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CALL TO ORDER

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Gentlemen, we’re going to call this meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Patriots, first we always start with the Pledge of Allegiance. Please stand. Senior Vice?

SVC GARCIA: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SVC GARCIA: Two.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Thank you, sir.

SVC GARCIA: You’re welcome, sir.

ROLL CALL

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Roll Call, National Adjutant?

NA HERNANDEZ: I’m going here by memory, so
I don’t have a checklist in front of me, but I see the National Commander, Doug Greenlaw, present; Senior Vice is present, Junior Vice is present.

I see the Chairman’s here. I don’t know what terms they are, but I have Al Flyr and Paul Pickart, and you’re missing David Price.

**NFC CHAIR WalLOT:** David Price is excused.

He called me on the way down. He fell in the shower, fractured his neck.

**NA HERNANDEZ:** We wish the best for him.

You have the Finance Officer, Phil Moore; National Adjutant, Ernesto Hernandez; and the Judge Advocate was excused by the National Commander a few days back. The Commander will make a statement on that. The Service Director, Arthur Coleman, is here as well.

Over to the Chairman.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER’S REMARKS**

**NFC CHAIR WalLOT:** Opening remarks.

Commander, would you like to say anything before we start?

**NC GREENLAW:** No comments.

**NFC CHAIR WalLOT:** No comments after this, okay.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

**NFC CHAIR WalLOT:** Minutes of the Prior
Meeting, do we have those? National Adjutant, do we have the minutes of the prior meeting?

**NA HERNANDEZ:** I emailed them out to everybody and had requested the Region Commanders to disseminate the minutes because we do not have Constant Contact, which is a member blast to everybody. So the answer is yes and no.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Did any of the Region Commanders get a copy of the past minutes? One, okay.

**NA HERNANDEZ:** Three.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** I’ll pass on that.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Any Old Business to discuss?

(No response)

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Seeing none, we’ll move on to New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Budget FY 2020**

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Very quick, proposed budget for 2020, Senior Vice?

**SVC GARCIA:** We submitted a budget to the Foundation, we haven’t heard nothing back. Dennis, I emailed it to you a few times. I know we spoke last night, we didn’t have it. I will get that -- I mean,
I don’t have it with me.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay. Do you know the total?

SVC GARCIA: It was $7.2 million, I believe.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: With the current situation, do you think that’s possible?

SVC GARCIA: I know the current situation, we submitted the budget because we -- I was looking at it, it ain’t running the organization the way it should be ran with the budget the way it’s supposed to be, allowing the Foundation to make whatever changes they do. I mean, the budget gets submitted that way every year. Even last year, Past Senior Vice Middleton submitted the same budget to the Foundation at the time. When we went to the Foundation, they made the changes, said, “We can’t give you that, but we’ll give you $6.4 million.” So that’s the reason why I submitted it.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: So the budget was $7.2 million?

SVC GARCIA: Yes, sir, around $7.2 million.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: The Senior Vice (sic) also submitted a budget. Without that, did we have a second proposal at all? Part B --

SVC GARCIA: No, sir.
NFC CHAIR WALLOT: -- in case we don’t get any money from the Foundation?

SVC GARCIA: I know the Foundation sent -- for the May meeting, they sent out our credentials for the meeting and they had $600,000 for the year of 2020 from the Foundation to us. That’s what they had covered under.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay. The Junior Vice gave me a proposed budget for about that amount of money. We really can’t do anything with that. We can’t do anything with the $7.2 million. We can’t do anything with the amount of money in the current budget because we’ve got no records from January.

SVC GARCIA: Yes, sir.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: We’ve got in accrual-based guess as of May. The last budget I saw was January 31st. That was a solid budget. We have no budget.

SVC GARCIA: Right.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: It is all going to rely on the Foundation or a pipeline. We have nothing there and that’s how it stands.

Like I said, the last monies we saw coming in from Joyce Woo, the bookkeeper, showed us under budget on the items that we had, but there were so
many dollars that were used that were not reported on the budget for actual expenses because the bills were not paid. With that said, we have no budget. When we present it to the floor, that’s what’s going to be said, we have no budget.

Finance Officer, do you want to talk about mileage, per diem, and lodging?

NA HERNANDEZ: Chairman Wallot, can I ask a question, make a statement?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: No. You are only here, you have no voice, you have no vote, according to the Bylaws. You can answer questions only.

NA HERNANDEZ: Understood, but for the record --

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: That is all, sir.

NA HERNANDEZ: -- I have the answers.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Do what?

NA HERNANDEZ: I said I can answer the question that was presented to the Senior Vice in more detail, but if you don’t want to allow me to do that for the body in here, I understand, just for the record.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Yeah, I think we’d like to hear that. Go ahead.

NA HERNANDEZ: The budget presented was
under $7.2 million. That was not above the $6.4
million that was done the previous year. This
includes everything. We show the Affinity Group and
all the other contributions and donations on there so
the Foundation knows about the proposed budget of $6.4
million what the Order roughly receives so they can
make those changes.

With that, the Senior Vice was never asked
by any committee or by the Foundation to submit a
budget. Him and I did it. We looked at the previous
three years. Actually, we downsized the number of
dollars, so it was roughly $6.27 million
realistically. We did keep the Service Program in
there for now and submitted it to the Foundation. We
were anticipating for them to refute or respond to the
Senior Vice and say, “Here’s the realistic budget.”

As you are aware of, they unilaterally have
reduced the budget to $600,000 a year, $50,000 a
month, unilaterally, without any consultation,
discussions, with any of the top three -- from my
inclination or understanding from you, unless you have
spoken to the Foundation -- have you spoken to the
Foundation, Chairman Wallot, regarding this reduced
budget?

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** No, but that’s not your
question to ask me. My question is to ask you things.

NA HERNANDEZ: Understood.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: So beyond that, the Senior Vice is supposed to give the Finance Committee their budget. The Finance Committee submits it to the Order on the Convention floor. That was never done. For you just to give it to -- just to give it to the Foundation, that’s not supposed to work that way. We’re trying not to bend the Bylaws here and the budget.

Mileage, Per Diem, Lodging

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Finance Officer, do you want to say anything about the mileage, per diem, and lodging expenses?

NFO MOORE: Yes. As of now, unless the NEC votes to reimburse, mileage, per diem, and lodging, there will be no reimbursement except for staff. Would you like me to continue?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Yes.

NFO MOORE: I was thinking about what I wanted to say about the last three months and where the Order is now, I had lots of thoughts and none of them good.

Tony Kohl resigned December 2nd of last year just ahead of the big Leadership party in D.C. I
wonder how much that cost. It was mid-February and there was discussion about using the Life Membership Fund to pay bills and announcements of candidacy for National Finance Officer were solicited.

Three weeks after the vote for National Finance Officer was cast, I was announced as the winner. I wasn’t the winner because I had the most votes, but because my opponent withdrew after the votes were counted without a teller. Right away, the acrimony started between Dennis Wallot because Dennis Wallot congratulated me online before the National Adjutant.

In less than three months, the financial situation went from party time to how do I pay for the party? There were attempts to raid the Life Membership Fund but all to no avail, thank goodness.

There were repeated attempts by me to gain access to National accounts, which I am required to do by the Bylaws so that I could figure out what was going on. These requests of the National Adjutant have always been met by inaction. The National Commander has assured me that the situation would be corrected but it never has been.

Just this past Friday, I finally have gotten partial access to the desired accounts because Dennis...
Wallot and I have spoken directly with several PNC Bank vice presidents after paying over a six-figure overdraft from -- we paid it from the Life Membership Fund. The charges of over six figures of the American Express cards are still outstanding.

Maybe I should explain that because neither Dennis or I have access to the passwords from American Express, American Express does not want to talk to Dennis. We cannot pay that without somebody in the office who has access to the passwords and the account.

The sad part of some of the expenses on the American Express cards is that they have our former employees’ personal names on them. These individual cards with amounts in excess of six figures are adversely affecting the credit ratings of these employees because of the large balances that remain unpaid.

The amounts payable with the $1.543 million NEC vote were deliberately understated to gain the NEC vote. The payroll amounts are only about three-quarters of what is actually due because they did not include the amount payable by National for states to reimburse for the NSO payroll where the states -- like Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs reimburses the
state of Wisconsin or the Department of Wisconsin. Those amounts were not included in what was submitted in the $1.543 million request.

National is still obligated to pay those amounts. I believe it’s the May 24th payroll was put on the $1.543 million request as $45,000, but in fact it is $61,000. Paid time off of $35,000 was understated. We owe just two individuals more than that $35,000 and we’ve got many other employees to go. Who knows where that final total of what we owe will end up?

As of this date, payroll is unpaid because ADP terminated our payroll processing account and hasn’t been able to bring it back online as of Friday. Arthur, has that changed?

NSD COLEMAN: It has not changed. We’re in the process this morning to get that taken care of.

NFO MOORE: Okay. Arthur has been working tirelessly to get that going but we, at this point, have not been able to get our payroll processing back up online.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay, all set, Phil?

NFO MOORE: No. My comment is, maybe we should’ve paid our bill of $7,000 to ADP instead of buying $7,000 worth of Purple Heart coins to be
given away.

What does the Military Order of the Purple Heart look like to me? The best analogy I have is, it’s like a centipede with its head cut off. Legs are going in different directions and there’s no one to get them all going in the same direction.

We have lost all of our office staff except the National Service Director, and his goal is to downsize in an orderly manner.

No one knows where the passwords are, what the numbers are, where they are, where the checks are. Who’s in the office to pay the bills? Nobody. Everybody’s gone.

How do we right this stricken beast? I implore you to elect a National Commander who will appoint a National Adjutant who is willing to be transparent and help us live within our means, no one who believes -- not one who believes he has the right to make any contract he wants when he feels it is in the normal course of business. We as individuals have to live within our means and it’s time the Order did also.

Pointing fingers and blaming others doesn’t pay the bills. Please think again if you think winning the lawsuit will bring some windfall of
cash. It wasn’t in the pipeline before the lawsuit and it isn’t going to be there afterwards.

NC GREENLAW: All right.

NFO MOORE: I’m sorry, I have the floor, Commander.

NC GREENLAW: (inaudible)

NFO MOORE: Yeah, I know you did. Only conservative cash management and investing will win the day and let us survive. Phil Moore, National Finance Officer.

Life Membership Fund Loan

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Moving on to the Life Membership Fund loan, some of the pages I just handed out up here. We took a loan from the Life Membership Fund of $1.543 million. It shows the date when some of that was first taken out to pay the hotel on 6/18. That’s the day after the vote was taken.

The bills that have been paid for that, we paid the first May 10th payroll of $108,000, sent that to PNC Bank. We paid off PNC Bank. That loan was overdrawn up to $410,000. When I paid it off, it was down to $314,000.

We’ve sent Convention money again, PNC Bank, ADP to get that account up and running again. We sent Nick McIntosh for some of their magazine people that
sent me invoices and their routing numbers for their accounts. We sent the first payroll in.

We still have some money that has to be taken out of that. All of that’s been taken out of the investment account. On the 18th of June, it took anywhere from -- since it was spread around, it took anywhere from the three-day settlement fees or ten days to receive the monies, seven to ten days. As they came in, they were put into the cash account at PNC Bank -- wrong, at Chase Bank.

We have those funds sitting there of about $1.8, $1.10 million to pay the bills that were authorized by the NEC. They will get paid when we get invoices, routing numbers, checks for PNC Bank in D.C. Any questions about this at all? I’ll open this up. No? Okay.

The other thing we’ve got on there is we’ve got -- and with that, since that was a loan that was asked for by the Commander -- I’ll put you on the spot here, Commander, I’ve got a loan agreement, a promissory note for $1.543 million that your signature’s required on to pay back to the Life Membership Fund. If you’d like to sign that, sir?

**NC GREENLAW:** No, I won’t sign this. My time is coming. My time is coming. I’ll be
answering all these questions straightforward and
I’ll just tell you what I’ll be talking about. We
were forced to -- you just can’t pull the plug and
bring our expenses down to zero. We have contracts,
we have a lot to be covered.

As an executive in the organization, all of
these decisions were made by me, approved by me.
You can’t blame the National Adjutant for anything.
We talked about this and I approved everything. So
I’ll discuss that a little bit later.

I’ll have the lawyers take a look at this
and I will sign it if they give their approvals.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay, then I will give
it to you.

The other thing that was passed was the
$1.54 million. In that, we had court costs -- not
in this one, but on the first one. It was $95,000
in court costs on a pro bono thing that the floor
voted on to pay as pro bono. I know there’s other
costs involved, but the floor did not vote to pay
for other costs. They voted on a pro bono. We’ll
leave it at that.

The other thing that came out from you,
sir, was that this -- even though I understand the
lawsuit is supposed to go to court September 23rd,
in one of your emails, it said it could take six months to a year, possibly more. This could be ongoing for two, three, four years?

**NC GREENLAW:** That was before they set the date. The date is September 23rd and will last approximately three days, at the maximum.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Okay, this was sent out 5/5. That’s a possibility? I don’t know about that.

**NC GREENLAW:** Now you do.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Okay, I’ve been told.

**General Fund Balance**

Some of the questions that came from Headquarters that you answered, sir -- and we have to consider when we do a budget -- that’s why we have basically two budgets, one’s for last year, one’s for the restricted amount.

The question from Headquarters, and I’ll presume it came from Headquarters because it said MOPH on it, some of the ones -- the big one here announced the next National Adjutant coming soon. We haven’t seen that, we’ve got to wait for a Commander. Do we want to have an NSO Program? The Commander believes we do and has put us in the hole about $2 million anyway. If we have no NSO Program,
we do become one of the other 35 veterans’ organizations that are out there like the First Cav Association, some of the Marine Corps Leagues, the Officers Association, the NSO Associations that do not have a Service Program.

There’s over 40 veteran organizations out there, about six of them have a Service Program, and they’re all larger than we are. There’s times that it’s good to rein in what you’ve got, save what you’ve got. The Foundation went in the hole because they did what? They spent their principle. That’s what we’re doing now, we’re taking the funds out of Life Membership Fund and spending our principle.

In Doug Greenlaw’s statement here, do we continue with an NSO Program? “Yes, it’s the heart and soul of the MOPH. We are not a social club.” Well, we have to have at least -- our NSO Program is about $6 million a year, we have that funding coming from nowhere at the current time.

Anything else along those lines pertaining --

NC GREENLAW: Yeah, I just want to respond to that.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Excuse me, sir, you don’t have the floor. Pertaining to the Life
Membership Fund portfolio, general fund balance, and the Life Member -- you’ll have your time --

**NC GREENLAW:** I will have my time, yes.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Yes, you will.

**Life Membership Fund Portfolio**

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** The Life Membership Fund, as it sits now, we were up to $5.2 million. We took out the $1.54 million the 18th of June. The last ten days of June happened to be the largest in history for the month of June. We lost about $50,000, just so you know that because when we took it out.

As of 6/30, we had a total of $5.033 million. Now we’re down to $4.464 million. The checking account’s got $1.054 million in it that has to be disbursed. We really don’t have that $4.4 million, we’re down to like $3.4 million from the $5 million.

We sent out wires of $891,000. We took in from the Life Membership Fund from Joyce Woo last year $57,000. This year, we took in zero from Joyce Woo because those funds were raided at the home office and they were spent.

The growth, just so you know that’ll be paid out to the Chapters and Departments, $267,000.
Less than last year. Last year, we had $330,000, but then we missed the biggest week in June history and we had a lot of our money in -- do you remember the big Santa Claus rally? The market dropped 800 points December 24th. Now with the interest rate on the ten-year bonds, just around 2.7%.

The two-year and five-year bonds, the inverted yield curve, that doesn’t help us with the 20% that we have in the equity side of the -- the fixed side of the business. Right now, we have our funds 80% equities, 20% fixed. Is there something wrong with that?

**NC GREENLAW:** You’ve got the floor.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Okay. That’s exactly how they are now and that’s why we came up with $200,000–some odd in rebates this year. $267,000. That’s the Life Membership portfolio.

**New Subsidiary for the LMF**

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** One of the other things that we could’ve done, I think we should start a subsidiary business with the Life Membership Fund. If we do that, and according the IRS laws, you’re not allowed to loan yourself money. Is that correct, Al?

**PATRIOT FLYR:** If it is money within the
organization and it’s being transferred, technically it’s not a loan.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Okay. If we make a subsidiary out of the Life Membership Fund and the Life Membership buys the building with the $1 million that would’ve been the fair market value of it or pretty close, I don’t know the current situation of it now, we could’ve done that and used that as part of our fixed side. As long as the Order then paid us rent, adjusted every year at this meeting according to the ten-year bond rate, which right now is about a little over 2%. 2% of $1 million is $20,000 a year for rent. That would fulfill the Life Membership calling for the fixed side of it and we still have the other monies in the equity side for the growth.

That would give the Order the funds that they possibly needed, but we would have to set up a subsidiary business for that and mortgage the building to the Life Membership Fund. That makes sense to me.

**NC GREENLAW:** So now you’re 100% equity?

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** No, real estate is not equity. You think? A rental unit, that’s fixed.

**NC GREENLAW:** My opinion.
NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay.

Contracts

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: The contracts, I don’t know if we have any contracts here that have to be looked at. Do we have any contracts at all?

NA HERNANDEZ: No.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay, no contracts. The Finance Committee usually signs all contracts. Last year, we did not sign any except for Aleks’.

Because the National Service Director and the National Adjutant were chosen in September after the National Convention, the contracts were never sent to us.

Announcements

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Any announcements from anybody? Al?

PATRIOT FLYR: I have none. Thank you.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Paul?

PATRIOT PICKART: No comment.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay.

NA HERNANDEZ: Are the announcements solely for the Finance Committee?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Yes. If that’s the case, I will ask for questions from the floor.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR
NFC CHAIR WALLLOT: If there is any, would you stand at the first mic?

PNC SIMS: It my understanding that this past year a contract was signed with a public relations firm for $9,999, one dollar than required approval of the Finance Committee. I understand that contract was renewed four times. What was the source of funds? Who authorized it? What did the Order get from that contract?

NC GREENLAW: I’d like the National Adjutant to cover this and I approved it.

NFC CHAIR WALLLOT: Okay, that’s what you would like but I’m the Chairman of the committee. Commander, you have your whole three days ahead of you, I’ve got my one little hour.

NC GREENLAW: Okay.

NFC CHAIR WALLLOT: That was strictly not known by the Finance Committee at all. Even though the contract was paid on the American Express bill four different times, or five, I only saw one American Express bill and they were all on there. It was $9,999.

Any contract usually at dollar set limit at the last meeting of the Convention, last year there was no dollar limit set. According to the Bylaws,
it’s any contract, no dollar limit. Again, strictly
done by the National Adjutant, approved by the
National Commander.

The same thing with the mortgage of the
building that was attempted. From my understanding,
there was a mortgage done, which would be a
contract, $2,700 we had to pay for that. No
knowledge of the Finance Committee.

Any other questions?

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Chairman, quick
question to you, who sits on that account that’s
being managed other than yourself? By our
Constitution and Bylaws, we’ve got to have more than
one signature on that account. Explain that.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: We have three signatures
on that account.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: And the names?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Tony Kohl and Neil Van
Ess.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: On account we just
took the loan out of, correct?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Yes.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Since when?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Since last year. When
we had the election, I brought the paperwork for it.
I just happened to bring last year to the
Convention. Doug Middleton’s name was on there with
Tony Kohl’s and myself.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Roger that. Even
though Tony Kohl’s no longer with us, I get what
you’re saying. When you get a chance, I’d like to
see a copy of that.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: The bank’s got that, but
I could probably get it.

REG I COM EGGLESTON: Thanks.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Any other questions?

REG V COM ADKINS: Mr. Chairman, I heard
you say that there are some bills that are still out
to be paid, you’re just waiting on routing
numbers and other information. Does that include
the D&L insurance policy?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Which one?

REG V COM ADKINS: The insurance policy
that covers National Officers in the event of a
lawsuit.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: If it was on the
original request for the loan or if I got an invoice
for it and a routing number, it will be paid. If
you look at the original paperwork that went out,
there was $500,000 payable to the American Express
card and other office bills. So if that’s on there, yes.

REG V COM ADKINS: Thank you, sir.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: I have two other things that were brought to my attention. Jack Leonard was being also sued by Jason Johns as well as the Order. He would like his legal expenses paid because there’s a proposed Bylaw change that’s coming through. If we approve or disapprove of that, that was $2,600. He’s going to send me the original paperwork. It should be paid to him.

The other one was John Bircher that donated $1,800 to the Truck Run, Purple Heart Truck Run. It was specifically stated what it was supposed to be used for, as well as all these other funds that were donated to the Order, hurricane relief, those were all spent on things that weren’t authorized.

I want a motion to pay back Jack Leonard for his legal expenses because he sent the NEC a picture. I want a motion to pay back John Bircher.

NA HERNANDEZ: I have to interrupt you before you do something illegal. The case with Jack Leonard is still open, so if you make a motion to reimburse him, we haven’t even let the due process of the law happen. I’m trying to protect you on
this one. So if you make a motion --

NFC CHAIR WALLLOT: I’ll accept that, okay.

PATRIOT CASSON: I was trying to get you
before you made your motion, Patriot.

NFC CHAIR WALLLOT: At least the one for
John Bircher, let’s push through now.

PATRIOT CASSON: My big question on that
is, for Christ sakes, eight years my Department’s
been beat, like we owe everybody money. Every one
of those members that have been sued are Department
Officers and covered under the bond of -- hang on,
under 2014, which the MOPH submitted in court. It’s
a court record and it’s already been adjudicated.
If you’re going to pay him $1,800 and you’re going
to pay Jack Leonard whatever, I’ve got three members
that aren’t getting paid. They’re knee deep in
debt. All they did was do the right thing.

Whether you pay it or not, I don’t care.

But by god, if it’s good for one, it’s good for all.
Department of Oklahoma went bankrupt -- well, not
bankrupt, we’re talking about no money, had to take
money out of the accounts to pay the lawyer to cover
them. That being said, you’re looking at $15,000
right now, civil litigation eight years down the
road. If you think in September that that civil
litigation is going to get settled, buddy, I’ve got a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you.

What’s good for the goose better be good for the membership.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Okay, Frank, thank you.

(Applause)

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** Okay, with that said and other things that were brought up, we have another Finance Meeting. It’s the last meeting of this Convention. There’s a potential Bylaw change that might be approved or disapproved, and we’ll wait until that happens and we’ll make a decision then. Okay, any other questions?

**PATRIOT HANSEN:** Jack Hansen, Chapter 462, Sioux City, Iowa. I’m a first timer at these meetings. As goes the membership, the bottom rung of the MOPH, get a chance to speak and vote in this terrible time. It seems like this head table is at each other’s throats. Thank you.

**NFC CHAIR WALLOT:** That’ll probably all happen at the National Convention and not at the Finance Meeting. Okay. You will be heard there, sir. You’ll have an open mic on the floor.

Any other questions?

(No response)
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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER’S PROPOSED BUDGET 2020

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: With that, I will adjourn this meeting -- Rick? Okay, the one budget that went in here, the Junior Vice put together another budget without, without, the grants from the Foundation.

JVC CHERONE: What I’ve done is I put together a budget looking at the 2019 and numbers that you guys -- the body voted on of $7,458,612 million last year. There are no numbers for this year’s spending. We don’t know what they are, so I couldn’t use those numbers to guess these numbers.

My budget for this year -- and I’m going to run for National Commander -- is $1,522,650. That’s my budget. I have a National Adjutant. I have a National Service Director and I have a Legislative Officer that are working for --

PATRIOT ANDERSON: Point of Order.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Yes, sir?

PATRIOT ANDERSON: Senior Vice (sic) Commander Cherone is out of order stating that --

DIR GREENLAW: Junior Vice.

PATRIOT ANDERSON: Stating that he is running for a position. That has not even been brought to the floor.
NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay.

PATRIOT ANDERSON: And this budget that he is presenting is to be presented to the Finance Committee for review, not to the body.

JVC CHERONE: It has been. Anyways, thank you for your comment. What I said is I have asked people to work for free because we don’t have any money. We were going to get $25,000 a month from the Foundation, that’s it, until September. Then if we win the lawsuit, it’s gone. So basically, I’m going to have to raise about a half million dollars to support this budget.

I have a program called Hometown Heroes and I’ve been with them for nine years. They’re designed for us, for the fallen heroes, the kids who went to camp. They will work with us. They --

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay, Rick --

JVC CHERONE: But anyways, okay, that’s my budget, fellas. I’m sorry, I don’t want to get in trouble, but I have a budget. I have people in place, but there’s a budget that we have that we can work with.

The bad part about this budget, 60% of the dollar goes to overhead, 40% goes to the membership. That’s wrong.
NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Okay, Rick. Rick, good.

ADJOURNMENT

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: With that, I’m going to close this meeting unless there’s any other questions.

The only thing I would like to mention in trying to save some of this stuff with the Finance Officer, I’ve got an email here from the Commander that reads -- I hate to do this, Commander, “The Chairman of the Finance Committee must not contact anyone at Headquarters about this.” How do we pay the bills if I’ve got the money and they’ve got the bills if I can’t contact anybody?

NC GREENLAW: Can I respond to that?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: No. That was my closing statement. You’ve got three days, sir.

NC GREENLAW: I’ll just sit here and take this shit, right?

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: You can do that, sir.

Oh, no swearing, you just broke your own law.

NC GREENLAW: Yeah, I swore, get me on that Bylaw.

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Where’s our guard? No, no, I was talking about the one with the gun.

NC GREENLAW: I’m all right.
NFC CHAIR WALLOT: I asked him on the way in this morning if he shot anybody today yet, and he said no. I said, “Well, the day’s early.” So, we’ll give it some time.

NA HERNANDEZ: Do you understand what you just said, to shoot somebody?

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: Are you threatening somebody?

NA HERNANDEZ: That is foolish of you!

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: I asked the guard that.

NA HERNANDEZ: No, he’s a police officer, deputy sheriff, he’s not a guard, that was hired --

NFC CHAIR WALLOT: Whatever he is, okay.

Meeting adjourned. Thank you very much, Patriots.

NA HERNANDEZ: Please stay in the room, we’re not done. The Commander is going to have a few remarks, so will I, to answer some of these questions, especially the floor there for Sims so we can make sure that you understand it all. What you’ve heard right now seems like we’re villains. If I was on that side right now, I’m like, what’s wrong with these idiots? That’s not the case. There’s a lot of lies right here, including one, Dennis Wallot, that you accused me of embezzlement and had a detective -- go ahead sir.
NC GREENLAW: Yeah, I --

UNIDENTIFIED PATRIOT: The meeting has been adjourned.

NC GREENLAW: I know, I’m just --

(Multiple speakers)

NC GREENLAW: Would anybody like to hear what I have to say?

PATRIOTS: No.

(10:12 a.m.)

(08 July 2019 National Finance Committee Meeting Adjourned.)
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