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2 . . . CALL TO ORDER . . .

3 COMMANDER OREN: Salute the colors. One,
4 two.

5 . . . SALUTE TO COLORS BY ASSEMBLY . . .

6 Invocation, Mr. Distel.

7 CHAPLAIN DISTEL: Let us pray.

8 Lord, today we begin anew, a new
9 Commander, new officers, and new ideas. As we
10 move forward, Lord, give all of us Your
11 guidance and Your caring love, plus keep us
12 safe in our travels as we strive for the
13 betterment of our American Legion, and to the
14 wellness of our veterans.

15 And it is to You that we pray, amen.

16 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Amen.

17 COMMANDER OREN: Pledge of Allegiance, 1st
18 Vice Gary Cox.

19 . . . PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY ASSEMBLY . . .

20 Cover.

21 2nd Vice Holly Lewis.

22 2VC LEWIS: Resolution 288, adopted at the
23 67th National Convention, calls for designating
24 an empty chair placed at all official meetings
25 of The American Legion as a physical symbol of

1 the thousands of American POW/MIAs still
2 unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts
3 involving the United States of America.

4 This is a reminder for all of us to spare
5 no effort to secure the release of any American
6 prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of
7 the remains of those who died bravely in
8 defense of liberty, and full accounting of
9 those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to
10 this vital endeavor.

11 COMMANDER OREN: Now recover.

12 Holly, 2nd Vice, the preamble, please.

13 . . . PREAMBLE BY ASSEMBLY . . .

14 COMMANDER OREN: Okay, you may be seated.

15 Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kennedy, introduce
16 the guests, please.

17 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: Good afternoon.

18 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Good afternoon.

19 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: We have with us
20 today Josh Brown, Past Judge Advocate,
21 currently attorney for the Department of Ohio;
22 Al Beyer, our illustrious now Past Historian,
23 thank you for all your years, Al; Christy
24 Hailey, -- if I mispronounce your name, I'm
25 sorry -- 13th District 2nd Vice; Bob Decker,

1 District 6 2nd Vice; Ty Bowers, 5th District
2 2nd Vice Commander.

3 That's all my guests for you.

4 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you, sir.

5 Okay, roll call.

6 . . . ROLL CALL CONDUCTED . . .

7 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Commander, you have a
8 quorum to conduct business.

9 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you, sir.

10 Opening remarks, right.

11 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Yep, if you want to do
12 them.

13 COMMANDER OREN: I want to say thank you.

14 I need a lot of help. I need all you guys
15 to help me. And I'm looking forward to moving
16 forward. We have a great year that started,
17 oh, ten minutes ago. And let's work together
18 and get along.

19 And one very, very important thing. When
20 addressing up here, you will stand and give
21 your name and your District, or they will
22 execute me (indicating).

23 Another thing, cell phones. Silence your
24 cell phones or it could be a hefty fine.

25 That's my report.

1 Gary.

2 1VC COX, JR.: Good afternoon.

3 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Good afternoon.

4 1VC COX, JR.: I think I pretty much said
5 it all when I was standing up on stage.

6 The 1st Vices, let your Post 1st Vices
7 know that weren't here, we are going to be
8 looking at doing Zoom meetings on a quarterly,
9 monthly, basis, however you feel the need to do
10 it. At least quarterly, if not monthly,
11 especially as we get this started, so that we
12 can get all this rolling.

13 He needs help. We all know he does. So
14 let's help him.

15 COMMANDER OREN: 2nd Vice, Holly Lewis.

16 2VC LEWIS: Thanks, Stan.

17 Hi, everybody. Glad to be here.

18 Two reminders. The Junior State Baseball
19 Tournament is in Lancaster from July 17th
20 through the 20th, and the Department Golf
21 Tournament is at Kettering Post 598, on
22 July 19th through the 20th. So if you can
23 attend, please do.

24 Thank you.

25 COMMANDER OREN: Finance Officer Ken

1 LaVoy.

2 TREASURER LaVOY: Good afternoon.

3 I'll make this real short. We had \$2,448
4 collected off the floor.

5 (Applause).

6 I also want to recognize Dean Boyers.
7 He's going to be taking over as the Commission
8 Chair for Finance.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause).

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: I would suggest
12 that we make a motion that we would tell that
13 Post they owe us \$2,180. It was part of the
14 challenge, right?

15 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Right.

16 PAST JUDGE ADVOCATE BROWN: Can we have
17 Holly verify that on the record too?

18 2VC LEWIS: Yes.

19 Holly Lewis, 2nd Vice. I verify that the
20 amount was \$2,448.

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: Wonderful.
22 That's amazing.

23 ASST SGT-AT-ARMS MASON: Mason, Post 344.

24 Did you count the \$300 that we started
25 with?

1 2VC LEWIS: I did not. No, because I
2 don't have it in my possession.

3 TREASURER LaVOY: So there's \$2,748.

4 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: Wonderful.

5 (Applause).

6 COMMANDER OREN: Ron Distel, Chaplain.

7 CHAPLAIN DISTEL: Sure, Mr. Commander.

8 Good afternoon, everyone.

9 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Good afternoon.

10 It will be a pleasure to serve The
11 American Legion Department of Ohio again this
12 year.

13 I'd like to simply say to all the District
14 Commanders, you need to ask your Chaplains to
15 attend a Religious Emphasis Committee meeting,
16 which usually happens in September. We share a
17 lot of ideas from District to District, and a
18 lot of them take ideas home to use in their
19 District and vice versa. And it really does
20 pay off. And it only takes a couple of hours
21 of time, but it is definitely a worthwhile
22 program.

23 Everyone stay safe.

24 And thank you, Commander, for inviting me
25 to serve with you this year.

1 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you for serving.

2 Department Historian Kevin Motter.

3 HISTORIAN MOTTER: Commander, sir.

4 COMMANDER OREN: Yes, sir.

5 HISTORIAN MOTTER: Thank you for this
6 opportunity to serve you.

7 History is being made in the Department of
8 Ohio, and it is being recorded and documented.

9 That's my report, sir.

10 COMMANDER OREN: Okay, NEC Ron Chapman.

11 NEC CHAPMAN: Thank you, Commander.

12 I'm Ron Chapman NEC. I'm looking forward
13 to serving another year with you. I'll keep
14 this real short. I'm going yield my time to
15 our Alternate NEC.

16 ALTERNATE NEC SCHMITT: He said he yielded
17 his time to me. And you know what I think?

18 COMMANDER OREN: And your name is?

19 ALTERNATE NEC SCHMITT: Oh, yeah, I'm
20 Robert E. "Bob" Schmitt, from the 1st District.

21 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you, sir.

22 ALTERNATE NEC SCHMITT: They got me over
23 there. They know who I am.

24 But anyway, so, yes, I'm going to serve
25 another year as the Alternate NEC, with hopes

1 of maybe following in his footsteps as the NEC
2 after this year is up.

3 However, we did have a good year. We had
4 Dan Wiley come in last fall. We had National
5 Vice Roger Mathison come in and we enjoyed him
6 for a couple of days or so.

7 And then we had the National Commander,
8 Jim LaCoursiere, and he really enjoyed his trip
9 here, to the point that he's going to come back
10 to Ohio, not necessarily to see Ohio, but at
11 least come back to Save A Warrior anyways. He
12 was really impressed with that program. And it
13 was a good trip for him and we enjoyed his
14 company here. And I think we entertained him.
15 We ate a lot. Everyplace we went, we ate, ate,
16 ate. Good food, too.

17 So, other than that, that's all of my
18 report to you.

19 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you, Robert.

20 Department Judge Advocate Jason Rue.

21 JUDGE ADVOCATE RUE: Nothing to report at
22 this time, Commander.

23 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you.

24 Department Parliamentarian Gary Minadeo.

25 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: Thank you,

1 Commander. I appreciate you not firing me
2 after not being there yesterday.

3 A lot of young people are asking me
4 questions. Guys on the dais, I don't know if
5 you noticed, we're getting younger out there,
6 which is wonderful. We're getting younger up
7 here. The tide, that motion, that natural
8 progress that we make, and when that happens,
9 and the reason I know that happens is it's the
10 third one I've gone through as Parliamentarian,
11 all right, and advising, and they're coming and
12 asking a lot of questions. And that's
13 wonderful, wonderful.

14 But just to show you how good I felt
15 yesterday when I got back and everybody said,
16 "Where the hell were you," I said, "Did any of
17 you come and see if I had a heart attack and
18 was dead in the hallway? None of you cared."

19 Like I told JD, I said, "You guys did
20 well." It may have taken a little time, maybe
21 a little confusion, but nothing is ever -- if
22 you follow Roberts' Rules of Orders, there's
23 always a way to do the things that need to be
24 done.

25 So, matter of factly, Chris made that

1 motion. I think that's something we ought to
2 look at and next year we're going to reorder
3 that. The caucus is meant to read the minutes.

4 So thank you, Chris. It hurts me to
5 actually compliment you.

6 But the key, the thing I asked, was, "Did
7 we vote on the resolution?" The resolution
8 actually had to be voted on because it was a
9 constitutional change.

10 So, if it hadn't have been, we just would
11 have brought it up today to go back to check
12 the decision.

13 So we're going to do that to streamline
14 it. I thought it was very good. So, well
15 done, everybody.

16 (Applause).

17 It proves you don't need me, which is
18 wonderful.

19 Now, for you, we have to do the updating
20 of constitution and bylaws a little different.
21 It's too cumbersome for the staff to take it
22 on.

23 So, given that I've been off, they're
24 going to take my current salary and multiply it
25 by ten. I've accepted it. After I calculated

1 it, zero times ten is zero still. But every
2 year I get a raise.

3 So I'm going to figure out a way where
4 they will come directly to me, so I know who
5 I'm dealing with. I will deal with it. It
6 takes me a couple of weeks because I'm already
7 12 to 20 behind. I've done over 250 so far.

8 A lot of you didn't get it back yet. So I
9 would have to go and do a lot of things.

10 So what I ask the District is, we have a
11 report that's on-line. It's a list. If you
12 have people that said, "I turned it in, I don't
13 have it," I would rather have your District
14 officers just call me and say, "Gary, can I
15 have a time where I just go down the list with
16 you and tell you what I need?" And then I can
17 go out and say, "Okay, Jim, no, did that one,
18 did that one, did that one, and here's what
19 they've got to do." Okay? And we'll work from
20 that.

21 Because the questions are now coming up.
22 Well, I just got elected as 2nd Vice. I'm not
23 sure what that was, but one of the old guys I
24 know said, "You're now the 2nd Vice," and
25 that's how it happened. That's how I got in.

1 Right? And here we are.

2 But they're asking. I'm looking at the
3 constitution. They're asking for the
4 constitution and bylaws. They actually read
5 the constitution and bylaws. And then they go
6 to the meeting and say, "Hey, we're not doing
7 this right," and they're told to shut up and
8 sit there. This is the way we've always done
9 it." All right? We've all been told that at
10 one time or another. So now they want to know.

11 So I think we just need to get it right.
12 And it's not a bad thing to get your
13 constitution and bylaws right. Okay?

14 So I'm willing to help. I'd like to start
15 working with a direct representative from the
16 District to say, okay, what do you want me to
17 do, what I do I have to do? Okay, great, we
18 got these settled. Go out and get these. If
19 you can't find them, we'll see what we have and
20 we'll pull out the one from 1927, and say it
21 probably should be updated.

22 The other thing I find -- and I'm taking
23 my time because we've got to do this. We've
24 got to handle on it, because I'm getting too
25 many questions.

1 We have some Posts that don't know how to
2 type or they can't get it typed. So, as a
3 District, you've got to go down and help them.

4 I tell them go to your high school with a
5 \$25 Amazon card and say, "I need a kid to type
6 these in." Go to your grandkids or something.
7 They'll get them typed in, put them in a Word
8 document, so you can start manipulating them.
9 Okay? Very easy.

10 And then lastly, after consulting with
11 Jason (sic), our lawyer, there are some things
12 coming up that you need to look at on your
13 inspections.

14 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Josh.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: Josh. I'm
16 sorry.

17 PAST JUDGE ADVOCATE BROWN: Close.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: American Legion
19 Posts are to own their buildings. But with the
20 influx of gambling money -- and the love of
21 money is all evil. And Commandment X is always
22 wanting more and never being satisfied. Right?
23 Covetousness.

24 They think they're being smart by creating
25 holding companies, 501(c)(7)'s I think they

1 are. And the holding company owns the
2 building. Thinking that if we shut down the
3 Post or the Post fails at one time, these
4 people in the holding company own the building
5 and the canteen and could run it just as much
6 for themselves.

7 To which I show them, no, you're holding
8 it for the Post. They don't think so.

9 We think it's extremely illegal. So we
10 don't want you to tell them to stop. Just tell
11 us if you see that, so the Judge and the lawyer
12 can start working on how do we do that.

13 We don't want them getting in trouble and
14 we don't want the embarrassment that it causes.
15 Okay?

16 So that's what I'm seeing.

17 I'm here to help. I, too, am going to try
18 to start some type of meeting with those that
19 just want to ask parliamentary questions.

20 The problem with Parliamentary training
21 is everybody has questions. And they'd rather
22 ask a question. And I have to handle Bob's
23 question and Chappy is sitting there going,
24 "Why in the hell are we dealing with this right
25 now? I've got another question." So sometimes

1 it's easier for me to just go one on one and
2 try to do some training.

3 I will come to your District and do
4 training. So if you can bring people together,
5 or you can give me an hour at the end of your
6 District meeting and I could get there, I'd
7 love to come and do a little bit of training
8 and answer questions.

9 And then, finally, you all heard this
10 before, the brochure on parliamentary procedure
11 that they have at Legion sales, I handed 50 of
12 them out at my training at the Legion College.
13 I paid 100 bucks for them, to which I had to
14 tell them, "Listen, my wife saw me spend \$100.
15 So can you please buy these back from me if you
16 want them?" So I made my money back.

17 They're a great little brochure to just
18 buy for the District and hand to the new
19 officers and say, "Here's how you run a
20 meeting. It's very simple."

21 Robert's Rules of Order is about everybody
22 getting a fair shot at discussion. As
23 Commanders and officers, you have to be able to
24 let people know that.

25 Joe, I know you don't like this, but

1 you've spoken once. You can't speak again.

2 We've got to give someone else a chance to
3 speak.

4 You just have to be able to tell them
5 that. And that will help you. I think that
6 brings confidence to people that they can come
7 to a meeting and be heard. And even if the
8 vote wasn't their way, they now feel they've
9 been heard will join in. And we need to do
10 that as officers, folks. You're so critical in
11 doing that and getting that even play.

12 So I thank you for putting up with me. I
13 wasn't there yesterday because I'm also the
14 Parliamentarian for the SAL now, and we had
15 some issues to work out. But I thought JD and
16 the staff and you guys did well.

17 So, next time, next convention, I will get
18 with Chris first and say, "Okay, what are you
19 going to do that I need to know about?"

20 Thank you, Commander.

21 And Chris, I appreciate you, Buddy. You
22 know that. God bless you.

23 11TH DISTRICT 1VC SMATHERS: Commander,
24 Rick Smathers, District 11 1st Vice. I just
25 had a question on the controversy that went on

1 yesterday.

2 Was that actually a resolution or was than
3 an amendment to the constitution we should have
4 been voting on?

5 FROM THE FLOOR: Both.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: The resolution
7 was the amendment to the constitution.

8 11TH DISTRICT 1VC SMATHERS: Okay.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: And that should
10 have been read in the caucuses. You had it
11 beforehand. That was an amendment because we
12 had to change that so they could meet at a
13 different time.

14 Thank you for the question.

15 COMMANDER OREN: Okay. With no others to
16 do, Department Adjutant JD Robinson.

17 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Hi, everybody.

18 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Hi.

19 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: How many 1st Vices I
20 got in here?

21 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (Indicating).

22 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Everybody is going to
23 Membership Workshop August 8th and 9th.

24 FROM THE FLOOR: It's a great workshop.

25 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: I've been to five of

1 them now, six of them. Six, I think. And I
2 learn something different every year out there.

3 I highly recommend you going. Your 2nd
4 Vice can room with you. Take your 2nd Vice if
5 the District will pay for it.

6 The Department will cover travel to and
7 from, and the cost of a one-night hotel stay.
8 As a 1st Vice, you can turn in a reimbursement
9 form for it.

10 You can still go on-line until the 18th of
11 July, I believe, and get registered. So go to
12 legion.org/membershipworkshop2025, scroll down
13 and look for the registration, fill it out.
14 And we look forward to seeing you there.

15 And I'll beat the rest of you up when we
16 get to the August 16th DEC.

17 I look forward to working with you this
18 year.

19 Thank you, Commander.

20 COMMANDER OREN: Ratification of the
21 Commander's appointees, JD Robinson.

22 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: I'll start reading
23 them off. If there's questions, please raise
24 your hand and be recognized by the Commander if
25 you have a question as I read these off.

1 Chaplain, Ron Distel, Post 113; Assistant
2 Chaplain, Sharon McClain, Post 281, District
3 14; Judge Advocate, Jason Rue, Post 541,
4 District 1; Assistant Judge Advocate, Chris
5 Emmons, and I don't have your -- 707, District
6 3; Department Parliamentarian, Gary Minadeo,
7 Post 7, District 9; Immediate Past Department
8 Commander, Arnold Whatley, you're immediate,
9 you're automatic, but you're on my list so I'm
10 reading it; Historian, Kevin Motter, Post 109,
11 District 1; Assistant Historian, Robert Mason,
12 Post 344, District 5; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike
13 Kennedy, Post 291 (sic) --

14 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: 97.

15 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: -- 297, sorry,
16 District 1, thanks; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms,
17 Chris Miller, Post 417, District 6; Assistant
18 Sergeant-at-Arms, Thom Stan, Post 389, District
19 11; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Charlie
20 Kvochick, Post 535, District 5; Assistant
21 Sergeant-at-Arms, Ty Bowers, Post 181, District
22 5; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Mark Mahlman,
23 Post 265, District 1; Assistant
24 Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Mason, Post 344,
25 District 5; Department Adjutant, John Robinson,

1 let's see, Post 401, District 6, it's been a
2 minute.

3 Gaming Committee, William Little, Hanover
4 Post, District 6; Sons of The American Legion
5 Liaison, Bernie Rau, Post 541, District 1;
6 Buckeye American Legion College, Ty Bowers,
7 Post 181, District 5; Employment and Education,
8 Bill Dittebrand, Post 214, District 9.

9 Internal Affairs: District 1, Kevin
10 Motter; District 2, Ken Schutz; District 3,
11 Chris Emmons; District 4, Jerry Perry; District
12 5, Charlie Kvochick; District 6, Mel Cantrell;
13 District 7, Mike Holz; District 8, Laura Blake;
14 District 9, Charles Stennis; District 10, Larry
15 Stottsberry; District 11, Steve Wainwright;
16 District 12, Brad Beatty; District 13, Mel
17 Baher; District 14, John Life.

18 Convention Corporation, Bert Boyd, Sr.;
19 Mike Blackwell, Bernie Rau; Americanism
20 Chairman, Tom Rowe, Jr.; Children and Youth,
21 Ken Schutz; Finance Chairperson is Dean Boyers,
22 as stated earlier; Finance appointment will be
23 Charlie Kvochick, for a 3-year term; Gifts for
24 the Yanks, Thom Stan; Internal Affairs is Gary
25 Cox, Jr.; Legislative is Suzette Heller; Media,

1 Marketing, Communication is Shallon Smith;
2 Membership and Post Activities is Holly;
3 National Security, Brad Beatty; Veteran Affairs
4 and Rehabilitation is Dave Cook; Scholarship
5 Committee, Mike Blackwell, Jake Marx, William
6 Little; Oratorical will be John Looker;
7 Religious Emphasis is Ron Distel; Baseball
8 Commissioner is Chris Emmons. American Legion
9 Riders will be John Robinson.

10 Those are the appointments for this year.
11 We need a motion and a second to ratify,
12 Commander.

13 11TH DISTRICT 1VC SMATHERS: Rick
14 Smathers, District 11. I so move.

15 7TH DISTRICT CMDR CONLEY: John Conley,
16 7th District, second.

17 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you.

18 We've got a first and a second.

19 Any discussion?

20 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

21 COMMANDER OREN: Any discussion?

22 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

23 COMMANDER OREN: Hearing none, all in
24 favor say aye.

25 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Aye.

1 COMMANDER OREN: All opposed the same.

2 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

3 COMMANDER OREN: The motion carries.

4 Good of The American Legion.

5 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: I already covered
6 Membership Workshop.

7 Just remember the National Convention.
8 Make sure your housing forms are turned in.
9 E-mail them to us, get them to us, because we
10 have to have that finalized, I believe,
11 Tuesday. We have to have it to the hotel.

12 If you have any questions, call us.

13 I will be out of the office tomorrow.
14 Just so everybody knows, the office will be
15 closed.

16 PAST HISTORIAN BEYER: Al Beyer, 5th
17 District.

18 You said yesterday about changing hotels.
19 Did you find the name of the new hotel yet for
20 National?

21 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: We didn't change
22 hotels. We're at the Hampton Inn and Home2
23 Suites.

24 PAST HISTORIAN BEYER: What was changing?

25 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: The Ohio Party is

1 being held at the Flor Hotel, F-L-O-R.

2 PAST HISTORIAN BEYER: Okay.

3 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: It's just the Ohio
4 Party. That's where we're having it. That was
5 the only venue I could find.

6 PAST HISTORIAN BEYER: Okay.

7 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Any other questions?

8 FROM THE FLOOR: What's the date?

9 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: For which?

10 FROM THE FLOOR: The Ohio Party.

11 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: The Ohio Party will be
12 August 23rd, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

13 If there's nothing else, Commander, I'm
14 going to sit down.

15 COMMANDER OREN: Okay.

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: We've got to
17 handle the budget and the --

18 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Yeah.

19 COMMANDER OREN: Okay, under the good of
20 The Legion --

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: By constitution,
22 you're supposed to approve the new budget. The
23 new budget is not ready. So what we need to do
24 is have a motion to defer the approval of the
25 '25-'26 budget until the August DEC.

1 If that passes, then we have to have a
2 motion to continue disbursements, to authorize
3 them to continue disbursements through the
4 August DEC.

5 So, first the motion to -- and the
6 Commander needs to say it, not me, I'm just
7 telling him what to say.

8 COMMANDER OREN: I need a motion to extend
9 the budget through August the 6th (sic), the
10 budget approval.

11 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: The 16th.

12 COMMANDER OREN: The budget approval.

13 1ST DISTRICT CMDR BOYERS: Commander, Dean
14 Boyers from the 1st District. I make a motion
15 to defer the approval of the budget to the
16 August DEC meeting.

17 12TH DISTRICT CMDR HELLER: Commander,
18 Suzette Heller, District Commander, 12th
19 District. I second that.

20 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you.

21 Any discussion?

22 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

23 COMMANDER OREN: Any discussion?

24 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

25 COMMANDER OREN: Hearing none, all in

1 favor say aye.

2 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Aye.

3 COMMANDER OREN: Motion carried.

4 Now we need a motion to authorize the
5 disbursements, pay the bills.

6 5TH DISTRICT CMDR RODGERS: Melissa
7 Rodgers, 5th District Commander, makes a motion
8 to pay the bills.

9 8TH DISTRICT CMDR CONN: Scott Conn,
10 Commander, 8th District. I second that motion.
11 Any discussion?

12 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

13 COMMANDER OREN: Any discussion?

14 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: (No response).

15 COMMANDER OREN: Hearing none, all in
16 favor say aye.

17 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Aye.

18 COMMANDER OREN: Motion carried.

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: The motion is to
20 pay them through the August DEC. So it's just
21 till the August DEC they're allowed to pay the
22 bills.

23 COMMANDER OREN: Yeah.

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN MINADEO: Thank you,
25 Commander.

1 PDC RUE: Thank you.

2 I just want to announce that I will be
3 campaigning for Alternate NEC for next year.

4 (Applause).

5 1ST DISTRICT CMDR BOYERS: Commander, Dean
6 Boyers, Post 468, 1st District. I would like
7 to announce my candidacy for Department
8 Treasurer for the '26-'27 year.

9 (Applause).

10 COMMANDER OREN: Anybody else?

11 ALTERNATE NEC SCHMITT: Well, if you're
12 going to beg me, I'll announce my candidacy for
13 NEC. Robert E. "Bob" Schmitt for NEC for
14 '26-'27, '27-'28, whatever.

15 TREASURER LaVOY: Commander, Department
16 Treasurer. I'd like to announce my candidacy
17 for the high office of 2nd Vice for the '26-'27
18 year.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause).

21 2VC LEWIS: I suppose, Holly Lewis, 2nd
22 Vice, I suppose I would announce my candidacy
23 for the 1st Vice. Maybe I'll run away. Who
24 knows?

25 My husband keeps asking me, "Are you sure

1 you know what you're doing?"

2 1VC COX, JR.: Gary Cox, Jr., announcing
3 my candidacy to be the Department Commander for
4 '26 and '27.

5 (Applause).

6 COMMANDER OREN: Okay.

7 12TH DISTRICT CMDR HELLER: Commander, are
8 you announcing your candidacy to be the
9 Immediate Past Commander?

10 COMMANDER OREN: I'm running for my life.
11 Okay, closing comments. I guess that's
12 me.

13 ADJUTANT ROBINSON: Yep.

14 COMMANDER OREN: Thank you all for coming.
15 Thank you for your support already, being here,
16 showing that you're supporting all of us and
17 supporting The Legion for the State of Ohio. I
18 thank you all.

19 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: Commander.

20 COMMANDER OREN: Yes, sir.

21 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: There will be a
22 quick meeting of all the Assistant
23 Sergeant-at-Arms back in the back of the room
24 at the conclusion of this meeting.

25 COMMANDER OREN: Okay, you want a quick

1 meeting with the --

2 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: All the Assistant
3 Sergeant-at-Arms.

4 COMMANDER OREN: -- all Assistant
5 Sergeant-at-Arms in the back of the room.

6 And your meetings will continue until his
7 attitude improves.

8 SGT-AT-ARMS KENNEDY: There you go.
9 That's a long time.

10 COMMANDER OREN: Benediction.
11 Uncover.

12 ASST CHAPLAIN McCLAIN: May the strength
13 of God sustain us; may the power of God
14 preserve us; may the hand of God protect us;
15 and may the way of God direct us; and may feel
16 God within us.

17 And now, Dear Heavenly Father, we ask You,
18 as we go our separate ways, we ask You to help
19 us, to guide us, through all the coming days.
20 Be with us and safely lead us down the service
21 road.

22 We Thank You for Your loving care. It
23 will help to lighten the load. We thank You
24 for Your blessings.

25 Go with us as we depart. See each one

1 safely home and lighten every heart.

2 And we ask this in Your holy name.

3 Amen.

4 FROM THE ASSEMBLY: Amen.

5 COMMANDER OREN: Cover.

6 By the numbers. One, two.

7 . . . SALUTE TO COLORS BY ASSEMBLY . . .

8 Adjourned.

9 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED)

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