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9 REGULAR SESSION  
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1 (Whereupon, the following transpired after  
2 executive session was held:)

3 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All rise. PRESENT  
4 ARMS. TWO. Please be seated.

5 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: I make a motion we come  
6 out of executive session.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Do I have a second?

8 DISTRICT COMMANDER REES: Jim Rees, second.

9 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Is there any  
10 discussion? (Crosstalk.) We adjourned from executive  
11 session. We are now in open session.

12 All right. We've got a little bit of voting, and  
13 then we're getting into some other stuff real quick.  
14 First thing we're going to vote on is Post 1, to return  
15 their charter. I need a motion.

16 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: Karen Cruice,  
17 District 1B Commander, I move that we reinstate Post 1's  
18 charter under the supervision of the district.

19 DISTRICT DEC REP DEER: Curtis Deer, I second.

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Curtis Deer  
21 seconded that motion. I will now call for a vote.  
22 (Crosstalk.) There's no discussion. It was in executive  
23 session. We did that in executive session. There is no  
24 discussion. We're out of executive session. Now we're  
25 going to vote on what we talked about in the executive

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1 session. So I'm going to call for a vote. All in favor,  
2 say "aye."

3 MAJORITY GROUP: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
5 sign.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Motion carried.

8 Post 1 will receive their charter -- or, will have their  
9 charter returned to them.

10 We discussed the temporary placement of an adjutant.  
11 I need a motion that we accept that, that is Lance Larson  
12 to be our temp. adjutant with no pay.

13 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Jim Quinn, District 2A,  
14 Commander, do you know what a camel is? That's a horse  
15 designed by a committee.

16 I make a motion that this body authorizes the  
17 commander to pick an acting adjutant to serve until the  
18 selection committee brings back, the next body,  
19 recommendations for hiring.

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Do I have a second?

21 DISTRICT COMMANDER HARRIS: Mike Harris,  
22 District 5A Commander, I second that motion.

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All in favor, say  
24 "aye."

25 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Aye.

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
2 sign.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Motion carried.

5 All right. Unfortunately, I do not have a paper  
6 copy because, again, our printers aren't doing what  
7 they're supposed to. So I have made a committee list  
8 that I need you to approve. So please, please, please  
9 pay close attention:

10 For the Department 89er Newsletter, Randy Polson  
11 (phonetic).

12 Department African-American Veteran Committee  
13 Co-Chair, Kenneth McKnight.

14 Department African-American Veterans Committee,  
15 Melvin Hopkins.

16 ALA Liaison is vacant unless someone wishes to  
17 volunteer. I have a volunteer. That volunteer will be  
18 Charlie O'Leary.

19 Department Americanism Committee, Bill Teel.

20 This one, I had to twist some arms. Department  
21 Awards Committee, Paul Ray.

22 Department Baseball Committee, Billy Lowe.

23 Boys State Committee Director, Corey Brooks. If  
24 you've got something in place that works, keep it.

25 Department Chaplain, Bobby Stewart.

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1 Children and Youth Committee, vacant, unless you  
2 would like to volunteer. No volunteers. I will appoint  
3 later.

4 Department Constitution and By-Laws, Michael Kerr.

5 Department Credentials Committee, Debbie Gordon  
6 (phonetic).

7 Department Fall & Spring Conference Agenda and Slide  
8 Coordinator -- hopefully the next time this thing will be  
9 working -- myself.

10 Department Finance Committee, Sam McPherson.

11 Department Fundraising -- this one is a twofer  
12 because we get one person, and the other person pretty  
13 much helps him out -- Michael Kerr.

14 Department Honor Guard Liaison, Woody Alexander.

15 Internal Affairs Committee, Larry Watson.

16 IT Chairman and Technology, vacant, unless someone  
17 wishes to take it. Department IT-Technology Chairman,  
18 basically he makes sure I don't do anything crazy with  
19 the computers. We will hold off on that one then.

20 Legion Outdoors Chairman, you willing to accept it?  
21 Vacant.

22 Legion Riders Director, Michael Marxen.

23 Legislative Committee, Michael Taylor.

24 Marketing & Public Affairs Committee -- I know it  
25 sounds like a lot on him -- Michael Kerr.

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1 Membership, Woody Alexander.

2 Woody, congratulations to being the department vice  
3 commander.

4 Department Military Benefits and Quality of Life  
5 Chairman, vacant.

6 National Cemetery Committee, do you still want that  
7 one, Don? I didn't get a chance to talk to you the other  
8 day.

9 DISTRICT DEC REP KUNTZE: Yes, sir.

10 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you, Don. I  
11 appreciate that.

12 Department National Commander Visit, Charlie  
13 O'Leary. Don't read anything into that. It's just this  
14 computer takes a while for some reason.

15 National Guard Liaison Chairman, Patricia  
16 Mathes-Kerr.

17 I'm still waiting on my tickets.

18 (Laughter.)

19 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Oratorical  
20 Committee, Robert Willis.

21 Department Resolutions Committee is vacant.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What was that one?

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Resolutions  
24 Committee. Do I have a volunteer?

25 MS. MEYERS-DYER: Does it have to be part of the



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1 executive committee? I don't know our by-laws.

2 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: No. Not for that  
3 one, no.

4 MS. MEYERS-DYER: Okay. I would be glad to be  
5 part of the resolutions. I do that as a parliamentarian.  
6 So I would be glad to take on that role.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Would you do me a  
8 favor, please? Would you come to the mic and introduce  
9 yourself? Because I know people have seen you, but they  
10 may not know you.

11 MS. MEYERS-DYER: I'm Sue Meyers-Dyer, Post 58.  
12 I also did work on nuclear missile computer electrical  
13 systems. I don't know what's all involved with the IT  
14 and technology thing, but I would be possibly interested  
15 in that.

16 But as a parliamentarian, and I'm pretty good with  
17 Robert's Rules, I would be glad to take on the role for  
18 the Resolutions Committee. I have written several  
19 resolutions at this point, and I do know my legal  
20 terminology pretty well.

21 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you, Sue. We  
22 appreciate that.

23 Resolution Committee Co-Chair, he did a great job  
24 this year. We're going to go with Charlie O'Leary.

25 Scouts Committee. I asked him if he still wanted to

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1 do it, if he still thinks he had the time. He said give  
2 it to him.

3 Shooting Sports Committee, Woody Alexander.

4 Sons of the American Legion, Steven Thomas.

5 Department Surgeon General, John Loose.

6 Tribal Liaison -- I don't think John is here right  
7 now, but I'm hoping I'm not going to mess up his name too  
8 bad -- John Maxhunkashey.

9 Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation --

10 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Point of order,  
11 Commander.

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I'm sorry.

13 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: I think it would be a  
14 conflict of interest to have the detachment commander be  
15 the liaison for the Legion.

16 SAL DETACHMENT SV SHERBOURNE: For the SAL.

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: For the SAL?

18 SAL DETACHMENT SV SHEARBOURNE: Uh-huh.  
19 Speaking for the incoming commander.

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Oh, that's right.  
21 You are. Sorry. I forgot about that.

22 Then I would recommend Chris Sherbourne.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: No. (Crosstalk.)

24 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: We're going to  
25 leave that blank then for a little bit until I can get a

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1 better thought on who I would think about that.

2 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER THOMAS: May I make a  
3 recommendation, sir?

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes.

5 SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER THOMAS: We have Wayne  
6 Flowers who we have appointed as our detachment liaison.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes. I will reach  
8 out to Wayne before I ask him --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: He's right there.

10 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Wayne, would you  
11 accept that liaison for the --

12 DISTRICT COMMANDER FLOWERS: Yes.

13 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: You would? Thank  
14 you, buddy. I appreciate that.

15 Women Veterans Outreach, Patricia Mathes-Kerr.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who did you say was VA&R?

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: No one at this time  
18 volunteered.

19 Women Veterans Outreach Co-Chair, Tina Kilmer.

20 Department Commanders Liaison, Don Kuntze.

21 I would ask Sue Meyers that was up here just a  
22 moment ago --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Point of order. Karen  
24 Cruice volunteered for VA&R.

25 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: You volunteered for

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1 VA&R?

2 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: That's what e-sports  
3 would fall under; right?

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Kind of. Yes.

5 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: That's what the  
6 resolution says.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes. But there's  
8 more to it than just --

9 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: We'll talk about it.

10 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Okay. If you  
11 accept it, I will --

12 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: Okay.

13 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: -- put you on that  
14 committee then. Thank you.

15 I would like to open up a position for a  
16 parliamentarian in our organization. We've had several  
17 people that are outstanding in that field, Mike Taylor,  
18 for one, Mike Kerr. But I think it's something that I  
19 think we need to look at.

20 The last time I went to Indianapolis, I was lucky  
21 enough to be invited by Tim Smith to go and watch what  
22 they do. I was quite impressed. And if you haven't  
23 noticed, I have kind of pushed that here today because I  
24 think it's important for us to grow as a department. I  
25 think it's important for us to learn the procedures. And

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1 if we have three or four people that we could go to, that  
2 would teach us and hopefully have courses in this, we  
3 could do this job a lot better when we come into these  
4 DEC meetings.

5 So right now I'm going to open up a -- I'm going to  
6 appoint Sue Meyers as our parliamentarian.

7 That is the current committee list for 2024-2025.  
8 Is there any discussion?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commander, will it be  
10 published on the website tonight?

11 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Well, it won't be  
12 tonight. I would like to go home.

13 (Laughter.)

14 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: But I can,  
15 probably, tell you by Tuesday at the latest. I'll try to  
16 get it out Monday morning.

17 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Jim Quinn, DEC 2A, I'm  
18 moving that we adopt the appointments, the commander's  
19 appointments, as read.

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Do I have a second?

21 DISTRICT DEC REP CURRENT: Amanda Current, 3B  
22 DEC, I'd like to volunteer for the Children and Youth.

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Volunteer for what?

24 DISTRICT DEC REP CURRENT: The Children and  
25 Youth.

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: The Children and  
2 Youth. Thank you. I'll make sure that it gets on there.

3 DISTRICT DEC REP CURRENT: I also second the  
4 motion.

5 (Laughter.)

6 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All right. You had  
7 a question?

8 DISTRICT DEC REP KERR: Commander, can I  
9 recommend that the information's not published until  
10 Wednesday on the web?

11 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: On the web? Yes.

12 DISTRICT DEC REP KERR: On the website, to give  
13 us time to formulate the records and get other people  
14 spun up on the website so that they have access?

15 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes. I will send  
16 out an e-mail, but yes. I will do that. I will also  
17 make sure that we get it in the 1889er, broadcasted  
18 across the department as we can.

19 DISTRICT DEC REP KERR: Thank you, Commander.

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: We're in  
21 discussion.

22 DISTRICT DEC REP CONN: Richard Conn, 1A DEC.  
23 It seems like whenever I first came into the DEC we had a  
24 new building -- a new headquarters committee. Am I wrong  
25 on that?

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: No, you're not.  
2 That committee has not been active. And I understand  
3 that it's not like they're gone. It's not like they've  
4 disappeared. It's just that, at this particular time,  
5 there's nothing really going on. We have four posts that  
6 we need to close, and that money will go into that. But  
7 that chairman is held by Don Kuntze.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN MEYERS-DYER: On your  
9 IT and technology position, I would be interested. I  
10 would just like to know a little bit more about it before  
11 I commit to that. So, if you wanted to delay until  
12 Wednesday in posting it --

13 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes, we can always  
14 add people.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN MEYERS-DYER: Okay.

16 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you.  
17 I have a first. I have a second. Discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All right. All in  
20 favor, say "aye."

21 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
23 sign.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: You guys have been

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1 easy today. I like it.

2 All right. Finance, are you ready to go?

3 DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER MCPHERSON: As you  
4 remember, I presented the proposed budget at DEC 5.  
5 Hopefully, you've had a chance to look at that. And I  
6 was going to ask for a motion to accept unless there are  
7 any questions.

8 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Jim Quinn, DEC 2A, I  
9 move we accept the proposed budget as published.

10 DISTRICT COMMANDER RITTER: Karen Ritter, 1A  
11 District Commander, I second.

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: We have a first and  
13 a second. Is there any discussion? Are there any  
14 questions about the finance?

15 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Commander, I'd like  
16 you to identify, or Sam, if you could identify, the line  
17 item where the state receives money for handling  
18 veterans.

19 DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER MCPHERSON: There's  
20 no line. We don't get any money from the VA for claims  
21 filed for the number of claims or the amount of money  
22 that veterans get for claims.

23 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: But we did receive  
25 \$6,000 from LIT, Legion Insurance Trust, to go towards



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1 the VSOs. That money has been used to, actually, send  
2 one of our training people to Virginia here in October.  
3 We got a call in from National, and we're sending one  
4 from the \$6,000 donation from LIT to help with VSOs. It  
5 will cost us about \$1,100. We won't know the exact  
6 number until they come back.

7 So, call the vote. All in favor, say "aye."

8 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
10 sign.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Motion carried.

13 Boys State, that's going into my favorite. I love  
14 these guys.

15 BOYS STATE SENIOR COUNSELOR HIGHT: James Hight.  
16 I'm senior counselor. I'm also here with Matt, the chief  
17 of staff. The rest of the staff's at Boys Nation. We  
18 had a great year. You got that brief.

19 What we're coming to the DEC for is we're looking at  
20 raising the cost of Boys State from, currently 299.00 to  
21 349.00. The cost increase -- we haven't had one in about  
22 three years. The \$50 cost increase, \$25 of that cost  
23 increase will go to a new admin system for registration  
24 at Boys State. That's probably one of the hardest things  
25 we do at Boys State is the registration process, and

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1 we're using something very old and antiquated, and we  
2 want to update it.

3 The other \$25 is just general cost of Boys State.  
4 Everybody knows everything's went up. And we are still  
5 in the bottom ten percent of cost of any kind of camp  
6 program there is. At Boys Nation right now, it's \$800  
7 per kid just to attend. That doesn't account for  
8 anything else.

9 So, at 350.00, we are still in a really good  
10 position to offer a great -- a great week. I mean, when  
11 you break it down, that's \$50 a day for a kid to attend  
12 Boys State.

13 So what I'm looking for is approval from the DEC to  
14 raise our rates to 350.00.

15 There will be an early bird still, and the early  
16 bird will be 335.00 for those who register early.

17 DISTRICT DEC REP KUNTZE: Don Kuntze, 6A, I make  
18 a motion to increase the Boys State fee to 349.00 and --

19 What was early bird?

20 BOYS STATE SENIOR COUNSELOR HIGHT: Three  
21 thirty-five.

22 DISTRICT DEC REP KUNTZE: -- 335.00 for early  
23 bird fees.

24 DISTRICT COMMANDER BROWER: Grant Brower, 6A  
25 District Commander, I second that motion.

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I've got a first  
2 and a second. Is there any discussion?

3 DISTRICT DEC REP DEER: I have one question for  
4 you.

5 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Say and state your  
6 name, Curtis.

7 DISTRICT DEC REP DEER: You said the \$25 was for  
8 some software, to purchase?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

10 BOYS STATE SENIOR COUNSELOR HIGHT: Yes.

11 DISTRICT DEC REP DEER: So is that ongoing or  
12 just this year?

13 BOYS STATE SENIOR COUNSELOR HIGHT: Just this  
14 year. It's a one-time purchase fee. And it will be -- I  
15 mean, this will be an ongoing fee for -- 350.00 will the  
16 permanent fee going (indiscernible).

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Curtis, you've got to  
18 account for cost of living and everything else.

19 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Any further  
20 discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: If you've noticed,  
23 I've not usually interjected on some of these things, but  
24 this one I will interject. This is the premier thing  
25 that this organization has. I love that I can sit at a

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1 computer or a laptop or something like that and I'm not  
2 in the public. And we're having the corn festival --  
3 sorry. Excuse me -- the Chickasha festival or whatever  
4 is going on. I can set that up, and I can get the kids.  
5 I've got their YouTube stuff going. The kids are all  
6 coming by there, and they are wanting to know what that  
7 is, what's going on, "How can I join?"

8 For some of you that may not know, this last  
9 turnaround, I think we had four different states --

10 Is that not correct, or is it more? Was it four  
11 different states that came and viewed what you guys were  
12 doing?

13 BOYS STATE SENIOR COUNSELOR HIGHT: A handful,  
14 sir. Yeah.

15 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: National looks at  
16 us. We have our individuals, some of our people, right  
17 now at National, and they're -- I think it's like 25  
18 percent of us are in charge of that one. So this is  
19 something that we should always look forward to. But I  
20 understand that that is not the only program.

21 Again, what we were discussing about money, we have  
22 to find new ways of getting it, we have to find new  
23 revenues. We've got a (c)(3) now. We need to start  
24 using it.

25 We just got six rifles, and they cost about \$600

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1 apiece, \$500 to \$600 apiece, donated to us -- they're  
2 Olympic-style rifles -- to start our Junior Shooting  
3 Sports. We haven't brought that forward because it's  
4 still in the infancy stage. Once we get a better handle  
5 on it, we will bring it before this DEC. The idea  
6 currently is do it at the posts then district, regional,  
7 then the state. And then we will let them use those  
8 rifles if they go out of state.

9 I love working with the youth. I'm not sorry.

10 So right now I need a motion -- or, correction -- I  
11 need to ask you to approve the \$349.00. So, please, all  
12 in favor, say "aye."

13 MAJORITY GROUP: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Outstanding. All  
15 opposed?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you.

18 Got one quick announcement right here. Does anyone  
19 know a Phil Gray (phonetic)?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: He's Post 12.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Chaplain of Post  
23 12.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: He left his notebook  
25 here.

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Can someone return  
2 it to him?

3 All right. Is there anything else?

4 DISTRICT COMMANDER REES: Jim Rees, 6B District  
5 Commander. I would like us to consider an establishment  
6 of a hiring panel to fix the adjutant position, and I  
7 would recommend that we have the senior vice, east and  
8 west vice, with the assistance of the finance officer,  
9 and the oversight of the commander. I would like a  
10 motion for establishment of a hiring panel. And once the  
11 hiring panel completes, however many resumes they get in,  
12 they present it to the DEC, and the DEC will select who  
13 will be their next adjutant.

14 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Do I have a second?

15 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: Karen Cruice,  
16 District 1B, I second that.

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Is there any  
18 discussion? Correction on that. Yes, is there any  
19 discussion on that?

20 (Laughter.)

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I had to think  
23 about that a second. If there is no discussion, I will  
24 call for a vote. All in favor of selecting the panel  
25 of the department of commander as oversight, the vice

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1 commander, east and west, and the finance officer to find  
2 us a new adjutant --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And senior.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: And senior vice.

5 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All in favor, say  
6 "aye."

7 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
9 sign.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Motion carried.

12 Floor recognizes Jim Rees.

13 DISTRICT COMMANDER REES: Commander -- 6B  
14 District Commander -- you are the eighth department  
15 commander, and I'm the fourth district commander that's  
16 tried to close Post Ryan. So we're at the point now  
17 where we're ready to sell the building and prepare it for  
18 selling. There are no members in there. I need the  
19 books from Department so I can complete the checklist.

20 So I want to make a motion that I'm able to sell the  
21 building, turn the money over, we keep it for two years  
22 in a CD that collects interest. And at that time, if the  
23 post doesn't stand back up for their town, the money gets  
24 turned over to the department.

25 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I have a motion to

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1 close Post Ryan, that the sale of the -- the department  
2 will hold onto that money for two years into a CD. After  
3 two years if there is no action or anything of that  
4 nature that that money would roll back into the  
5 department.

6 I would also ask that you make an amendment to that  
7 motion -- I would ask that you make an amendment to that  
8 motion that it go into the building fund.

9 DISTRICT COMMANDER REES: Commander, my motion  
10 was to sell it.

11 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Oh, sell it.

12 DISTRICT COMMANDER REES: Close it and take care  
13 of the charter.

14 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Are you going to  
15 amend your motion?

16 DISTRICT COMMANDER REES: No.

17 (Crosstalk.)

18 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I do not have to  
19 ask that amendment. Thank you, Jim. I appreciate it.  
20 We're good.

21 Go ahead, Mike.

22 DISTRICT COMMANDER HARRIS: Mike Harris,  
23 District 5A Commander, I second that motion.

24 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Is there any  
25 discussion on the selling of Ryan, which happens also to



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1 be number one on the list at the department?

2 Thank you, Jim.

3 Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Seeing that there's  
6 no discussion, I request a vote of -- I recommend a  
7 vote.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for a vote.

9 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: That's the word I  
10 was looking for. Call for a vote. All in favor, say  
11 "aye."

12 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
14 sign.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: That motion will  
17 carry. Please proceed forward. We'll get you the books,  
18 Jim. If you'll come to the office on Monday or Tuesday,  
19 we'll get you in there and get you all the information  
20 you need. Thank you.

21 DEPARTMENT NECMAN SMITH: Hayden's asked me to  
22 address the alternate NEC role. Officially, it's not  
23 vacant until the close of National Convention. At that  
24 time, the department commander has a certain amount of  
25 time to appoint someone until an election can be made.

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1 The constitutions and by-laws chairman, our judge, will  
2 handle that at a later date. But it's official I'm out  
3 of office the close of National Convention and the new  
4 NEC takes over. But that's when the A. NEC will be, the  
5 official date. Everyone, make sense?

6 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: The next thing we  
7 need to talk about is -- and where's Lance Larson? Is he  
8 sleeping somewhere? Lance? Where's my -- (laughter)?

9 Next thing we need to discuss is a new raffle  
10 fundraiser for this year for a ten-gun or whatever you  
11 decide.

12 Yes?

13 MR. LARSON: Commander Woods, sir? You have  
14 missed one step in this whole process. You never did ask  
15 me if I would be your temporary adjutant.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. LARSON: Well, I do have a requirement to do  
18 that job.

19 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: What's that, Lance?

20 MR. LARSON: That Lane brings that fried rice.

21 (Laughter.) (Crosstalk.)

22 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Once or twice a  
23 week, sometimes more often, Lane cooks for the office,  
24 and I'm pretty sure Don comes around about the same time.

25 (Laughter.)

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: He knows where it's  
2 at, too. If you're floating around the office on a  
3 Wednesday or a Friday, you might wind up with some baked  
4 good or something else.

5 (Crosstalk.)

6 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I would like to  
7 talk to you --

8 Go ahead.

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN STEWART: Bobby Stewart,  
10 Department Chaplain. I have a question about the  
11 shooting sports.

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes, sir?

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN STEWART: Can an SAL member  
14 be over the shooting sports in their post?

15 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: In the posts?

16 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN STEWART: Isn't the SAL  
17 program -- I'm not familiar with the shooting sports.

18 Can an SAL member be the director or the leader of  
19 the shooting sports in their post?

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yeah, you know he  
21 was pointing at you, Chris. Is that allowed?

22 SAL COMMANDER/NEC COOK: Commander Chris Cook,  
23 SAL NEC. There is no precedence about the chair of your  
24 shooting sport being an SAL member only. Just know that  
25 they'll have to give a report to your post. There's

1 nothing about that. There's been some discussions about  
2 that at the national level, specifically at the  
3 department level for those chairmen. But the only rule  
4 would be that you have no -- there's no issue with your  
5 SAL member being the chairman of your shooting sport at  
6 your post level. Thank you.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible.)

8 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: No. Remember, this  
9 starts at your post level, just like all programs.

10 SAL COMMANDER/NEC COOK: Yeah, yeah. We're  
11 talking about at the post level. So, yes.

12 And Commander -- (cough) -- over here makes a good  
13 point. Be mindful of that chairman's age and making sure  
14 that their background checks are all clear and everything  
15 like that. Let's not give a 16-year-old a lot of  
16 responsibilities.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And know how to use  
18 firearms, as well.

19 SAL COMMANDER/NEC COOK: Yeah. And the  
20 oversight would be on the post. But, yeah, if you have a  
21 chairman that is an SAL member, you know, you're --  
22 cough -- still going to be at your post level.

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: So let me reiterate  
24 this. Follow the rules. Do your background checks. Do  
25 the proper procedures on this. Make sure you're looking

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1 at this stuff. Just because you had someone assigned to  
2 the committee, do your due diligence and add your  
3 oversight of them.

4 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Commander, while  
5 we're waiting, can I get clarification on Healdton? Did  
6 we or did we not decide to close that?

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Healdton Post will  
8 be closed, 203.

9 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Thank you. And  
10 automatic -- next DEC, we'll vote on the (indiscernible)  
11 on that, right after New Orleans (phonetic)?

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes, yes. Thank  
13 you.

14 Let's see what else we can do.

15 (Crosstalk.)

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't know how many of  
17 y'all know Earl Plumlee. He's a Medal of Honor winner  
18 here in Oklahoma. He's going to be visiting as many  
19 veterans as he can who come visit him at the Capitol. I  
20 will have the dates hopefully at the next meeting. Or  
21 I'll get an e-mail out if anyone would like to visit with  
22 all the Legionnaire veterans of his that didn't get  
23 there. I was going to try to get him to come to  
24 Mid-Winter Conference, but I've got to visit with him. I  
25 think it's his son that's in charge of that, or his dad,

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1 to try to get him to speak at a conference. (Crosstalk.)  
2 I'm not doing that yet. I'm going to continue to work on  
3 that. As soon as I get the dates for the winter  
4 conference, I'll work on getting him to come and being a  
5 guest speaker.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Is he from the  
7 (indiscernible)?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Huh?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Is he from the  
10 (indiscernible)?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

12 (Crosstalk.)

13 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: First question.  
14 During the fall, it had been noted that an -- (cough) --  
15 done, east and west. In the spring, we've done A and B  
16 individually so that we can go out and meet -- or you can  
17 have a chance to meet those that are running for office.

18 I would like a motion on the floor to continue that  
19 or to discontinue it, either way you want to make the  
20 motion.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Speak into the mic and  
22 say it again.

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I'm sorry.

24 In the springtime, we usually do it 1A to 1B and do  
25 them individually -- District B, A1, 2, and 3; right? We

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1 do it down sequential order or whatever order we want.  
2 But in the fall, we do it east and west at the same time.  
3 I would like a motion whether to do that again or make  
4 the motion not to do it. But when you make that motion,  
5 please tell me what you're wanting.

6 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Jim Quinn --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hold on.

8 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Jim Quinn, DEC 2A. I  
9 move that the fall conferences for the districts be held  
10 on four weekends, one with east and one with west. The  
11 numbers to be determined by the draw of the eggs. I also  
12 move that in the spring we have our spring conferences on  
13 eight different weekends so each district can have their  
14 own separate weekend for their district conference.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Point of order.

16 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many motions can we  
18 do in --

19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: That was one motion.

20 (Crosstalk.)

21 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Do I have a second?

22 DISTRICT COMMANDER RITTER: Karen Ritter,  
23 District 1A Commander, I second.

24 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Is there any  
25 discussion? Floor recognizes Jack Sikes.

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1           DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Yes, sir. Commander,  
2 according to our CB&L [sic], that is up to the discretion  
3 of the district commander. I don't understand why this  
4 body is pushing that requirement on the districts.  
5 According to the CB&L [sic], it is the district  
6 commander's call to establish their time and your cause  
7 (phonetic).

8           DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Correct. But then  
9 we also just had a motion from the floor.

10          DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: I understand that.  
11 And this is discussion. Why don't we abide by the CB&L  
12 [sic]?

13          DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Because it affords  
14 the ability for upcoming officers that's running for  
15 election -- you asked a question. I'm answering it. It  
16 gives the opportunity for the upcoming officers that want  
17 to be candidates to be able to go to those districts  
18 individually. Because, if you don't do that during the  
19 fall, what ends up happening is they can only get to half  
20 of the state. So only half of the state gets to see your  
21 next vice commander, your next commander, your next judge  
22 advocate. By doing it in the spring, it allows that to  
23 happen. Having it, east and west, in the fall allows us  
24 to get through quicker and get into other business that  
25 needs to be done. That's simply the reason.



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1 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: I understand that,  
2 Commander. Trust me, I do. But again, that's the  
3 (indiscernible) problem, it's not the district  
4 commander's problem. Why are you putting that on the  
5 district commanders to make it available to everybody up  
6 front? Everybody up front needs to follow in with the  
7 districts because they're trying to get all their posts  
8 together, per the CB&L [sic].

9 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you.

10 Is there any other discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Then I will call  
13 for a vote. All those that wish to have the spring  
14 conferences individually and all the -- I'm sorry. I  
15 call for a vote then. All in favor, say "aye."

16 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
18 sign.

19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Too close to call.  
21 We'll do a hand count.

22 Sergeant-at-Arms?

23 All in favor, raise your right hand. Correction.  
24 Please stand up that way we can count you easily.

25 Twenty-one. Motion passed.

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1 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: How can you do that?  
2 You didn't ask for the ones that were opposed.

3 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All those opposed,  
4 please stand up.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He had majority.

6 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Five. Motion  
7 carried.

8 All right. Let's look at the fall district  
9 conferences dates.

10 (WHEREUPON, fall conference dates were discussed  
11 and chosen. Thereafter, the following transpired:)

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All right. Listen  
13 up. Listen up. September 7th, District 8.

14 September 14th, District 6.

15 September 21st, 7 and 4.

16 Twenty-eighth --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say that last one.

18 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: September 21st, 7  
19 and 4.

20 September 28th, District 2 and 5.

21 DISTRICT DEC REP QUINN: Can you move us to the  
22 7th?

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes.

24 District 2 wants to move to September 7th. That  
25 would put one east, one west.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: District 2?

2 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: District 2.

3 October 12th, District 3.

4 November 2nd, District 1.

5 October 19th will be the DEC meeting. It will be  
6 held in Warr Acres. On the DEC meeting on the 19th,  
7 location to be determined. We may have a very nice  
8 facility that we can use, possibly, again, possibly. We  
9 have to contact them first, but H&H Shooting Sports out  
10 of Oklahoma City, they have a very nice facility. They  
11 have a restaurant in there. So, if we're not doing  
12 anything important, we can either go shoot something or  
13 eat something.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you read through them  
15 one more time? Last time.

16 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yeah.

17 September 7th, District 8, District 2.

18 (Crosstalk.)

19 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: September 21st,  
20 District 7, District 4.

21 September 28th, District 5.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: District 4 will be at  
23 Holdenville -- or, Chandler. I'm sorry.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Mike, you're going to  
25 put these on the web; right?

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1           DISTRICT DEC REP KERR: All of this will be  
2 placed on the web. If the locations are not known, they  
3 will be published to be determined. As soon as the  
4 department is notified, we will have that updated within  
5 the week, and it should be on the web by Wednesday with  
6 what we know.

7           DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: September 28th,  
8 District 5.

9           October 12th, District 3.

10          November 2nd, District 1.

11          DEC 2, the 19th of October, location to be  
12 determined.

13          Is there any other thing that needs to come before  
14 this DEC meeting? Is there anything that needs to be  
15 expressed? Does anyone have a report?

16          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Question. Who all will  
17 be in charge of Constant Contact? Any of you guys? You?

18          DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Actually, there  
19 will be two people in charge -- the question was who is  
20 in charge of the Constant Contact. Again, Navy, we're  
21 going to have a backup, a backup, and then a plan. So  
22 right now I've got a plan and two backups. The plan is  
23 for Mike Kerr. The backup is Randy Polson (phonetic).  
24 And if anybody makes me mad, they will be assisting them.

25          (Laughter.)

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who's supposed to be on  
3 Constant Contact?

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Who's supposed to  
5 be where?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who is supposed to be on  
7 Constant Contact with, like, receiving it?

8 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: If you're not  
9 receiving it, send an e-mail to the department. All  
10 right? Once I get that e-mail, I can transfer that  
11 e-mail over to Mike Kerr or Randy Polson (phonetic), and  
12 they can update your information. But I need that  
13 e-mail. So, if you send it to us, we will have it and  
14 know it works. Because what we've been finding out is we  
15 get e-mails that don't work.

16 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Commander?

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes, Commander  
18 Sikes?

19 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Can we update the  
20 communication roster that we've used in the past, also,  
21 as a secondary? (Crosstalk) -- contact them to have  
22 everybody on it.

23 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Correct.

24 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: So can we keep the  
25 comm. list alive?

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1 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes.

2 DISTRICT COMMANDER SIKES: Thank you.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just want to say on  
4 Constant Contact, we get, like, e-mails saying that,  
5 like, 20, 30 people unsubscribe about once a week. Just  
6 so you know, if you hit that, like, unsubscribe button,  
7 that means you're not getting anymore at all. It's not  
8 just one specific thing. If you don't want to receive  
9 the newsletter, then you'll just have to let us know  
10 directly. Because if you hit that unsubscribe, you're  
11 not on there at all.

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: One last thing, I'm  
13 hoping, is the raffle for this upcoming six months.  
14 We've got -- on the 27th, the gun raffle will be done.  
15 It will be videoed. You will see that. But we need to  
16 start looking at what the next one is. If you've got a  
17 suggestion, come up.

18 DISTRICT DEC REP KUNTZE: You think we're  
19 wearing out our welcome with gun raffles? How did we do  
20 this last time around? This current one.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We don't know yet.

22 DISTRICT DEC REP KUNTZE: How bad is it?

23 DISTRICT COMMANDER WOODS: Actually, rough  
24 estimate, rough estimate -- don't hold my feet to the  
25 fire, but the last official one that was calculated was a

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1 \$4,600 and something profit. We had another group of  
2 tickets that -- the reason why we're extending this, they  
3 said they had another group of tickets that may be  
4 another almost \$1,000. But bird in hand, two in bush,  
5 I'm saying right now we have a profit of \$5,000.

6 (Crosstalk.)

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: On the floor. On  
8 the floor. Sue?

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN MEYERS-DYER: Taking  
10 a step backwards, request for information. How do we get  
11 on the Constant Contact list?

12 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Give those two  
13 people right there your e-mail. You'll be on there.

14 Floor recognizes Mike Kerr.

15 DISTRICT DEC REP KERR: We look at it as a  
16 raffle, but it's also a marketing piece. As we get the  
17 raffle tickets out there, that's a marketing piece as  
18 well. So it's not just a profit that we take in, it's  
19 getting the American Legion out there. We are also  
20 looking at additional fundraising opportunities. We do  
21 have the (indiscernible), the 50/50. We do have the  
22 (indiscernible) that is still ongoing. We talked about  
23 those in a different meeting. If you have suggestions  
24 for additional fundraising activities, please reach out  
25 to us so we get them.

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1           DISTRICT DEC REP CONN: Richard Conn, 1A DEC.  
2 One of the things that we have learned that, with the  
3 nonprofit, Flagstone will donate. So that is an idea to  
4 go forward with. Contact Flagstone. They'll send you  
5 the paperwork. You send them a dollar.

6           DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you.

7           MR. LARSON: Lance Larson, Post 129. Michael  
8 Massey wants to know if you're going to speak about him  
9 today.

10          DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes, we did.

11          And, Mike, I will get with you after this.

12          Thank you.

13          DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN MEYERS-DYER: So I  
14 know I worked on nuclear missile computers, but know  
15 I'm --

16          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say your name.

17          DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN MEYERS-DYERS: Sue  
18 Meyers-Dyer, Post 58. Anyway, I'm willing to donate some  
19 wood products and stuff if you ever want to do a  
20 fundraiser with that. One of the (indiscernible) donated  
21 two big wooden wavy flags. I've done the laser engraver.  
22 I do paper plaques. But I've done tables. I've done all  
23 of that stuff.

24          DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Joe Kingery.

25          DISTRICT COMMANDER KINGERY: Joe Kingery,



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1 District 8A Commander. We don't have a future plan yet  
2 for a raffle. So I believe that we have done good with  
3 gun raffles. I think we need to go back to the same  
4 people that we have used in the past, get another ten  
5 together, and be able to do a raffle that way. And then,  
6 if somebody wants to come up with a better idea for the  
7 next raffle for the spring, that would be great.

8 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: The gentleman from  
9 Shooter Sports [sic] literally just recently passed away.  
10 His family is taking this over. I have nothing against  
11 Shooter Sports [sic]. I would like to see them continue  
12 with our organization.

13 DISTRICT DEC REP KUNTZE: Shooter's Shop.

14 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I'm sorry.  
15 Shooter's Shop. But again, everyone in this room, as I  
16 said, I would like to see them. I do not want to hold a  
17 motion today. What I will do is I will take your advice  
18 because on the 27th -- I'm going to wait until the 27th.  
19 We get this one out of the way. We get the contacts.  
20 And then we'll do an e-mail DEC vote. We'll send out the  
21 information. And you, again, will make that decision.

22 The floor recognizes Karen Cruice.

23 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: Karen Cruice,  
24 District 1B. Hayden, you've got a lot going on right  
25 now. I suggest that they send Michael, who's our

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1 fundraising chair, their ideas, and he can compile them  
2 and get them to you rather than people inundating you  
3 with them.

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: That would be a --

5 DISTRICT FIRST VICE BLOXOM: Do you want me to  
6 get ten guns?

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: I want to get an  
8 estimate on ten guns, please.

9 DISTRICT FIRST VICE BLOXOM: That's not a bid.  
10 That's ten guns?

11 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Ten guns. No, bid.  
12 I'm sorry, John. I want a bid on everything. Whatever  
13 we get, we're going to give it to the floor to make that  
14 decision.

15 DISTRICT FIRST VICE BLOXOM: If you're going to  
16 bid, Shooter's Shop is not going to participate.

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Okay.

18 DISTRICT FIRST VICE BLOXOM: They're not going  
19 to tie up their merchandise while we're playing around,  
20 trying to figure out who got it. If we want the guns,  
21 they will give us the same discount they always have, and  
22 it's a Legionnaire that I'm doing business with.

23 (Crosstalk.)

24 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Yes, please send  
25 all your suggestions to Michael Kerr.

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1 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: Karen Cruice,  
2 District 1B. For this one, since we're already behind  
3 today's date where we usually take it home with us, I'd  
4 say we go with the guns that we've been going with for  
5 Mid-Winter at Shooter's Shop, and then shop around your  
6 ideas and send those to Michael Kerr.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Karen, is that a  
8 motion?

9 DISTRICT COMMANDER CRUICE: That is my motion.

10 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Okay.

11 DISTRICT COMMANDER KINGERY: Joe Kingery,  
12 District 8A Commander, I'll second that motion.

13 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Thank you for that  
14 motion.

15 All in favor, say "aye."

16 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: All opposed, same  
18 sign.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Don, get me some  
21 guns.

22 The Mid-Winter, we have not talked to the hotel.  
23 They're still drawing up the contract. With that being  
24 said, we will discuss this at, probably, DEC 2. There  
25 are some other ideas that have been floated. There's

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1 been some ideas floated that would make this a whole lot  
2 cheaper. So we will get back with you at DEC 2 once I've  
3 done a little bit of investigating.

4 So is there anything else that needs to come before  
5 this body? Going once. Is there anything else?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Anything good for  
8 the Legion? The membership shall be permitted to make  
9 suggestions at this time, or a description.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Is there any  
12 further business?

13 (No response.) (Three raps of the gavel.)

14 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Please rise.

15 Sergeant-at-Arms?

16 I'm sorry. Excuse me. First, let us pray.

17 Chaplain, would you lead us in prayer, please?

18 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN STEWART: Let us pray.

19 Lord, what's done is done. Now let us take that and  
20 run with excitement to accomplish what has been set  
21 before us for this coming year. Guide us and direct us  
22 with your grace and with your understanding. Help us to  
23 be the best that we can be as Legionnaires, working  
24 together to make the Department of Oklahoma shine amongst  
25 the American Legion. Give us traveling mercies as we go

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1 to our homes today. And we give you praise and thanks  
2 for this in Christ's name, Amen.

3 COLLECTIVE GROUP: Amen.

4 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WOODS: Sergeant-at-Arms,  
5 recover the POW/MIA.

6 Re-cover.

7 Till we meet again, let us remember our obligation  
8 to our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful  
9 performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to  
10 the community, state, and nation be ever a main objective  
11 of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever  
12 watchful of the honor of our country, our organization,  
13 and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path  
14 of justice, freedom, and democracy.

15 Face the flag. HAND SALUTE. TWO.

16 I now declare the DEC 1, 2024, Department of  
17 Oklahoma adjourned.

18 (WHEREUPON, the DEC meeting held July 21, 2024,  
19 was concluded.)  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF OKLAHOMA           )  
  ) SS:  
COUNTY OF MUSKOGEE       )

I, Jessyca Guerra, Certified Shorthand Reporter within and for the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the transcription of the audio recording of these proceedings, held on the 21st day of July, 2024, before the Oklahoma American Legion Department Executive Committee at 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was transcribed by me and is a true and accurate transcript of the audio recording to the best of my abilities and as best as I could hear the recording; that I am not an attorney for or a relative of either party or otherwise interested in this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 7th day of November, 2024.



Jessyca Guerra, CSR #2027

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