NC GREENLAW: I’m sorry?

PDC WILLIAMS: Is it costing us money now?

NC GREENLAW: For maintenance, yes.

There’s no mortgage.

PDC WILLIAMS: Okay. Has anyone ever thought about us moving our Headquarters out of the high rent district?

NC GREENLAW: Yes. Yes, we have, and that’s the reason I asked for that evaluation of the building to find out exactly what it’s worth so we could consider that in our negotiations with the Foundation.

My recommendation was that we take over the Foundation and bring it in. Get rid of the Board. Get rid of the Board, take the Foundation in and run it properly. Of course, that went over like a pregnant pole vaulter. That didn’t happen.

On the other hand, I did know -- I had to know what the value of our building is and they had to know what the value of their building is because the idea was to sell both buildings, we could come up with probably $2 or $3 million, put it in an account and go together forward and use their 501(c)(3). They decided not to do that. They
decided to go off on their own and that’s when we got sued. They decided to sue us and take everything and go forward.

PDC WILLIAMS: Okay.

NC GREENLAW: That’s something I want to discuss here in a minute is the lawsuit. But we do have a building and we know what it’s worth. It’s sitting there as an asset.

PDC WILLIAMS: Okay. We talk about the Foundation as if it’s some foreign thing. Aren’t members of that Foundation Purple Heart members, or Past National President (sic)?

NC GREENLAW: Yes. We have --

PDC WILLIAMS: So why do we have so much trouble if they are our brothers and sisters? Am I right or wrong?

NC GREENLAW: You’re right, and that’s a good question.

PDC WILLIAMS: I just want an answer, okay --

NC GREENLAW: Let me just say this, the Chairwoman, Madam Chairwoman of the Board is a woman by the name of Mary Lou Keener. She’s the wife of PNC Hershel Gober. She’s Chairman of the Foundation, Chairwoman of the Foundation. She’s a
Vietnam vet. She’s not a Purple Heart recipient.

She was a nurse in Vietnam, she’s not a Purple Heart recipient.

The president (sic) and CEO, which is the lead fundraising person, supposedly -- within any organization, the CEO is your top salesman, basically. If you’re a public company, you’re making presentations to Wall Street. If you’re a private company, you’re talking to your clients.

The CEO of the Foundation not only is not a Purple Heart recipient, he’s not even a veteran. That’s the big problem.

They’re out managing these two revenue streams that they have, the car program and the thrift stores and they’re slowly declining, and they’re not replacing that revenue appropriately.

I’m on the Board because of being a National Commander. I’ll be off the Board Thursday and the next Commander will be on the Board. I’m their worst enemy, I’m an eyewitness.

You’ve got an experienced eyewitness watching this debacle that’s going on with the Foundation. Believe me, it’s terrible. Their lack of communication, their secrecy, the bad management, malfeasance, another word called misfeasance, count
that too.

I’m not accusing them of being bad people, human beings. We do have PNCs on the Board that are combat wounded vets as well. How many do we have? Three or four? Four? So, yeah, we do have spokespeople on that Board but they’ve been voting along with all of this. I’m the only one, and our team are the only ones that are voting against anything that comes up.

A good example is that meeting they just had in Atlanta on May 9th. They flew everybody in from all over the country to stay in that beautiful hotel and have their Board Meeting. I suggested they do it by teleconference or telephone conference and save the money. What’d they do? They had the meeting. So they’ve got money, they’re funding themselves.

The CEO, I heard just today that the CEO got a raise. I don’t know.

PDC WILLIAMS: You’re joking?

NC GREENLAW: I don’t know exactly, I think it’s $250,000, $225,000. Something like that, it’s over $200,000, I know that. He just got a raise. They’re funding their entire staff. We have zero staff. We need to talk about that a little bit
later. We’ve got zero staff.

We’re cutting it down to the bare minimum so we can percolate along until the lawsuit, win that lawsuit, and take over. We need to talk about that lawsuit too and that’s coming up next.

PDC WILLIAMS: Okay.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

PDC WILLIAMS: That’s it.

NC GREENLAW: Okay, thank you. Speaking of the lawsuit -- yes, sir?

DEPT COM YELINEK: Going back to my previous question, earlier question on the authorization for PNC Gober and Mary Lou to sign that document, it was said it was never brought before the NEC. It was voted upon by the Convention. Are there minutes that reflect that?

I’ll direct this to the Adjutant. Are there verbal recorded minutes or are there printed minutes that reflect that this was legal action?

NC GREENLAW: Yes. I have a hard time hearing -- even when you’re loud, I have a hard time understanding exactly what you said.

DEPT COM YELINEK: I just want to know, are there minutes from the Convention authorizing PNC Gober, or at that time Commander Gober, to sign the
NC GREENLAW: That's a very good question.

I asked that question and they said -- I've had two answers. One answer was yes, it was voted on by the General Convention, to the supreme body. I think we're talking about two different documents.

DEPT COM YELINEK: There should be minutes, there should be minutes. It was never voted upon by the NEC. But if the general body voted, there should be minutes.

NA HERNANDEZ: Commander Greenlaw --

NC GREENLAW: Yeah. I don’t believe these documents were voted on, personally. We’re searching the minutes to find out.

NA HERNANDEZ: Let me explain the best I can. I ask Patriot Doug Middleton, Patriot Dennis Wallot, Chairman Wallot, to help me out on this one.

For those of us who were in Norfolk, the Convention, right before golfing that Thursday -- do you remember Bob Puskar saying we finally reached an agreement? Bob Puskar and Bill Wroolie signed those documents. In front of everybody, they signed it, made copies, we went on. That is digitized in the minutes from Dave Molinaro. So, that, we have.

This had changed over. I don’t know what
happened. I’ll look at Patriot Middleton the most here. What happened? Why were these -- this contract redone? The one thing I just wanted to add to this, if you remember the original LLC Holding, the original one that was sent to the Convention floor in Norfolk, there was three members from the Foundation, three members from the Order. If you look at the LLC Holding, it’s strictly three members from the Foundation.

Something happened in between -- the Commander from Nevada’s asking and what you have in front you, exhibits the attorneys have. Thank you.

PSVC MIDDLETON: As I understand it, from what I have been told, the initial deal, agreement, that was trying to be hammered out between the Order and the Foundation initially talked about -- or it was the Order’s position that when the LLC was formed there would, in fact, be six members, three from the Order, three from the Foundation.

In talking with Matt Tully, who was on the negotiating team at the time, for whatever reason -- and I certainly was not part of that conversation. I wasn’t involved in it at all. What he has told me is that that part of the deal could not be reached and he basically had to acquiesce to just three
members. Somewhere in the negotiations and the
dealing between the two parties, the six-member
thing got reduced to three and apparently that was
suitable to Commander Puskar and the negotiating
team for the Order.

That’s basically what signed initially by
Commander Puskar and Commander (sic) Wroolie. As I
mentioned, there was a serious, fatal error in one
of the paragraphs inadvertently. Since Commander
Puskar was no longer the National Commander and
Commander Gober was then the Commander, he is the
one that ended up signing the agreement that we now
see today.

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir, that’s exactly my point
because you said there was a fatal error, your
words, right, sir?

PSVC MIDDLETON: Yes.

NA HERNANDEZ: All right. Why didn’t it go
to NEC when they discovered that error for them to
review and vote on to say, oh, yeah, we’re okay with
it, or --

PSVC MIDDLETON: It did not happen at the
Convention. It happened after we returned home.

NA HERNANDEZ: I understand, but that’s the
role of the NEC to vote in between conventions.
PSVC MIDDLETON: Well, I can’t answer that question.

NA HERNANDEZ: There’s your answer for people in here. That’s where there’s a lot of confusion in these documents. A lot of confusion.

NC GREENLAW: The document I’m concerned about is the trademark and service mark license agreement to the Order.

PSVC MIDDLETON: I know nothing about that.

NC GREENLAW: I don’t believe it’s ever been voted on. I don’t believe it’s ever been before the NEC. That’s my opinion.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Believe me, Commander, we never voted on anything like that as a body or NEC. That document that I seen that was laying on the table, that was an illegal formatted document for purposes of whatever. We never voted on that because I would’ve said hell no, and I probably would’ve said let’s un-F this thing. That’s all I have to say.

NC GREENLAW: Yes, sir?

DEPT SVC PRATTS: Senior Vice Commander, State of New York reporting. Sorry I’m late.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you.

NA HERNANDEZ: For the Credentials
Committee, Ruban Pratts, Department of New York, he’s here.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: The question I has is, that rather than say yes we did or no we didn’t, wouldn’t the minutes of the NEC meeting reflect that? Who was responsible to make those minutes up and make them available to the body? I believe the Bylaws say the Adjutant.

NC GREENLAW: I’m going to let the National Adjutant answer that question.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: I believe he is accountable, sir. That’s what I just read in the Bylaws. Am I correct?

NA HERNANDEZ: It depends. Accountable, it says also in there that you will compensate me a fair and reasonable wage, which you haven’t been doing. Hold on, let me finish.

The best I could do, I cannot make the material to print them. I don’t have Constant Contact with you, a mass member blast. We did do it before it went down. There’s a Patriot here that asked, can you send it out? We sent it out with Constant Contact to everybody then we resent it again to the Region Commanders and said, can you please disseminate?
DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: This was 2016. We’re not talking last year.

NA HERNANDEZ: You are correct, sir.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: So there are no minutes from the 2016 National Convention --

NA HERNANDEZ: You’re exactly right, I retract that. But am I supposed to bring every minutes with me from previous years? Normally, you bring the last year’s minutes, right?

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: I guess my point is that, I’m sure, Commander, that that’s confusing you, those documents. That’s why we have these other processes in place so we can do an audit trail and see what really happened. What you’re telling me is, we didn’t do that. Am I correct in what you’re telling me?

NC GREENLAW: I’m telling you that we will look into those minutes and find out. I’ll read them personally myself.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: All right, thank you, sir.

NC GREENLAW: I will do that. I’m telling you that this is a recent discovery.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: We should have a record of whether we did or did not vote on it.
NC GREENLAW: Exactly right.

DEPT COM CUNNINGHAM: I’m being told we do not have that record. Am I correct?

NC GREENLAW: I’ll find out.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The document, the LLC agreement that was signed by Hershel Gober and Mary Lou Keener was not presented to the NEC because that document was signed, I believe, in February of 2017. The NEC did not receive this document prior to signature. There would not be any minutes on this because we were out of Convention, had been out of Convention for several months.

NC GREENLAW: I will still take a look at those minutes to see if it was brought up in the meeting. I don’t think it was, but I’d like to be able to say that I at least reviewed the minutes or the next National Commander reviewed the minutes. I don’t feel these are legitimate documents.

First of all, I’m experienced at this. It looks like somebody sat at home on their typewriter and typed this up. It might be on a computer, but it looks very amateurish. The signatures are even more amateurish the way it’s laid out. I don’t believe these two documents have ever been voted on by the NEC. That’s my opinion. I’d like to leave
them out here and let you take a look at them if you’d like to, especially the signature pages.

One signature page has a changed date on it, and I’m not sure why. Yes, sir?

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Commander Greenlaw,

I’ve got two questions. Number one, the lawsuit between the MOPH and the Foundation, it’s strictly a trademark lawsuit, is it not?

NC GREENLAW: Yes.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Hopefully, we win that lawsuit. Even if we do, the Foundation’s not going to fund us. We already know that, everybody’s aware of that. My question is going to be for whichever of these two guys are going to be our next Commander, what are their plans for our future for Purple Heart organization? If we don’t have the funding and the only place that we can get funding right now is from the Life Membership Fund.

Second thing, the first money that you asked for from the Life Membership Fund was about $2.4 million, correct? That included the $95,000 for the witnesses to travel to the court.

NC GREENLAW: And court costs.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Is that correct?

NC GREENLAW: Yes.
UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: No, sir, it’s not!

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Let me get to it. The second one that you sent in, the revised copy that I saw back there just a little while ago, that $95,000 was not included in the one the NEC voted on. Am I correct? So my question -- my third question is --

NC GREENLAW: I believe it was.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: No, sir, it was not.

NC GREENLAW: I believe it was.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: We can check, but I don’t think it was.

NC GREENLAW: You can check on it, I believe it was.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: So, if we, the NEC, have to vote on that $95,000, you made a statement to me that you would not ask for any more than what you already had. Is that a true statement?

NC GREENLAW: I’m not sure what your question is.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: Yes, sir. You --

NC GREENLAW: I don’t have anything. It’s MOPH.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: So that is my question.

NC GREENLAW: Be specific.
DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: I was. Where are you going to get the $95,000 that’s not in your second revised statement on that $1.5 million? It’s not there unless I’m totally wrong. I don’t believe I am because I saw it.

NC GREENLAW: I think I have a copy of it.

DEPT COM DAUGHERTY: This question is for the Senior Vice, Junior Vice, not Ernesto. Thank you, sir.

(Applause)

NC GREENLAW: I think I have a copy of that. I know I do in my computer. I know I have one in my computer and I think it was the same, $1.543 million. It’s in there. Yes, sir?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: I’m a packrat and I happened to go searching through my computer and I happened to find the document agreement that was reached at the 2016 Convention that was instrumental in changing the Bylaws. I have a copy of that setting up that LLC. I have it on a disc if anybody who’d be interested putting it up on the screen so everybody could read it.

NC GREENLAW: Do you have both copies?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: No, I do not have the February issue. What I have is the agreement that
was reached at the Convention because after the
Convention, as Patriot Doug Middleton said the
document was screwed up. It had to be corrected and
I have a copy of the corrected agreement that was
sent out to the NEC and it was dated -- saved or
modified on August 22nd, 2016. I have a copy of it
here and we can bring it up on the screen if you
want.

**NC GREENLAW:** Was that the trademark and
service mark license agreement?

**NPC CHAIR McINTOSH:** No, sir.

**NC GREENLAW:** Well, that’s what I’m talking
about.

**NPC CHAIR McINTOSH:** No, let’s put it like
this, what I have is the -- there was an extensive
discussion, there was an agreement reached. What I
have is a copy of what the agreement was that was
ratified by the Convention. It is not setting that
up. In there, it has a paragraph and subparagraph
talking about the LLC.

**SVC GARCIA:** Patriot McIntosh, the one you
guys -- it was the one that was signed by Commander
Puskar and --

**NPC CHAIR McINTOSH:** No, it was not signed
at the Convention. The one that was signed at the
Convention --

SVC GARCIA: The thing was signed by Commander Puskar and Past National Commander Wroolie at the front table in Norfolk in front of all of us. Once it was signed, we all clapped because we were all excited about the signatures that were done.

Past National Commander Gober, if I’m not mistaken, Patriot Middleton -- at the time, it was Jason Johns, Past National Commander Van Ess, and Past National Commander Gober that were the Commanders at the time when all that stuff happened. Past National Senior Vice Commander Middleton came in as the Junior Vice when all that stuff happened. But that document was signed at the Convention.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: It was signed at Convention, but there was problems in it because it was mistyped.

SVC GARCIA: Correct.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: It was later after the Convention it was discovered that the wording was incorrect on one of the documents.

SVC GARCIA: Correct, sir.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: That document was corrected as to what was agreed upon, and then it was sent out to the NEC.
SVC GARCIA: I’m not saying I don’t believe you, sir, but I don’t remember voting on that.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Let’s put it like this, I have the --

(Speaking over each other)

SVC GARCIA: -- Patriot McIntosh, you did say you were a packrat?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Yeah.

SVC GARCIA: So maybe you have that vote because I don’t remember it and I know --

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: I don’t have the vote, but I have the document.

SVC GARCIA: Thank you, sir. But --

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Let’s put it like this --

NC GREENLAW: Patriot --

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: -- I had suggested we put it up on the screen so everybody could see what it was.

SVC GARCIA: That’s not the document that’s in question, sir. The question is, was that voted on after the vote was done at the Convention? That was the question. Unless we have that, and I will check my stuff because I will find that vote. If it was passed out, it will be on our emails.
Patriot Daugherty, you asked the question, sir, about how do we move forward right now. To be honest with you, sir, myself and National Junior Vice, Rick Cherone, we talked and we both believe that right now is not the correct venue, sir. There will be a caucus done. At that time, we will let you guys know because, again, we are running against each other and we can’t use that here to do that. At the caucuses, we will pass that information, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: Commander Greenlaw, can I please make a statement? Dave Molinaro, can you hear me? We can end this pretty quickly. Do you happen to have access of the 2016 minutes on that Thursday when the document was signed? Can you get that this evening possibly? Right here is our recorder, so we can end all this BS amongst ourselves. Do you have access to it that you can get it for us?

MR. MOLINARO: I don’t have access to it right now, but I will see what I can do.

NA HERNANDEZ: Thank you, sir.

NC GREENLAW: I’d just like to say the documents that I have here are not the one that you voted on or that you’re speaking of. The documents I’m talking about are the trademark and service mark
license agreement to the Order. I have one original and one that they rewrote for the Exhibit D in our lawsuit. The one that’s rewritten, signed by Chairman Wroolie and Mary Lou Keener, has been improved on the one that Gober and Mary Lou Keener signed that was earlier.

I’m just saying this one has been changed.

This one is the original and I don’t know what it’s in the lawyer’s hands now. I know it’s going to be a major document in the lawsuit. Yes, sir?

PATRIOT FLYR: Is this something that’s going to be decided by the court in December, the voracity of these documents? Then why are we discussing them? The court is going to look at both sides --

NC GREENLAW: Just trying to keep you informed. Just trying to keep everybody informed. I checked with the lawyers, they said have at it.

PATRIOT FLYR: Okay, the court’s going to make the decision. I think we all know one says this date and the other date. Let’s move on to some essential business.

NC GREENLAW: Point well taken.

NC GREENLAW: Point well taken. I’ll go

(APPLAUSE)
along with that. So, we have some business to do.

Are there any questions specific to the lawsuit?

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: Any other questions specific to the lawsuit?

(No response)

JVC CHERONE: I found the agreement that was -- the document that was resigned because of the missing wordage -- or verbiage for the three officers not being in the document. That document was signed in September by Hershel and Wroolie. I don’t know if we ever voted on this one. This is 2016 in November. September -- Wroolie signed the September 1st and Hershel signed it on September 2nd in 2016, the revision.

Because there was a mistake made, the vote was okay -- I don’t know, I don’t remember voting on this one.

NC GREENLAW: The document I have is dated 3 February of ’17. This is 9/1/16. The document I have is dated 3 February.

NFO MOORE: Commander, I handed you a breakdown of what was voted on by the NEC. Would you please address the issue of the $95,000 for witnesses?
NC GREENLAW: Okay, I put money for the lawsuit in that $500,000 segment that includes payment of outstanding bills to Headquarters. It’s not listed on this, you’re right. So what’s your point?

NFO MOORE: The question was left unanswered.

NC GREENLAW: No point. Okay. Are you saying that we should have no money for the lawsuit?

NFO MOORE: The question was asked of you if there was $95,000 included in the funds that were voted on by the NEC. I gave you the breakout simply so that you can clarify the question that was asked instead of leaving it in limbo.

NC GREENLAW: Okay, this is dated June 15th. I’ll have to check my latest one and see if it’s different. First of all, there’s a lot of confusion about our deal with Tully. If you read the contract, he’s responsible for -- he’s pro bono for lawyer time. That’s a lot of money. But he’s not responsible for hard costs, like flying people in to be witnesses in the trial, flying people in for depositions. It adds up very quickly. We need to send that money to Tully so he can spend it on the travel. It comes through the law firm all
NA HERNANDEZ: Commander Greenlaw?

NC GREENLAW: Yes. Any other questions?

NA HERNANDEZ: Let me try to aid with this question a little bit, if you don’t mind. This is live, so it’s not perfect. I know that wedge we put in the $95,000 was for everything. Originally, we could have expanded witnesses and we reduced it to X-amount of numbers.

If I understand correctly, the number has been reduced to roughly $30,000 from Tully. Is that what he’s asking for now? Roughly.

NC GREENLAW: He said $30,000 to $40,000.

NA HERNANDEZ: Okay, so my point, even if - - let’s just say the number’s not there correctly, the NEC’s voted, the money from Fleet Week will cover the legal expenses. So it’s a non-factor for the Order paying for additional funds.

NC GREENLAW: Thank you. By the way, that Fleet Week fundraiser was done by a third party called the Dolphin Fund. It’s a division of a venture capital firm in New York City, so we can’t be accused of raising that money as they’re charging against us in the lawsuit. It’s done by a third party. They raised about $100,000. We get $60,000,
they get $40,000. That money is on the way. To the Adjutant’s point, we’ll use that money for the lawsuit if we have to.

Any questions about the NSO Program?

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: We pretty much covered that.

I’d like to open it up again if you’d like to discuss anything about the NSO Program.

(No response)

NC GREENLAW: Mr. Adjutant, is there anything else we need to cover?

NA HERNANDEZ: Sir, you have the Chair of the Bylaws Committee. He needs to go into some Bylaws issues now.

NC GREENLAW: Okay.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

NC GREENLAW: I’ll call Jim Anderson up.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You received through email Resolutions 1 through 5. There has been two additional resolutions that I need to bring to the floor. I will go over these resolutions. You should have them up on the screen shortly. These resolutions, both came from Rick Cherone, the National Junior Vice Commander. He’s also a member of the Bylaws Committee.
To stay within our current Bylaws, we are submitting these to the NEC and we’ll accept a motion after we’ve submitted to the NEC for the Bylaws to review and report back to the body their recommendation.

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: I’m going to go ahead and read these to you:

RESOLUTION NO: 6 - 2019

RE: NATIONAL INSPECTOR

WHEREAS: That ARTICLE XI SECTION 9(G) states that

the National Inspector will:

Do an inspection at the request of the National Commander of any National Officer’s office including the National Adjutant, Service Director, and Legislative Officer, and

WHEREAS: That the bylaws do not provide for an inspection of national headquarters to ensure that procedures are followed according to the bylaws, and

WHEREAS: That an annual inspection of national headquarters finances should be a customary practice for the protection of the Order,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Article XI, Section 9(G) be changed to
read:

G. To protect the finances of the Order:

1) The National Inspector will do an annual inspection of National Headquarters to assure that all procedures are being following according to the bylaws and report the results of the inspection to the National Commander.

2) The National Inspector will do an inspection at the request of the National Commander of any National Officer's office including the National Adjutant, Service Director, and Legislative Officer

Submitted by: National Junior Vice Commander

I’ll entertain a motion from the floor if you want to have this passed along to the Bylaws Committee for review.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: I will make a motion to pass it along.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: A motion has been made by Dennis Wallot to pass the Bylaw along.

PATRIOT PICKART: Second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Seconded by Paul Pickart, National Finance Committee. Any discussion?

(No response)
REG VI COM ANDERSON: All in favor?
PATRIOTS: Aye.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Opposed?
PATRIOTS: Nay.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Two nays.

(Motion carried.)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The second resolution:

RESOLUTION NO: 7 - 2019

RE: NATIONAL Adjutant

WHEREAS: That ARTICLE XI SECTION 5 A1)2) states that the National Adjutant will:

1) The National Adjutant’s normal duty
   station is in the National Headquarters.

   2) Occasionally, it may be necessary for the National Adjutant to attend meetings and
   functions outside the Headquarters’ building, and

WHEREAS: With the --

PSVC MIDDLETON: Patriot Chairman, Point of Order. The Bylaws basically require that they be placed on the screen for all of us to see.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: We are trying to get them up on the screen. That’s why I’m reading them.

PSVC MIDDLETON: Can we delay it until we can get them up on the screen?
NPC CHAIR McIntosh: Patriot Anderson, what the Bylaws say, “The proposed amendments shall be presented to the delegates. The presentation may be accompanied by a projection of the proposed amendments on a screen visible to all.” The keyword was “may.” It doesn’t say shall or will.

PSVC Middleton: Normally we have a book that is given to us, a printed book, that we can follow along in. We do not have --

REG VI COM Anderson: If you have something you’d like to say, could you please approach the mic?

PSVC Middleton: Patriot Chairman, normally at this Convention we receive a delegate package of printed material that always includes the proposed Bylaws. This year, for whatever reason, we do not have that. Therefore, we don’t have a document to follow along and it becomes almost required that we be able to view it on a screen, visible to all. Therefore, I ask that we delay this until --

NC Greenlaw: I’ll handle that.

PSVC Middleton: -- we’re able to do it.

NC Greenlaw: Patriot Middleton, if your Foundation funded us, we’d be able to have that book. We’d be status quo.
UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Stop!

NC GREENLAW: So you can call your
Foundation this afternoon and fill them in on that.

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: That’s enough!

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: We’re done with
that!

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Nick?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Yes, sir?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: You use a Mac. Can
you come up and center that on the screen please,
sir?

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Yeah.

(Applause)

DEPT COM SHAW: Point of Order. How many
Patriots does it take to put in a lightbulb?

(Long pause)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you, Patriot
McIntosh.

(Applause)

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: Patriot Anderson, I’ve
had a request back here to dim the lights so we can
read it from back here.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Okay, we have the
Resolution 6-2019 presented on the screen. Would
you like me to read it to you again?

Patriots: Yes.

Reg VI COM Anderson:

Re: National Inspector

Whereas: That Article XI Section 9(G) states that the National Inspector will:

Do an inspection at the request of the National Commander of any National Officer’s office including the National Adjutant, Service Director, and Legislative Officer, and

Whereas: That the bylaws do not provide for an inspection of national headquarters to ensure that procedures are followed according to the bylaws, and

Whereas: That an annual inspection of national headquarters finances should be a customary practice for the protection of the Order, therefore, be it

Resolved: Article XI, Section 9(G) be changed to read:

G. To protect the finances of the Order:

1) The National Inspector will do an annual inspection of National Headquarters to assure that all procedures are being following according to the bylaws and report the results of the
inspection to the National Commander.

2) The National Inspector will do an inspection at the request of the National Commander of any National Officer's office including the National Adjutant, Service Director, and Legislative Officer

Submitted by: National Junior Vice Commander

There was a motion to accept as presented. The motion was seconded. As for discussion --

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: The motion already passed.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: There was no discussion and there was a vote and the motion was passed.

Continuing on:

RESOLUTION NO: 7 - 2019

RE: NATIONAL Adjutant

WHEREAS: That ARTICLE XI SECTION 5 A1)2) states that the National Adjutant will:

1) The National Adjutant’s normal duty station is in the National Headquarters.

2) Occasionally, it may be necessary for the National Adjutant to attend meetings and functions outside the Headquarters’ building, and
WHEREAS: With the advent of electronic communication the National Adjutant could access any of the headquarters files from any location, and

WHEREAS: The current budget crunch makes it difficult to hire a Purple Heart recipient for the Washington DC area.

WHEREAS: The Order needs to be flexible in where the Adjutant resides, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Article XI, 5 A 1) & 2) be removed

Submitted by: National Junior Vice Commander

PNC SIMS: Move to approve.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Second.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: The motion has been moved to approve by Jim Sims and seconded by Dennis Wallot. Any discussion?

(No response)

REG VI COM ANDERSON: All in favor?

PATRIOTS: Aye.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Any nays?

NC GREENLAW: Nay.

NA HERNANDEZ: No.

REG VI COM ANDERSON: All right, motion passes.

(Motion carried.)
REG VI COM ANDERSON: Thank you, gentlemen.

**ADJOURNMENT**

NC GREENLAW: All right, we’re going to take a recess. Following the recess will be the Publications -- wait. Yeah, following the recess will be the Bylaw Committee meeting.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: In past years, we found that it is a lot easier if the Publications go before the Bylaws Committee because sometimes it extends it way out. I’m Chairman of the Publications Committee. Jim Anderson is Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Jim, are you in agreement that we switch times?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

NPC CHAIR McINTOSH: I can promise you we will be out of here in no more than 45 minutes from the Publications Committee. That way, the Publications Committee can go ahead and then the Bylaws Committee.

The Commander is part of the Publications Committee. He is not a member of the Bylaws Committee, so that’s one of the reasons.

NC GREENLAW: Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, are you okay with this?

REG VI COM ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
NC GREENLAW: Okay, so done. We’ll take a ten-minute recess.

(Gavel rap)

(4:05 p.m.)

(08 July 2019 National Executive Committee

Adjourned.)
CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the attached proceedings before the Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Executive Committee, at Branson, Missouri, on July 08, 2019, was held according to the record, and that this is the original, complete, true and accurate transcript that has been compared to the recording.

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David Molinaro (Recorder)