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1	THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT	1	(Whereupon, the meeting of the DEC began
2	OF MISSOURI	2	at 1:11 p.m.)
3		3	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: The colors of our
4		4	country being in their proper place, we will render
5	DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	5	the right-hand salute.
6		6	Uncover.
7		7	Our Department Chaplain Marvin Harper will
8		8	offer the invocation.
9		9	CHAPLAIN HARPER: Everybody can probably
10	AMERICAN LEGION POST 152	10	hear me without this, but that's all right. I want
11	123 EAST BROADWAY	11	to do it a little different here. I want to read a
12	ASHLAND, MISSOURI 65010	12	little scripture from the Bible, and then we'll have
13		13	a prayer.
14		14	Jesus comforts his disciples. Do not let
15	FEBRUARY 27, 2021	15	your hearts be troubled. You believe in God;
16		16	believe also in me. My Father's house has many
17		17	rooms. If that were not true, would I have told you
18		18	that I am going there to prepare a place for you.
19		19	And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come
20		20	back and take you with me that you also may be where
21		21	I am. You know the way to the place where I'm
22		22	going. Bow our heads in prayer.
23		23	@Almighty God, creator of all this and
24		24	been that is and is still to come. Be with us we
25		25	pray as we meet as comrades and friends of the
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1	THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT	1	American Legion. Be with us as we meet or
2	OF MISSOURI	2	commitments as members of this great organization;
3		3	guide our hearts and our minds as we work together
4	DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	4	for you, our God, and our country. Amen.
5 6		5	(A chorus of amen.)
7		6	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Remain uncovered.
8	AMERICAN LEGION POST 152	7	Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th
	123 EAST BROADWAY	8	National Convention, calls for the designation of a
9	ASHLAND, MISSOURI 65010	9	POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of the
10	FEBRUARY 27, 2021	10	American Legion as a physical symbol of thousands of
11		11	American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all
12		12	wars and conflicts involving the United States of
13		13	America.
14	REPORTED BY:	14	Accordingly, the POW/MIA flag has been
15	SUSAN M. MOODY, MO-CCR #430 Alaris Litigation Services	15	placed on the Empty Chair, a reminder for all of us
16	711 North 11th Street	16	to spare no effort to secure the release of any
	St. Louis, Missouri 63101	17	American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation
17	(314) 644-2191 / 1-800-280-DEPO	18	of the remains of those who died bravely in the
	transcripts@alarislitigation.us	19	defense of liberty and a full accounting of those
18 19		20	missing. Let us all rededicate ourselves for this
20		21	vital endeavor.
21		22	Will you join me in the pledge of
22		23	allegiance. Remain uncovered.
23		24	(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)
24 25		25	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Cover. Remain
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1	standing.	1	Darlene Coats is excused.
2	And we're joined in the preamble.	2	Past National Commander Joe Frank is
3	(The Preamble to the Constitution of the	3	excused.
4	American Legion was recited.)	4	Adjutant Lowry Finley-Jackson, I am
5	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Welcome everyone to	5	present.
6	the Department's Spring Executive Committee Meeting.	6	First District Commander Lloyd Miller?
7	I remind you that this is an open session, and all	7	MR. MILLER: Present.
8	Legionnaires are welcome to attend. To speak on any	8	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Second District
9	matter, however, they must first obtain permission	9	Commander Edwin Allender?
10	from their District Commander. When speaking,	10	MR. ALLENDER: Here.
11	please give your also name and district or town for	11	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Third District
12	the reporter. One person speak at a time, please.	12	Commander Douglas Millison?
13	Adjutant, come forward.	13	MR. MILLISON: Here.
14	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Good morning	14	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Fourth District
15	afternoon, sorry. Good afternoon.	15	Commander Budd Gilfillen. He's absent.
16	Commander?	16	Fifth District Commander Michelle
17	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Here.	17	Batliner?
18	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Sr. Vice	18	MS. BATLINER: Present.
19	Commander Gary Grigsby?	19	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Sixth District
20	SR. VICE COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Present.	20	Commander William Anderson is excused.
21	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone I Vice	21	Seventh District Commander Jim Heard?
22	Commander Bob Maddox?	22	MR. HEARD: Here.
23	VICE COMMANDER MADDOX: Here.	23	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Eighth District
24	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Joe Cochran is	24	Commander Brian Sapp?
25	excused.	25	MR. SAPP: Here.
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1	Zone III Vice Commander Rose Noonan?	1	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Ninth District
2	VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Here.	2	Commander Ray Rolley, absent. Tenth District
3	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone IV Vice	3	Commander Ed Ucinski, excused. Eleventh and 12th
4	Commander Philip Baker?	4	District Commander Darlene Coats is excused.
5	VICE COMMANDER BAKER: Present.	5	Thirteenth District Commander Duane
6	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: NECman Kenneth	6	DeClue?
7	Goth is excused.	_	
		7	MR. DECLUE: Here.
8	Alternate NECman Tom Goodin?	8	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Fourteenth
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Page 9 Page 11 1 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 1 It's great to be back here and seeing 2 Commander Clark Pointer is excused. Past Department 2 everybody again. It's been, what, six months or 3 Commander Richard Heigert? 3 more since we've had a chance to get to see each 4 MR. HEIGERT: Here. 4 other all at one time. And I've kind of missed that 5 5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department camaraderie that we established over the many years, 6 6 Commander Dave Shafer? and so it's really good to get back here. That's 7 7 MR. SHAFER: Here. the good news. 8 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 8 The other part, the bad news, well, you 9 Commander John Neger is excused. Past Department 9 know as a National Vice Commander my primary concern 10 10 for my region of the United States is membership. Commander David Jennemann is excused. 11 And, you know, last year Missouri finished at the Past Department Commander Marvin Harper? 11 12 MR. HARPER: Here. 12 bottom of the membership in the central region; 13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 13 totally last, even behind West Virginia which only 14 Commander Charles Goodin? 14 has 15,000 members and we still finish behind them. I thought everything was going real good 1.5 MR. CHARLES GOODIN: Here. 1.5 16 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 16 this year. We started out we were eighth place, 17 Commander Lynn Dorrell is excused. Past Department 17 seventh place, up in the top ten. Really going 18 18 good. But now things have started to bottom out it Commander Kenneth Goff is excused Past Department Commander Arthur Wilson? 19 19 seems like. Right now, as of this past Thursday, we 20 MR. WILSON: Here. 20 were down to 30. Last year we finished at 43rd. ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 21 We're heading that way real fast. 2.1 22 22 And the only problem I see is, you know, Commander Thomas Goodin? 23 MR. TOM GOODIN: Hoorah. 23 we're -- we've got to get out to the different 2.4 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 24 posts. And my problem that I see after visiting 25 Dennis Woeltje? 2.5 some of the other departments, seeing what they do, Page 10 Page 12 1 MR. WOELTJE: Here. 1 I think the biggest problem we have here in Missouri 2 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 2 is mentoring our officers; our district officers, 3 Commander George Scarborough? 3 our district commanders, our zone commanders, all 4 MR. SCARBOROUGH: Here. 4 the way up to include the highest, even our ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 5 5 department commander; all the way up. 6 Commander Elizabeth Gonzales? 6 Membership is not just the senior vice 7 MS. GONZALES: Semper Fi. 7 commander's problem. He's put in charge of the 8 8 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department membership, but he can't do it all himself. And 9 Commander Cary Kellett? 9 we've got to educate everybody, training. In 10 MR. KELLETT: Here. 10 January, the American Legion had a -- they do a 11 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department 11 training session on the last Tuesday of every month, 12 Commander Kerry Boardman? 12 and in January they did an excellent training 13 13 MR. BOARDMAN: Present. session on leadership. And that training session is 14 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Commander, we 14 available on legion.org/training. 15 15 So it's available any time. Look at it, have a quorum. COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you. go online and pull it up and watch that. It's about 16 16 17 Please note that we will have a closed DEC 17 an hour long, but it's really a good training 18 meeting immediately following this session. Thank 18 session. It teaches you what leadership is, and I 19 you. 19 think that's one of the things that this department 20 Before we begin with the business, I would 20 is lacking right now is we haven't had training 21 like to welcome a special guest, our own National 21 sessions for our leaders, especially those up and 22 22 Vice Commander Rich Heigert. coming that are potential post officers, our post --23 (A chorus of applause.) 23 our district officers. We haven't had any good 24 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HEIGERT: Thank 24 training sessions in a long time here in Missouri,

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at least none that I know of.

you very much, Hallie.

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And that's one of the things that's primary. If you're a good leader, people will follow you and everything will show up at the post level. And if post is operating good, then membership will come automatically. People will want to join your post. So that's where we need to really dig in.

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I know I've just attended this past week a couple sessions with Wisconsin, Department in Wisconsin. They have an online Zoom schedule for — that they run about every — on a four-month rotating basis. It's — you take the American Legion basic course. And once you take that, then you attend their statewide Zoom courses. They have a basic course, an intermediate course. They have a course for adjutants, and a course for post commanders. And then they have a final course. And then they give them a certificate. And all this is done online so that anybody can attend it.

So that's a start. If we can get something like that going.

Another thing that they look at is the CPR. Department of Ohio sent out -- we picked up something from the Department of Ohio concerning CPRs. It's not just a report that goes in to

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really important.

I know right now we're in the middle of a membership rally called Operation Come Back. It's to try and get those members that have left the Legion for one reason or another. We're asking every -- every post to go back, check the 2019 and 2020 nonrenewals. Contact those members, find out -- if they say -- ask them why they didn't renew, find out why. And then maybe there's something that your post is doing or not doing that would help bring them back.

That's where Missouri lost over 3,000 members last year. And right now we're about . . . SR. VICE COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Oh, 4500.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HEIGERT: We're
 about 5,000 members behind last year's number right
 now. We had 33,000 last year. Our goal this year
 is 33,000, and we're actually at 28,000. We've only

So we need every post, every district, every member of our executive committee, executive board, get out there and talk to these people. Get down to the post level. You can't do it necessarily by calling once a month or once every two months and saying how are you doing, or waiting for the next

got a couple months to get those last 5,000 members.

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Department who sends it on to National to go to Congress. Department of Ohio looks at those CPRs and they go through every one of them and look at --consolidate everything.

And they can show when somebody says, what do you do as a post, what do you do as a district, they can take or see that summary of those CPRs and say, oh, well, in our district we did this much for Boys State, we did this much for child welfare, here's what we did for American Legion baseball.

An individual post may think, well, I didn't do very much. But if you look at it, there's a lot in there that describes what the Legion Post does. And when somebody comes up and says, why should I join your post? Pull out that summary of the CPRs and say, well, here's what we've done this year. And here's last year's summary, here's what we've done last year, this is what you can be involved in at the post. And it makes a difference in whether you keep that member or even enlist -- enroll that member, that person as a member.

So there's a lot of -- a lot of things out there that will help you. The problem is we're not training our younger people to come in and follow us up. So that's one of the things that is really,

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district meeting to talk to them.

There's -- with the virtual means of contacting everybody now using Zoom and so on, there's a lot of time that we can spend face to face on Zoom talking to those people. Talk to -- have a district meeting with just your commanders over Zoom and talk to them with post commanders. A lot of different means have been developed over this past year because of this pandemic.

So utilize all those and get those members in. We need those. A lot of our budget problems that we've had here in the Department in Missouri could be resolved if we get all these members in and make a hundred percent and then start building back up to where we used to be. I know when I was department commander in 2004, we were at about 50,000 members. Now we're down to 33-, 34,000. That's a lot of members that we've lost in the last 18 years, 17 years. So that's what I'm asking everybody to do.

The other thing, this is mainly for those down in Zone III. We're going to be doing a caravan, which we haven't been able to do very much traveling about, so we're going to be down the 12th through the 15th down in Zone III and hitting

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1	several posts.	1	MR. BUCKWALTER: I move for the actions of
2	I know in your packets there's a schedule	2	the subcommittee be ratified.
3	of where we're supposed to be and when. And please,	3	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian, second.
4	invite as many people as you can get to come out and	4	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
5	see us. And bring some memberships with you. Let	5	We'll now have Adjutant's report.
6	me know what you're doing. I have to give a report	6	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No, we're on
7	to the National Commander every other Friday through	7	activities.
8	the end of March on how we're doing on this. And so	8	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Charter activities.
9	far, the only thing I've gotten out of Missouri is	9	MR. BOARDMAN: Need to vote on that
10	what I get from National.	10	motion.
11	And then last week I got a saw a copy	11	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Okay. All right.
12	of a letter, or an email that our vice commander	12	I'm ahead of myself.
13	sent out. And the only reason I got that is because	13	All in favor?
14	my district commander sent it to me. So I've	14	(A chorus of ayes.)
15	I've been pretty well on my own as far as reporting	15	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?
16	what Missouri is doing. I would like to get some	16	(No nayes.)
17	more information.	17	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: The ayes have it.
18	Other than that, let's enjoy ourselves and	18	Now we will have our Adjutant report on
19	have a good DEC today. Thank you.	19	charter activities.
20	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.	20	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: We have no
21	I'd like to request approval of the	21	recommendations for new charters. We do have two
22	minutes of October 20, 2020 DEC distribution.	22	recommendations for cancellation. District 5,
23	MR. MADDOX: Zone I Maddox.	23	Forte-Galvin-Sorrone Post 609 in Kansas City; and
24	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Say your name	24	District 6, Archie Memorial Post 536 in Archie,
25	again, please.	25	Missouri. These posts both meet criteria to be
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1	MR. MADDOX: Zone I Maddox makes that	1	closed; they have no weapons, no money, no building.
1 2	MR. MADDOX: Zone I Maddox makes that motion.	1 2	closed; they have no weapons, no money, no building. So all that stuff has been turned in.
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2	motion.	2	So all that stuff has been turned in.
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Page 27 Page 25 they're probably including the MO 1000s, and the van and that's why you're in that job, is to visit 1 1 2 post expireds. 2 those trouble spots and try to get them on the 3 So that number, when I -- and I went 3 straight and narrow. Just my opinion. 4 MR. GRIGSBY: Point taken. 4 through and didn't have my statistical program, SAS, 5 5 or any of the other statistical programs that you Other questions? 6 can use, but I did it manually and I created a 6 Thank you, Commander. 7 7 percentage chart basing the expireds on the 2021 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Okay. No action 8 8 goal. And that came out, for our department, as needs to be taken on that. 7.57 percent. And ranking all of the other 9 9 New business. We'll call our finance 10 departments, the -- all 55 of the departments, 10 commander report Terry Lanning -- committee. Terry reserve was in 21st place in that ranking and was 11 11 Lanning. 12 real close. All of Commander Heigert's region was 12 MR. LANNING: Do you have a copy of my --13 at the mid point and above. 13 COURT REPORTER: This is what I have. 14 So what that tells us is that we are 14 MR. LANNING: Yep. I'll be reading off of 15 getting our expireds renewed or we're getting our 15 that. 16 membership closer. We have fewer expireds than the 16 Okay. My name is Terry Lanning. I'm 17 rest of the list. So we need to continue what we're 17 chairman of the Finance Committee -- Commission. 18 18 The Department had three significant items doing, but we're going to have to do some changes. 19 19 affecting the current budget. First item: LIT had We're going to need to use our Legion Act, get the 20 new members. You've all heard this before. Get 20 a drop of \$17,525 compared to the budgeted amount. 21 21 the -- and get your post expireds renewed. That's Second item: Missouri Veterans Commission has 22 22 the most important thing right now. decreased the grant money the Department was to 23 23 So I want each of you to either printout receive during this year from \$240,189 to \$155,049. 2.4 that list for your post, or get -- and I don't know 24 This is a decrease of \$85,140, 35 percent. We 25 whether I can get it done from department 25 weren't the only ones that received a decrease; Page 26 Page 28 1 headquarters. And I can send it to you that way, 1 everybody getting money from the grants received a 2 2 but you need to get it done for your post. And your decrease. And thirdly: The Dignity Memorial 3 post can print off their own list of expireds and 3 revenue decreased by \$2,000. 4 get it taken care. They need to report to you. 4 These items show a reduction in revenue of 5 5 \$104,665 in this current year's budget. The Finance So my request is that you get that done. 6 And that has high priority for us getting our 6 Commission expects the decrease in expenses due to 7 membership back on track. 7 Corona virus of about \$40,000 this year. So we need 8 8 Any questions? to cover about \$64,000. 9 MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin. Alternate NEC. 9 There is some really good news. Through 10 MR. GRIGSBY: Yes. sir. 10 the December 2020 Stimulus Paycheck Protection 11 MR. TOM GOODIN: Gary, you have a van. 11 Program, which you heard earlier talked about, the 12 Are you traveling to these troubled spots 12 Department received a loan of \$70,700 this year. 13 yourself --13 After the department spends the money in salaries, 14 MR. GRIGSBY: Yes, sir. 14 then the loan will be forgiven. This loan is only MR. TOM GOODIN: -- and meeting with these 15 15 for one time. This will cover the \$64,000 in 16 people and showing them how to get going and try to 16 reduced revenue for this year. However, it is 17 revitalize or are you --17 expected to have \$104,665 drop in revenue for next 18 MR. GRIGSBY: Yes, sir. 18 year's budget, and there's still a need to reduce 19 MR. TOM GOODIN: -- doing this all by 19 some of this year's expenses. 20 20 I received word Friday from Lowry that --21 MR. GRIGSBY: Well, I'm doing some by 21 Did you get the --22 22 internet and some by personal contact. ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes, we got it. 23 23 MR. TOM GOODIN: Well, the internet hasn't MR. LANNING: -- that headquarters

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to have personal contact. And that's why you have a

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Page 31 Page 29 1 didn't know that was coming. communications, which is phone calls, office visits, 1 2 The Department looked for ways to have 2 fax, emails, so forth, for a year by the Poplar 3 additional revenue, but none could be identified 3 Bluff service officer was 352; Columbia was 1,064. 4 other than to get more membership. The Finance 4 In both the Columbia and Poplar Bluff locations, 5 5 Commission recommends making the following changes there are other veterans organizations that could 6 6 to expenses for this year's budget. These items are help the veterans as well as the State's service 7 7 being presented today to you. officer. 8 First item: Two people at VA&R have 8 There's a possibility the reduction of 9 declined to take out insurance effective 9 expenses for VA&R might impact on how much grant 10 December 2020. We had already budgeted a 7 percent 10 money the Department gets from the State. The increase, but it turned out only to be a 1.4 percent 11 department currently gets approximately 48 percent 11 12 increase. These two items will create a savings of 12 for the budgeted expenses, and after these changes 13 \$21,906 for this year. 13 that we're proposing, the VA&R expenses would be 14 The new health insurance budget for 2021 14 approximately 58 percent. 15 1.5 would now be Headquarters \$21,864, and VA&R \$12,514. These actions for the services officers 16 We propose dropping the budget for headquarters over 16 would have a savings this year of \$35,347, plus 17 time \$2,000 and VA&R \$500. Neither has been used 17 \$2,828 taxes and \$707 in pension, for a total 18 for the last two years. This is a savings of 2500. 18 savings of 38,882. Part of this savings is in not 19 Cut the medal of Honor Upkeep budget from 19 having a Service Officer in Columbia since 20 1,000 to \$500. Cut the legal affairs budget from 20 November 2020 and Poplar Bluff since July 17, 2020. 21 500 to zero. It has not been used for the last 21 Keep in mind that next year's budget we'll have a 22 22 full year of salary and taxes. The total cuts and 23 23 Legionnaire magazine currently has a expenses will be \$81,359 of this current year's 24 budget of 36,000 for 3 issues. The Finance 24 budget. 25 2.5 Commission recommends to only have 2 issues of the That's my report. Any action . . . Page 30 Page 32 1 Legionnaire magazine. This would be a savings this 1 Let me -- I guess let me open it for --2 2 year of 16,000. Finance Commission also recommends COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Okay. We have a 3 3 that one or two issues could be put online in motion -- Who makes the motion? 4 between the paper issues. This could cost 4 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Commander, point of 5 approximately \$1,000 per online issue; therefore, 5 order. So when we do reports, if it's a report that 6 the savings this year would be 14,000. The 6 doesn't have recommendations or proposals in it, no 7 magazine's new budget will be 22,000. 7 action needs to be taken; the report's just given 8 8 VA&R travel budget is now 16,767. We and vou're done. 9 propose to cut this to 14,000 this year, for a 9 So there are two other things you do. A 10 10 savings of \$2,767. We currently pay for Sirius for report like this. I counted at least four proposals 11 the three vans at a cost of \$599 per year. Dropping 11 to be acted on. So a member of the committee can 12 12 this will save \$250 this year. say I move we implement the proposals, and action 13 13 Last item. We currently have budget to can be taken that way. 14 pay for 29 hours per week for Columbia and Poplar 14 If you want to -- in this case, you can 15 Bluff Service Officer jobs. Finance Commission 15 render the report. If you want to accept the report 16 16 recommends we fill the Columbia Service Officer job or adopt the report in full, that would be adopting 17 at 20 hours per week, and not fill the Poplar Bluff 17 every proposal, every word, every fact, every 18 Service Officer job at this time. Columbia Service 18 statement in the report that --19 Officer job would be filled effective March 1st, or 19 Can you hear me? 20 whenever Tracy can hire somebody. 20 (Chorus of yes.) 21 Columbia county, which is Boone County, 21 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Then somebody 22 22 has a population of 180,463. Poplar Bluff county, outside of that committee has to make the motion. 23 23 which is Butler County has 42,478. The current For just implementing the recommendations, a member

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of the committee can make it and we can move

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number of clients Poplar Bluff is handling is 454,

and Columbia is 1,472. The total -- total

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Page 35 Page 33 So if you want to have discussion first 1 keep the option open to fill that post. If you 1 2 before you move to a motion, then I would open it up 2 don't want to put somebody there, I mean, frankly, 3 for discussion, and then we can decide. And then we 3 the population in that area, what Terry explained, 4 just need to be clear. Like I said, I think there 4 40,000 people, the veteran population is around 5 5 were four proposals in there. 12 percent of that. They are keeping the doors open 6 MR. LANNING: Okay. Well, I guess I'll 6 at that facility. 7 7 open it for discussion. Anybody have any questions They put an urgent care there. It's got a 8 8 nursing home there. But our volume of claims is on what the committee is proposing? UNIDENTIFIED: Take your mask off. 9 9 driven by who you all bring in, and it is low. I 10 10 Everything is muffled. mean, we've had a part time person there. The MR. VOYLES: Yeah. And I see that Tracy's 11 11 priority hasn't been there for many years, decades. 12 12 here --So, it is covered, as -- I mean, Terry did 13 COURT REPORTER: (Indicating.) 13 a great job explaining. It's covered as far as the 14 MR. VOYLES: Question is, I'm just 14 claim assistance, Missouri Veteran's Commission, 15 15 concerned about how many -they have people down in those counties down there, 16 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: David Voyles. 16 such as it is. The other wards have people down 17 MR. VOYLES: Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize. 17 there. VFW, VAV. If you don't want to put somebody 18 18 Dave Voyles, past department commander. there, that's fine. I don't have any concerns about 19 19 I'd like to hear from Tracy about all our that. It's the presence in the community that is --20 20 areas where we have service officers and on the as a member of the American Legion that concerns me 21 21 cases they're doing and do we need them. Poplar that we would be willing to give up a person who's 22 22 Bluff I understood, Tracy, didn't you go down one there actively working on behalf of every veteran. 23 23 day a week for a while or two days a week? If she That is a physical demonstration of what the 2.4 did, I want to know -- I'd like to know why or what 24 American Legion does, our mission, so -- but, it's 25 she accomplished. 25 your -- it's your all's program and it's your Page 34 Page 36 1 And in Columbia, my understanding is 1 decision. 2 2 you -- if I read you right, you said they have a So at the -- at 29 hours a week, I mean, 3 3 thousand claims in Columbia, something like that, we're paying about 22,000 a year, me going down 4 which is good I guess. You need to explain whether 4 there once a month let's say. If VA allows us to 5 5 you -- who you need or who you don't need. keep that space in the building with a once-a-month 6 MS. VAWTER: Well --6 commitment, I kind of doubt they'll -- they'll 7 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: State your name 7 string along, they'll wait for very long, but, you 8 8 first. know, let's say it costs us around \$2,600 for 12 9 MS. VAWTER: My name is Tracy Vawter, V as 9 visits a year. At the every other week pace that we 10 10 in victory, A-W-T-E-R. had been going it costs \$6,000 in a year. So those 11 I'm not comfortable taking my mask down, 11 are the factors I think that are pertinent. 12 12 so I hope this is clear enough. Columbia is a whole different story 13 13 The Department Service Officer Program, because their population is different and because we 14 this is a program of your department. I -- I am a 14 have a different commitment there. We've had a full 15 subject matter expert on your program. I have been 15 time person there for decades until this past year 16 going down to Poplar Bluff every other week at this 16 was the first time we dropped it to part time. And 17 point, since November it's been every other week to 17 even though it's only 6 percent veteran for that 18 cover that position in case you want to fill it. We 18 county, it's still 180,000 people for that county, 19 need to keep a body in that space otherwise VA will 19 so it's a big population. And they have a full 20 absorb it and there won't be a space for us. 20 hospital.

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MR. TOM GOODIN: Tom Goodin, Alternate

NEC. But that hospital, that service officer is

just not taking care of Columbia. It's taking care

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Is that -- am I enunciating enough?

MS. VAWTER: So that's my purpose for

of last year through current, the purpose was to

going down there. Going down there from the middle

MR. VOYLES: Yes.

Page 39 Page 37 MS. VAWTER: Correct. 1 somebody who will work for a very minimal position, 1 2 MR. TOM GOODIN: So that population is at 2 that it becomes hardly worth their time to come in. 3 106. We take in all the surrounding counties and 3 It's hard to train somebody at one day -- at one day 4 4 all the veterans in those counties. a week or something similar to that. It would be 5 5 MS. VAWTER: Yeah, that's the same for near impossible to keep them . . . 6 every post that we have, the Columbia, the Poplar 6 MR. GOOLSBY: Keep them busy enough to 7 7 Bluff, the Springfield. We don't just focus on one keep them there. 8 8 MS. VAWTER: Yeah. Yeah. county, but for ease I just pulled the population 9 report and the veteran percentage for that one 9 MR. GOOLSBY: All right. 10 10 MR. BUCKWALTER: Any other questions? county. Granted, it -- of course, we take a 11 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough, Past 11 circumference. And we have -- in the Poplar Bluff 12 12 area, we have people from Arkansas, you know, from Department Commander. 1.3 all the around that whole bootheel area. But --13 Tracy, at some point in time we 14 yes? 14 determined -- and I don't know who "we" is -- we 15 15 MR. WOELTJE: Dennis Woeltje, Past determined a requirement to fill or to establish a 16 Department Commander. Cape Girardeau's been on a 16 position in a certain location. If we -- if we 17 large "CVAC" [sic]. Has there been any inquiries as 17 determined at some point in time in the past to fill 18 18 to whether we're going to have a service officer a position, what has changed that now says we don't 19 there at that location or would it be possible to 19 need a person in that position, in this case Poplar 20 have one there? 20 Bluff, what have you? MS. VAWTER: Not if we can't afford to 21 2.1 And the second, the follow-up to that 22 22 staff it. question is what then is the impact, Tracy, to your 23 MR. WOELTJE: Well, in the future -- I'm 23 organization, the workload that you're currently 2.4 just -- no, I'm just asking. Is there going to be a 24 doing, by cutting back or these proposed cutbacks. 25 possibility? Have we checked into it? 25 What impact would that have on your ability to Page 38 Page 40 1 MS. VAWTER: I have not, and so that would 1 perform your job? 2 2 MS. VAWTER: Right now we have a client be whoever covers Cape Girardeau area. 3 MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin, Alternate NEC. 3 load already built out of that Poplar Bluff 4 We've never staffed Springfield that we voted on two 4 location, and we're -- as people need contact from 5 or three years ago, and that's almost the size of a 5 us, we are handling them by phone, by email, as they 6 6 are able. Most of them choose then to move to a huge hospital. 7 MS. VAWTER: So the post that we had at 7 different person if they need face-to-face contact: 8 8 Mt. Vernon got absorbed and they created a new spot they'll go to a different organization to help them, 9 at the Springfield clinic. We do have a space and a 9 so our amount of work goes down. The less work 10 10 person at the Springfield clinic. It's a -- at hours that we have to give, the less our client load 11 two days a week, at 16 hours a week is kind of a 11 can be. 12 12 honorary position, that they -- when they built a So having -- it has to stay proportional. 13 13 new super CVAC [sic] in Springfield, because we were We can't -- there isn't a way to increase client 14 in that community for so long and Georgia didn't --14 load without having service officers to assist. So 15 and we had invested a lot in that community, they 15 I'm not sure how to answer that. Because it seems built around us. So there is a space there to 16 16 to me, like, the answer is self-evident; if we don't 17 continue helping veterans. 17 have the money to put a body there, we can't serve 18 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. Is it 18 the veteran, so they'll have to go somewhere else. 19 possible to hire somebody just to cover that Poplar 19 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough 20 Bluff area the way you've been covering it? In 20 again, Past Department Commander. At some point in 21 other words, show up there a couple times a month? 21 time we determined that there was a need there and 2.2 MS. VAWTER: That's up to the body. 22 we needed to staff that position to service our 23 23 MR. GOOLSBY: I mean, would that work, veterans. And that's what we're supposed to be 24 24 work wise? Can it be done? about. If we're saying now that we're going to

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discontinue that service to those veterans, existing

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MS. VAWTER: In my experience, finding

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or future, if we say now that we're going to do that, I don't understand -- I don't understand the logic behind attacking the Veteran's Service Organization to make those cuts. Okay? I'd think there would be more low hanging fruit someplace else. I mean, I'm not saying your job, Terry, at all. It just seems like we're cutting our throat.

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MR. LANNING: Well, none of this has been easy. And I'm looking at it from my Committee's standpoint. Next year when I do the budget, I have to knock \$100,000 off the top. Okay? Now this year, because of the PPP loan, yes, that helps us greatly this year. But if we fill these two jobs like we had them, which is 24 -- 29 hours each at each post, that's locking in that money towards salary next year. So since they're open, we have to make the decision are we going to fill them or not fill them.

And this was not an easy decision by my committee, and it was not a unanimous decision as to how to proceed. I mean, we were looking at three options; fill them both like they were, 29 hours each; fill them both at 20 hours each; fill one, not the other; or don't fill either one. And I had opinions on all of those issues and we narrowed it

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going to have on the reputation of the American
Legion in those two areas. You know, you go over
there, there's nobody from the Legion, the Legion
don't care. I mean, I don't think that's a
perception that we need. I really don't. That's

NEC. Terry, I worry about the effect that it's

our number one issue is to be there to help veterans
 and their families. We can't help them if we're not
 staffed.

And I understand the cost; I understand the money. But I truly believe that we need to do something in the Columbia area because that's the No. 1 hospital in the whole state. There's people that come from all over to come to that hospital. They come from Kansas, different places. And I just -- I just can't --

MR. LANNING: We're not drawing from Columbia.

MR. TOM GOODIN: Yeah, but you're cutting to 20 it to 20 hours.

21 MR. LANNING: From 29, yes.

MR. TOM GOODIN: Yeah. Like Tracy said, if I'm looking for a job, why am I going to go to work for 20 hours a week when I need 40 hours to sustain my family.

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down to what our proposal is.

And so, I mean, it's getting down to money, yes. And membership is squeezing us on top of that because it's going down. And we made some significant cuts in travel, everybody knows, 10 to 20 percent two years ago. And we made some other easy cuts. On some of the things I have in here, the first few items are easy. You know, I projected 7 percent cost increase for health insurance. It was just a guess at the time because I didn't know the actuality figure. But it turned out to be quite lower, so that's — that was easy. You know, it's just what happened. Two people dropped their health insurance and that saved us a lot of money. That was their choice. And so yes, that will carry through for next year too.

But with the 100,000 I'm going to have to look at next year, where is that going to come from? And this is one spot. It's not an easy decision. We're going have to be looking at other things besides, and this is what we came up with.

MR. SCARBOROUGH: Thank you.

MR. LANNING: Any other questions on any

of the other proposals?

MR. TOM GOODIN: Tom Goodin, Alternate

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MS. VAWTER: It's been 24. It got reduced to 24. When they reduced Kansas City and Columbia they reduced it down to 24. Are you saying you would increase it to 29?

MR. LANNING: No. No. We're talking 20 hours.

7 MS. VAWTER: Right. So it was only at 24. 8 It's not going from 29 to 20; it's going from 24 to 9 20.

 $\label{eq:mr.tom} \mbox{MR. TOM GOODIN: Yeah, but that's two and} \ \mbox{a half days.}$

MS. VAWTER: I know.

MR. TOM GOODIN: So, you know, what's four -- I mean, I understand a dollar is a dollar. But four hours, if we can be there two and a half days we can be there three days. You're talking about --

MS. VAWTER: Three thousand dollars difference.

MR. TOM GOODIN: Yeah. And you're not going to fill the position at Poplar Bluff.

MR. LANNING: Okay. I hear you. I mean, these aren't easy. I mean, they're --

MR. TOM GOODIN: Well, that's just it.
None of us got your sheet, and the four proposals --

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1	Terry, we're sitting here talking about, Well, what	1	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: You move to
2	were the four proposals. I mean, you read them, but	2	implement that recommendation.
3	without them being in front of me	3	MR. LANNING: I move to implement that
4	MR. LANNING: Well, let me let me	4	my recommendation.
5	there's actually eight.	5	MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin NEC, second.
6	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Point of order.	6	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Okay. All in favor?
7	Why don't we go through them one at a time?	7	(A chorus of ayes.)
8	MR. BOARDMAN: Yes, one at a time.	8	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?
9	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: You can make a	9	(No nayes.)
10	motion and vote, because voting is the way we make	10	MR. LANNING: Next one, the Legionnaire
11	decisions.	11	magazine. Currently we have a budget of \$36,000 fo
12	MR. LANNING: First one is just in the	12	three issues. We're recommending we go to two
13	budget we projected health insurance to have a	13	issues, and also recommending to try to have that
14	7 percent increase; it's only 1.4. Okay? And in	14	online issue in between the newspapers if possible.
15	that same one is we have two people from VA&R	15	MR. BUCKWALTER: One correction, it's
16	declined health insurance. So both of those actions	16	Legionnaire newspaper. It's not the magazine.
17	have a reduction a savings of \$21,960. We're not	17	MR. LANNING: Okay.
18	cutting anything. It's just these are the facts of	18	MR. BUCKWALTER: It's the Missouri
19	what happened.	19	Legionnaire Newspaper.
20	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: A point of order.	20	MR. LANNING: Okay.
21	No vote needed on that one, so go ahead to the next.	21	MR. BUCKWALTER: Legionnaires.
22	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby. I move that that	22	MR. TOM GOODIN: Question. Goodin,
23	recommendation be approved.	23	Alternating NEC. Why don't we just cut the paper
24	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: No, it's just	24	all together? There's not that many people who read
25	UNIDENTIFIED: We don't need it.	25	it. We're going down to two issues. We can still
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2	Department Commander. Isn't it in our Constitution	2	by mail, but it doesn't necessarily have to be done
3	and Bylaws that you've got to put out the call in	3	in the Legionnaire.
4	writing for the conventions?	4	MR. TOM GOODIN: I would like to amend my
5	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes.	5	motion if I can. I would like to amend my motion to
6	MR. CHARLES GOODIN: And that comes out in	6	be that we drop the newspaper and that the adjutant,
7	the paper. So you're going to have one you're	7	by email, will let each NEC member and zone
8	going to have to have one issue of the paper, aren't	8	commander and district commander know of all
9	you? I'm confused.	9	meeting, times, and places, and budget.
10	UNIDENTIFIED: You're right.	10	MR. GRIGSBY: Gary Grigsby, Senior Vice
11	MR. LANNING: She's checking.	11	Commander. I will second.
12	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Point of order.	12	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: And then Cassie
13	Just give me a few minutes to get that	13	Strom, Judge Advocate. And I think we've kind of
14	MR. CHARLES GOODIN: I know they've got to	14	got old
15	put the call out in writing somehow.	15 16	(Court Reporter clarification.)
16	UNIDENTIFIED: Terry, don't the budgets		JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: I think you had an
17 18	have to be in there, too? Publish the budget? MR. LANNING: When I we're looking that	17	old Constitution and Bylaws that's not backing up with my articles, but that doesn't mean it's not in
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19 20	question up. I believe it says it has to be	19	there. But there is, under Article VI, Department Executive Committee, Section 11, it says: (Reading)
21	published or sent to district commanders and posts,	21	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
22	and maybe DEC. It didn't say it had to be in the	22	Not withstanding any provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws to the contrary,
23	newspaper; it did say but then it said "our", you	23	there shall be published a Department
24	know, you've got to send it out. JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Point of order.	24	newspaper to be known as the Missouri
25	Under Article XV, Section 3, this has to do with the	25	Legionnaire.
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1	finance. It says: (Reading)	1	Now, it doesn't say it has to come out in
2	At least 20 days prior to the convention,	2	the mail and it can't come out online or any of
3	you would publish in the Department	3	those sorts of things, but that might be something
4	newspaper. If no such newspaper, such	4	we would need to amend if you go forward with the
5	commission will furnish each post	5	motion you just made.
6	commander, post adjutant, and each member	6	MR. TOM GOODIN: Well, before I Goodin,
7	of the Commission of the Department a copy	7	Alternating NEC, before I amend it to that, I'd like
8	of the proposed budget.	8	to get the Adjutant's view on going to an online
9	So you can get around it there. See what	9	thing.
10	I find on the convention.	10	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Lowry
11	MR. SAPP: Brian Sapp, District 8. In the	11	Finley-Jackson, Department Adjutant. There will be
12	Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, it	12	no problem with that. We can do it.
13	says: (Reading)	13	MR. TOM GOODIN: You can?
14	Notice of time and place of each regular	14	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes.
4 -	or Department Executive Committee meeting	15	MR. TOM GOODIN: Okay.
	1 111 112 11 11 11 15	16	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: It would
16	shall be published by the Department	1	
16 17	Adjutant in a prominent place in the last	17	probably make things a lot easier if we go to an
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2	MR. TOM GOODIN: Right. Goodin,	2	we're trying to attract. So to me that's the two
3	Alternating NEC. My new amended	3	sides of the coin.
4	UNIDENTIFIED: Just withdraw and start	4	MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin, Alternate NEC. I
5	over.	5	understand that issue. And with the response of
6	MR. TOM GOODIN: Here's my new motion.	6	less than 400 people, you know, that's not even
7	That we drop the newspaper next year, no printed	7	10 percent of our membership responding. If it
8	newspaper. That the adjutant will maintain	8	came if it comes down to printing a newspaper or
9	Lowry, five? Two times a year? Or one?	9	keeping an employee, I would much rather keep an
10	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: What are you	10	employee that's out there helping veterans get their
11	doing? Notifying about the meetings?	11	benefits and keeping the Legion's name in the public
12	MR. SCARBOROUGH: Three DECs.	12	than I would having a piece of paper that I take to
13	MR. TOM GOODIN: Three? Okay. Then we	13	the bathroom and then five minutes later I throw it
14	have a an online newspaper three times a year,	14	away.
15	and that all notifications will be via mail or the	15	MR. BUCKWALTER: Okay.
16	online paper. And I guess that's it. Do I have	16	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Any other discussion?
17	everything? That's my motion.	17	All in favor?
18	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: I need a second.	18	(A chorus of ayes.)
L 9	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I'll	19	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?
20	second.	20	(No nayes.)
21	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: All in favor?	21	MR. BUCKWALTER: Next item.
22	MR. BUCKWALTER: No, we've got to have	22	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: So then let's
23	some discussion on that.	23	withdraw your motion on the two issues per year.
2 4	MR. BOARDMAN: There should be a	24	MR. LANNING: Okay. The Finance
25	discussion on this.	25	Commission will withdraw the previously recommended
25	discussion on this. Page 54	25	
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1	2600 right now is just fine. And then we'll see how	1	motion.
2	the rest of these programs, if they stay in the	2	MR. LANNING: It's coming out of vehicle
3	virtual world or if they go back to brick and mortar	3	expense is where this comes out. So if the
4	location.	4	individual's want to charge it to their travel
5	MR. LANNING: Okay. So I recommend that	5	account, then that would be the only other spot they
6	this action be approved.	6	could charge it, then I would have no problem with
7	MR. GOOLSBY: Terry, can you read that	7	that.
8	again one more time, what was recommended?	8	MR. CHARLES GOODIN: That's what I
9	MR. LANNING: We're cutting the VA&R	9	suggested.
10	travel from 16,767 to 14,000.	10	MR. LANNING: Or if they want to pay for
11	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I move	11	it personally, we'd have no problem with that. So
12	the recommendation be approved.	12	I'll amend it to include that action.
13	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Any discussion?	13	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Don't you need an
14	UNIDENTIFIED: Need a second.	14	amended motion to make a motion?
15	MR. BUCKWALTER: No, no, no. He made the	15	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I'll
16	recommendation. You already seconded it.	16	second it.
17	MR. GOOLSBY: Oh, okay.	17	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: That's we're
18	Proceed, sir.	18	making a recommendation in the report, so point of
19	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: All in favor?	19	order. So now we have basically a new motion, which
20	(A chorus of ayes.)	20	we need to clearly state, and then we have a second
21	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	21	on that motion and then we can take a vote.
22	(No nayes.)	22	MR. BOARDMAN: Thank you.
23	MR. LANNING: We currently pay Sirius for	23	MR. GOOLSBY: Judge Advocate, I can second
24	the three vans at a cost of \$599 per year. We're	24	the updated recommendation or do I just make an
25	recommending to drop this. It'll save us about \$250	25	independent motion?
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	2	MR. GOOLSBY: I already seconded it.
OARDMAN: Legal affairs.	3	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Okay. Then second?
ANNING: I recommend that action be	4	MR. TOM GOODIN: There's a second.
	5	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: All in favor?
GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. Second.	6	(A chorus of ayes.)
1ADDOX: Say that again?	7	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?
DAMS: Legal affairs has a budget of	8	(No nayes.)
	9	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: And you know you
SE ADVOCATE STROM: We've moved to	10	voted on 24 for Columbia and 16 for Poplar Bluff?
We had a second?	11	MR. TOM GOODIN: Correct.
SUCKWALTER: Yes.	12	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Okay.
SE ADVOCATE STROM: All right.	13	MR. LANNING: That's my official report.
Commander?	14	I've got one statement. I'm going to be sending
MANDER WILLIAMS: Call for a vote.	15	I'm going to be sending out my yearly letters to the
favor?	16	chairman of the commissions commissions,
orus of ayes.)	17	committees, and officers about next year's budget.
MANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	18	So respond to me, and so
ayes.)	19	MR. MADDOX: Can't hear.
ANNING: Now the last one. This	20	MR. LANNING: Respond to me about next
service officers. We're recommending	21	year's budget if you want. Give me justification,
lumbia service officer work 20 hours a	22	because if things are going to be fallout like I
hat we not fill the Poplar Bluff Service	23	think, we're still going to have some significant
at's our recommendations.	24	cuts next year we're going to have to make, and
OM GOODIN: Goodin, Alternate NEC. I	25	where they're going to come from we'll have to
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o make a new motion that the Columbia	1	decide. So, give me something, email/mail in the
nours a week and that Poplar Bluff goes	2	next few weeks on that. Make sure you respond back.
a week since we've dropped the paper.	3	That's my report.
OOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I'll	4	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Oratorical chairman
,	5	recommendation. The following individuals' term
E ADVOCATE STROM: Discussion.	6	expired this year: John Midkiff and Darlene Coats.
MANDER WILLIAMS: Discussion?	7	Chairman Benton has requested that they all be
APP: Brian Sapp, District 8. Adding	8	reappointed. Also, Sydney Malone has resigned from
hours a week then, the 16 to the four,	9	the Commission. The Chairman would like to replace
24, what does that do to the budget then?	10	Mr. Malone with Past Department Commander Kerry
ANNING: I assume you're talking	11	Boardman.
J. J	12	MR. GOOLSBY: Commander, are you making
	13	those appointments? Is that what you're saying?
APP: Yes, sir.	14	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: No.
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ANNING: Tell you in one second. about, counting taxes and pension	17	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Oh, yes.
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2	MR. GOOLSBY: Right. Goolsby, Historian.	2	forgot to bring it with me, so I'll try and get it
3	I moved that they be approved.	3	sent out to the group for I'd advise people to
4	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Needs to be seconded.	4	put it in, you know, in terms of the Bylaws and the
5	MR. GOOLSBY: Is there a second.	5	Constitution.
6	MR. SAPP: Brian Sapp, District 8.	6	And then finally, as a different thing,
7	Second.	7	the Missouri Veteran's Hall of Fame, applications
8	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: All in favor?	8	are due April 30. If you just Google Missouri
9	(A chorus of ayes.)	9	Veteran's Hall of Fame, you'll get to the website
10	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	10	for those documents. And last year we had two
11	(No nayes.)	11	American Legion people that were inducted into our
12	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Okay. Next: We'd	12	Hall of Fame.
13	like to establish registration fee for the	13	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
14	Department Convention. The fee has been \$5 in the	14	Financial report John Buckwalter.
15	past.	15	MR. BUCKWALTER: You all make the
16	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I move	16	decisions on how we spend the money. I just try and
17	that the \$5 fee be assessed for this upcoming	17	keep track of it and give Terry everything he needs
18	convention.	18	to give you recommendations.
19	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Questions?	19	So I wanted to let you know that our audit
20	MR. BOARDMAN: No. Just a second.	20	was completed in February. I'm not in jail.
21	MR. BUCKWALTER: Buckwalter, Finance	21	MR. BOARDMAN: Yet.
22	Officer. I second.	22	MR. BUCKWALTER: Yet.
23	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: All in favor?	23	(A chorus of laughter.)
24	(A chorus of ayes.)	24	MR. BUCKWALTER: I have made the necessary
25	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	25	adjustments that were directed by the auditor to the
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Page 69 scholarships, but we don't even select the scholarship winners until May. So that's good. (Phone interruption.) UNIDENTIFIED: I got it. MR. BUCKWALTER: Oh, that's you. Okay. Finance offer has been increased by \$5. Okay. Another thing to note, when you go through and you look at what our net income is on the profit and lost, that is a very preliminary figure. That is not what our net income will look like by the time we get to the end of the year. So far we have taken in 67 percent of our budgeted income, but we've only made 42 percent of our budgeted expenses. So we'll come out a lot closer on that line.

And one other thing. To echo what the National Vice Commander said, 5,000 members is \$72,500 out of our budget. If we're short 5,000 members, we're short \$72,500. That concludes my report.

Place place.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 National -- NEC Committee.

24 MR. TOM GOODIN: Okay. Forgive me for not

standing up, my back's killing me.

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bullets in it from MAVO. And I'm not going to go over them because the priority No. 1 is what affects us the most. And it reads like this: You should have a copy of it that Gary gave you.

As revenues from gaming continue to decline -- and I've been in contact with everybody that knows this -- they have a bill that's going to put sports betting or -- or -- and it's going to be on the votes. They're going to divide that money three different ways. And the Veteran's Commission is one, but mainly education. So we kind of go in descent of that, but I haven't seen the final bill yet.

It is imperative for the State to ensure Veteran's Commission funding remains a top priority through maintenance of the existing revenue sources, which is gaming, medical marijuana. And that's about it from the state. Our main source of income for those two, the homes and cemeteries comes from the VA.

To explain, all of you've heard we have 1350 beds. Well, they're going to single rooms. That won't reduce it half, but because of the pandemic and loss of life, and also no new patients, I think we're down to less than 850 patients in the

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Goodin, Alternate NEC. The only thing we have to report, there is no Washington D.C. conference this year. If your committee normally meets at Washington D.C., those virtual meetings start on March 2nd. So if you're normally in Washington D.C., go to legion.org and see when your committee is meeting.

The same thing for the meetings in May, they have been canceled. Those virtual meetings will probably be scheduled in April. If you normally go to Indianapolis for spring meetings, go to legion.org, look and see where your committee's meeting and join online.

That's the end of my report. Thank you.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Next, Legislative Chairman, Charles

Goodin.

MR. CHARLES GOODIN: The -- this legislative committee has been quite active with MAVO. The one thing that I want to ask everybody here to move to their people through the district and through the post, and I've been in touch with the legislative liaisons. I think we've got an email thing going now.

So the legislative agenda has about ten

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homes. So when it was 1300, you can see we've lost
 our biggest revenue source there, the U.S.
 Government and the VA for their contribution to the
 homes.

With the inclusion of general revenue to make up for fiscal shortfalls, maintain the necessary level of funding for the operation and maintenance of the State Veterans Home, the State Veterans Cemeteries, Veterans Service Officer Program, and Veterans Grant and other needs of the Missouri Veterans Commission.

This is where we talked about losing \$85,000, I think, Terry? Is that what you said from the grant program?

MR. LANNING: Yeah.

MR. CHARLES GOODIN: So that is important. There's 85,000 we're going to be cut. And we were down last year also. So it's important that we follow up on this.

MVC is funded by three major sources: The Department of Veterans Affair, Missouri Gaming Commission, and the Missouri Veterans Health and Care Fund. That's medical marijuana. Right now, they have bills floating around for recreational

marijuana. So, we don't know what will happen, but

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purportedly, there's not much sense to carry a medical card when you can go in and buy it for nothing -- I mean, no problems.

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And the bill that's out now supports three other entities getting a piece of that pie. Our name's in it, but it's going to be divided four ways. Of course, I don't know if you do or do not know that the Tiny Houses Program, by way of the Governor, the appropriations committee, and the legislature took \$2.5 million out of the marijuana money and gave it to Tiny Houses in St. Louis. Veterans homelessness is indeed a problem, but the Veterans Commission is short of funds, too. So you've got to know where to put it.

Essentially what I ask you to do today -you've got this thing that Gary sent out, to
initiate your people to call your Missouri
legislatures and just say this bullet point. The
No. 1 thing on this list, tell them that's what we
support as an organization. And it's to keep our
revenue sources enough to propose, so we're working
on that. If there's any questions I can answer,
I'll try.

24 That's my report, Commander.25 COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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will -- or we do have currently 40 chapters. We're down two I think from last year. We got a new chapter this year as well; Sedalia just chartered a chapter at Post 642. That had a lot to do with our legacy ride last year. We made a lot of coordination during that. You helped out with that -- you helped facilitate that. I appreciate

We also announced our rider of the year. Rider of the Year was rider Chip Berkley right out of Post 152, Chapter 152.

So that is it for the new stuff from the chapter. If there are no questions, that is my report. Thank you.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Boys State? Dennis?

MR. WOELTJE: They are planning on a boys state. That's about all I know. They -- they supposedly contacted all the boys from 2020 that were going to go to Boys State. They got approximately 500 replies back that said that they wanted to go to this year's boys state. So 500 boys from last year, possibility of 6- to 800 boys this year. You're looking at possibly 13-, 1400 kids.

But now we're getting reports from Lowry

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Our ALR director. Don?

MR. GERSPACH: Don Gerspach, director of the ALR in Missouri.

This morning we had our meeting just before the finance commission meeting. And we put out the itinerary and the map and registration forms for our legacy ride this year. Legacy ride is going to run June 24th through the 27th. It's going to be included — it's going to be included in Districts 15 and 17. And we're going to have representation at both of their district meetings next month to help facilitate coordination for those posts that are going to be participating in that throughout.

I've got an open invitation to

Commander Williams to ride in the legacy ride with
us, the whole thing or one day or whatever you think
you can manage. Past Director Dennis Woeltje will
also be riding in the event, and his passenger will
be National Vice Commander Rich Heigert. So we
appreciate that.

(Chorus of applause.)

MR. GERSPACH: We also awarded our Chapters of the Year. This year the Small Chapter of the Year was Chapter 313, the Medium Chapter was Chapter 287, and the Large Chapter was Post 5. We Page 76

that there's going to be -- not Lowry. I'm sorry.
 Different thing. But there's a possibility there
 may be limitations on the number of boys that can
 attend, so that's something that's going to have to
 be discussed and determined at that time.
 UNIDENTIFIED: Should be done already.

MR. WOELTJE: Should be done already.
With COVID and everything like --

MR. BOARDMAN: It's an ongoing process.
MR. WOELTJE: It's up in the air. And
truthfully, if you have a student that wanted to go
last year and he has no idea if he's going or not,
call headquarters, Betty Rusher or Jesse Avey and
ask about that particular boy that wants to go.
Supposedly they've all been talked to.

Sponsors from last year, they can apply for sponsorship money to the boy -- if they sponsored someone in 2020 and that boy still wants to go, he is sponsored. If the boy does not want to go, the money from last year can be applied to the 2021 applicant. If there's no boy that wants to go and the 2020 boy has been -- he doesn't want to go, then they can ask for a refund or they can just say make it a donation to the Boys State.

And honest to God, you guys, that's about

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1	all I know. It's up in the air.	1	change to the scholarship eligibility to those boys
2	MR. MADDOX: Final decision April 1st,	2	and girls who are submitting scholarship
3	right?	3	applications that are due in April.
4	MR. WOELTJE: Yes.	4	Most of our scholarships require that the
5	MR. MADDOX: The final decision.	5	student attend a session of Boys State or Girls
6	MR. WOELTJE: Yes.	6	State. For this year and this year only, that was
7	If you've got any questions, I don't know.	7	changed; so, a student is eligible for the
8	UNIDENTIFIED: What's the dates?	8	Department of Missouri scholarships that require
9	MR. WOELTJE: Say again?	9	Boys State or Girls State if they were selected.
10	UNIDENTIFIED: The dates?	10	So and we had the forms changed and
11	MR. GOOLSBY: I think it's June 12 to	11	everything. So, if a student was selected to attend
12	19th.	12	Boys State or Girls State, they're eligible for the
13	MR. BUCKWALTER: That is correct.	13	scholarship as if they had attended. And then we'll
14	MR. WOELTJE: Yes.	14	make necessary changes as we see what happens next
15	MR. BUCKWALTER: June 12th through the	15	year.
16	19th.	16	There was no Samsung Scholarship Award,
17	MR. WOELTJE: That's my report.	17	and obviously no Mickey Scholarship Award this year.
18	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Thank you.	18	Questions on scholarships or media?
19	Media and communications.	19	Thank you.
20	MR. BUCKWALTER: Okay. Media and	20	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Jerome, Scouting.
21	Communications. Obviously the commission hasn't	21	MR. GOOLSBY: I will be meeting
22	met. We will do a newsletter competition and a Toot	22	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Who are you?
23	Our Horn for this year as best we can. We did	23	MR. GOOLSBY: Oh, my apologies. Jerome
24	conclude a Toot Our Horn, and those awards have been	24	Goolsby, Department Historian, Boy Scout Community
25	identified. Assuming we all gather for convention,	25	Chair.
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2	MR. GOOLSBY: Hmm?	2	929,000.
3	UNIDENTIFIED: Drop the boys.	3	We had \$36,000 in our sweep account, which
4	MR. GOOLSBY: I'll get to that someday.	4	is our cash account. We took \$25,000 out of that
5	MR. MADDOX: Question.	5	sweep account and we're investing it right back into
6	MR. GOOLSBY: Oh, got a question? Yeah.	6	our portfolio. So we'll have approximately \$11,000
7	MR. MADDOX: Bob Maddox, Zone One	7	that we have in our sweep account. We are obligated
8	Commander. I have a couple boys that one year, last	8	to, at least for right now, 5,000 a year. That's
9	year Eagle Scout in our area and then a Eagle Scout	9	4,000 that we give for scholarships and the thousand
10	this year, but their parents, neither of them belong	10	dollars is for bonding. And then we have other
11	to the Legion. Can we do anything there for their	11	additional small things we've got to pay for.
12	hours?	12	So our portfolio is doing real well,
13	MR. GOOLSBY: Do what now?	13	really is. So but the goal the goal of this
14	MR. MADDOX: Their parents do not belong	14	foundation and this commission is to reach a
15	to the Legion. Is that a requirement?	15	\$1.2 million in our portfolio. We have received at
16	MR. GOOLSBY: I believe it is. I don't	16	least 3 to 5 percent over all these years, and I've
17	remember off the top of	17	been involved pretty for a long time. Like
18	MR. MADDOX: They can't join the boys	18	Richard said, he was 21 years on the foundation.
19	are very active in our post.	19	Now he says he's getting out, so. But anyway, our
20	MR. GOOLSBY: If the post does not sponsor	20	portfolio is doing good.
21	the scouting unit, they have to either be a decedent	21	But I talked to you at the last DEC and
22	of a Legionnaire or a	22	the reason why we want this \$1.2 million in our
23	MR. MADDOX: They both have had a lot of	23	portfolio. Because if we get to that point, then
24	those skills last couple years helping out.	24	this foundation can give the Department between 23
25	MR. GOOLSBY: Yeah	25	and \$24,000 to help them with the scholarships.
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1	MR. MADDOX: Okay.	1	They don't pay for it then, so they can utilize that
2	MR. GOOLSBY: I don't think there's	2	other money for other things that they need. And
3	anything we can do about that because it's a Legion	3	that's the main purpose of this.
4	program.	4	And somewhere down the road, if our
5	MR. MADDOX: Okay.	1	And somewhere down the road, it out
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I'm not putting a dollar amount on it. But we're just trying to keep our same status is what we've dot right now and we're trying to reach this. And with your help, we can reach this. Then we can turn around and help the department. So basically that's what we've got right now. Everything's looking good.

I know the last time I gave these folders, the bank -- I'll spell it out here. These folders for our scholarships, which if an individual wants a scholarship, it tells right in here what the cost is, have to put it on the 401(c)(3), which is tax deductible. That's one thing you've got to remember, so -- and if you can, you can donate 25, \$50, whatever you can. So we would appreciate it.

So we're going to get out there, our commission's going to get out there and beat the bush. We're going to ask. And maybe at the convention, I'm going to go visit the SAL. I'm also going to visit the Legion riders and see if they can help us, too, in this situation.

So with that, that's all I've got,

Commander. I want to thank you all for your time.

MR. BOARDMAN: Mr. Chairman?

25 MR. VOYLES: Yes.

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well, I haven't sent it. He said, the check is in the mail. That's what he told me. So it is coming. I appreciate any help you can give us, you know, we're looking forward to it.

Got any questions or anything later on, go ahead and ask me. I'll see what I can do.

She wants me to touch on the baseball. I'm part of that Commission. Gary Stone is your chairman for the department. He's also the chairman for the national -- National, for baseball.

We as the commission is going to have baseball this year. We didn't have it last year. We canceled it. What I need to know and Gary wants to know that if anybody cancels baseball, the DEC is the only one that can do this. What we'd like for you to do is give us permission to have the baseball for this year.

Because the boys are already — we had a meeting last week on Saturday. They're already scheduling games to play. We don't know right now how National's going to do it, but we want to have one whether national has baseball or not.

MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I move that the baseball program be carried out.

MR. HARPER: Harper, the Chaplain seconds

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MR. BOARDMAN: Immediate Past Commander Kerry Boardman. Permission to approach for presentation, sir.

MR. VOYLES: If I can -- yes.

 $\label{eq:UNIDENTIFIED: Commander, you have to tell him yes.} \label{eq:UNIDENTIFIED: Commander, you have to tell him yes.}$

COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Yes. Okay.

MR. BOARDMAN: On behalf of the fighting fabulous 5th District, sir, I'd like to present a check for \$500.

And I challenge all district commanders, it doesn't have to be \$500. Go to each post. If you've got 20 posts in your district pay ten bucks, that's 200 bucks. If we do that a lot, we get this foundation up, that's a lot of money. That's a lot of money that the Department don't have to worry about. We can do it. We know we can do it. We just got to do it.

It's one of two things: Get your membership way up or donate some money. Which is easier? Thank you.

MR. VOYLES: Thanks. I appreciate it. I appreciate it a lot. The last time my 4th District donated \$500. The thing is, I told my finance officer for my district, and he looked in his books

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AD JUTANT FINI FY- JACKSON: Discussion? COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Discussion? Call for the vote. All in favor? (A chorus of ayes.) COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed? (No naves.) MR. VOYLES: Thank you. I appreciate it. Just for your information, there is a lot of states that are coming back into baseball this year. Last year there wasn't that many. But I don't -- right know we don't know if we're going to have a national baseball program yet, or even a regional. We'll find that out a little later. Thank you. COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Before the department adjutant comes up with announcements, are there any other commission committee chairman that would like to make a report?

Yes, sir.

MR. BOARDMAN: Immediate Past Commander Kerry Boardman. I'm speaking on behalf of the fabulous, wonderful, everything you can say Kenneth Goth from the Law & Order Commission. He's unable to be here today due to some Corona virus -- he got his shot, he got really sick, so.

Page 89 Page 91 1 which means you have one whole year to take those Through emails, phone calls and smoke 1 2 signals, and any other way he could do, he contacted 2 lessons to be ready for the next year. Thank you. 3 all the commission members on a couple of 3 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Nobody else? 4 4 Okay. There's nobody else I'll go over these applications for Law and Order. It was determined 5 5 that there was no Law and Order that actually fit announcements. 6 6 the criteria of the program, so there was no vote First thing I want to touch on is the 7 7 for that. Mission Blue applications that are in your packet. 8 For the fire fighter/EMT award, there was 8 For those of you who don't know what the Mission 9 chosen Tracy Chaney from the Kansas City area out of 9 Blue application is for, if there's a post that is 10 the 3rd District. I don't know what post it was. 10 in need of funds, National has designated a thousand 11 UNIDENTIFIED: 626. 11 dollars to each post that applies for this Mission 12 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: And can we stop 12 Blue cap funding. We've only had two posts in 13 you because that's part of the closed DEC meeting. 13 Missouri to apply. One did not finish the 14 MR. BOARDMAN: Do what? 14 application; the other one was approved. So they've 15 15 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Stop you. gotten their check and so forth. 16 That's part of the closed DEC meeting. 16 So if there's some posts out there that 17 MR. BOARDMAN: Oh. Good. Thank you. 17 are in need of money, I mean, it's just -- it's a 18 18 thousand dollars. A thousand dollars is more than Forget everything I said. 19 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Anybody else? 19 what they probably had. They need to go ahead and 20 Nobody else? 20 look at filling out the application. You do have to MR. BAKER: POW/MIA, Philip Baker. Zone 21 2.1 have a supplemental charter in order to get the 22 22 IV Vice Commander. I got a phone call the other money. And you also have to have -- forgot the word 23 day, was really appreciative, from Ed Ucinski in 23 now. Be with the state. You all know --2.4 regard to -- and, Rich, if you'd like to add to this 24 MR. BUCKWALTER: Incorporated. 25 later, you're welcome to -- with regard to the 25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Incorporated. Page 90 Page 92 1 POW/MIA museum. He's working with the Boy Scouts in 1 Thank you. 2 2 order to get an equivalent to a merit badge. If you're having -- if that's what's 3 He hasn't quite got the approval to get it 3 holding them back, we can help them with getting the 4 approved as a merit badge. It might be a side badge 4 supplemental charter, and also with their 5 on your sash. But again, trying to raise awareness 5 incorporation. So don't leave the money on the 6 for the POW/MIA through the youth. It doesn't 6 table. There was \$5 million allocated out for this 7 matter what age they are. Youth carries it on to 7 through National, so if there's a post that needs 8 8 their parental associates, parents, whatever. that thousand dollars, they need to apply. And 9 There's going to be a criteria, like about 9 we'll help them with the application. 10 10 25 questions what a POW/MIA is, and hope there's CPRs coming out soon. We already know we 11 many questions after that. But I thought it was a 11 want to be 100 percent for National Convention, so 12 12 good thought. Hope something like that works out. they're due back to National on July the 1st, and 13 13 They're going to be purchasing some patches, and due to our office on June the 15th. 14 hopefully this will go statewide. 14 Let me try that again. They're due to our 15 Rich, is there anything you'd like to add 15 office, the Department headquarters, on June 15th, 16 16 to that? You're aware of that, right? and due to National on the 1st of July. It gives us 17 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HEIGERT: I think 17 time to get them processed. That's the reason why 18 you've covered everything that I know of. 18 we ask for them to be back to us June 15th. On the 19 MR. BAKER: Okay. And that's all I have, 19 application it says July 1st; that's to National. 2.0 20 They need to be in our office by June 15th, so, you 21 MR. BOARDMAN: Immediate Past Commander 21 know, you got a head's up if you get started now. 22 22 Kerry Boardman speaking on behalf of the past post The online version should be on our website by 23 2.3 commander club. As president of the club, we've Tuesday. 24 24 determined that with all the unknown this year, Let's talk about Honorary For Life

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members. We had 20 -- was it 25?

there will be no golf tournament at the convention,

Page 95 Page 93 1 Do you remember, Rich? Twenty-five? that if we can get one large room, that all the 1 2 NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HEIGERT: 2 heads could split the cost of that room and pay the 3 Something like that. 3 department for that, and that way we can have our 4 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: We had 25 4 social distancing. My opinion. 5 5 Honorary Life memberships which were returned as MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. 6 6 nonpayable. That means that that post has not paid Have we -- have you gone over and found 7 7 for those individuals. So you have in your packet, out the number of people that absolutely positively 8 8 you district commanders may have letters saying that are going to have to show up? For instance, 9 these individual's honorary life's were not paid. 9 everybody in the DEC is going to be subtracted from 10 10 We did discover on that list that there that 250 people maximum? I think that's what you 11 11 were five deceased members and we took them off, so. said, correct? 12 12 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Correct. If you've got letters in your packet for Honorary 13 Life members, please check with the post. We also 13 MR. GOOLSBY: Okay. Whatever's on the 14 sent a letter to the post to find out if they're 14 SAL, the DEC, that's going to be mandatory. Beyond 1.5 going to continue to pay for that individual's 15 that, have we done an analysis, count the guests, 16 honorary life. Okay? 16 award winners, what have you? 17 Let's talk about department convention. 17 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No. 18 18 MR. GOOLSBY: I would say that once you When I sent out the email for the reminder of the 19 19 get done with that, you can figure out how many meeting, I put a few things that are going on with 20 the Department convention. One is being there. We 20 people from each district can be authorized to 21 2.1 are only, at this point, only allowed to have 250 attend. 22 22 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay. total attendees. That's to include the Legion, the 23 Auxillary and SAL. That is it. Two hundred fifty. 23 MR. ADAMS: Frankie Adams, District 14. 2.4 We usually have -- with those three, we 24 Is there a chance that we haven't put something in 25 usually have a little bit more, closer to 300, 450 25 writing to the Cape County commissioners to get that Page 94 Page 96 1 people attend. So that's one thing we need to think 1 expanded from 250, let's say to 350, and that way we 2 2 about is how we're going to choose who comes and who can take a zone count? 3 doesn't come. We're still stuck at the 250 member. 3 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: It's not Cape 4 We also want to look at, maybe we want to 4 County commissioners. It's the hotel. 5 just have convention for maybe two days. So that's 5 MR. ADAMS: Yeah, they're following 6 another thing that we've got. So I sent it out 6 directives from --7 there. I'm open for suggestions. I can't do this by 7 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No, this is myself. I don't want to be the one that has to 8 8 coming from the hotel. 9 decide. I can't decide who comes. It has to be 9 MR. ADAMS: Drury Southwest. 10 decided by this body. If we're going to go down 10 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Corporate 11 from four days to two days, it has to be decided by 11 office, it's coming from their corporate office. 12 12 MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin, Alternate NEC. this body. 13 13 There's a couple other things, small What -- let's -- would you please, item by item, go 14 things, like hospitality rooms. Right now we have 14 down what we need to decide today so we can move 15 seven guest rooms scheduled to be hospitality rooms. 15 this meeting along. ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Sure. We need 16 We can -- we do have an area we're able to have one 16 17 large hospitality room. Open for suggestions for 17 to decide if we're going to have a four-day 18 that also. We will have Department convention, what 18 convention or we're going to shorten it down to two 19 Department convention is going to look like this 19 or three days. 20 year is totally up to us. 20 MR. TOM GOODIN: Are you opening that up 21 So I'm opening the floor because I need to 21 for discussion? 22 know. 22 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes. 23 23 MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin, Alternating NEC. MR. TOM GOODIN: All right. Normally it's 2.4 I don't think we should have private hospitality 24 Thursday evening till Sunday, correct? 25 rooms in those small rooms. It would be my opinion 25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Correct.

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1	MR. TOM GOODIN: So we're not having a	1	second.
2	golf tournament.	2	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Discussion?
3	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No.	3	MR. BUCKWALTER: I have a question. Are
4	MR. TOM GOODIN: That very well takes	4	we obligated for a certain number of nights at the
5	Thursday out. So if they would come in Friday, then	5	hotel?
6	you're saying we would be done Saturday night?	6	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: That has been
7	People would go home Saturday; so basically you have	7	taken care of. We will not get a penalty for not
8	one night hotel room.	8	having you know, using our rooms or our nights.
9	UNIDENTIFIED: Sunday.	9	They've taken away all the penalties, so.
10	MR. TOM GOODIN: No. Ya'll didn't hear	10	MR. BUCKWALTER: Thank you.
11	what she said. Going to two days; Friday one day,	11	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: What we come
12	Saturday's the next day.	12	back with to them is what's going to happen.
13	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: There will be	13	MR. BUCKWALTER: Thank you.
14	things that will be cut out and things that will not	14	MR. HARPER: Harper, Chaplain. I have a
15	be cut out. Voting will be one of them we will	15	question in regards to how is that going to be
16	have; we will have voting. Now, when we have the	16	handled? Because they're over there in the
17	awards ceremony, when we have the distinguished	17	northwest corner. We're going to have to have a
18	guest luncheon, when we have a lot of these meetings	18	night. Do we go to another motel then or do we go
19	that we have, a lot of the committee meetings could	19	to that motel, schedule that motel?
20	possibly go to Zoom if you're meeting. And then	20	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: You're going to
21	they can come back and report at convention, the	21	have to have a what?
22	chairman could.	22	MR. HARPER: We're going to have to have
23	MR. TOM GOODIN: What about the dinner?	23	a if you have it on Friday, we're going to have
24	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: The dinner is	24	to come in Thursday.
25	not on us this year because the auxillary was	25	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No, you can
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2	(A chorus of ayes.)	2	MR. TOM GOODIN: So we make our own
3	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	3	reservations or do you do that?
4	(No nayes.)	4	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Right. You will
5	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: So let me get	5	still make your own reservations.
6	this clear. So when I go back to the hotel, we will	6	(Court Reporter clarification.)
7	start our convention on Friday at 1 o'clock and end	7	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: So you will
8	on Sunday when business is completed?	8	still make your reservations. The information for
9	UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.	9	convention will come out on Monday. I will send it
10	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: The other issue	10	out to the District commanders and it will also be
11	was hospitality rooms. Do you want to bring that	11	to all the DC, and it also be on the website.
12	back up?	12	Yes?
13	MR. TOM GOODIN: This is just discussion	13	MR. TOM GOODIN: So at convention, at
14	right now, correct?	14	Missouri convention oh, Goodin, Alternate NEC.
15	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes, this is	15	At the Missouri State Convention, is that
16	just discussion.	16	when the district will bring their delegates to the
17	MR. TOM GOODIN: Goodin, Alternate NEC.	17	national convention, and the delegates should bring
18	Did you hear back from the hotel on having one huge	18	their check along and pay you then? Because I don't
19	room?	19	see the timeframe.
20	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Not yet, because	20	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No. No.
21	we needed to discuss it first.	21	MR. TOM GOODIN: Okay.
22	MR. TOM GOODIN: I would make a motion	22	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: So yeah,
23	that if we can not have the joint hospitality room,	23	we're not at national convention yet. Let's finish
24	which the Department would pay for, the candidates	24	department stuff first. Okay?
25	would reimburse the Department for that cost. And	25	MR. TOM GOODIN: Okay.
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3	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: So based on members	3	on and read the things and my brain's starting to go
4 w	vhich translates to delegates. And so they'll have	4	fuzzy from all of today, so but I think we can
5 to	o just make the decision on the districts will	5	cover it. And worse scenario, we may have to call a
6 m	nake the decision on who attends within those	6	special online meeting or just for a vote that can
7 p	parameters.	7	be done without us being in person. Is that
8	MR. TOM GOODIN: That may not work because	8	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: That's fine.
9 th	hat could come out to more than 250 delegates.	9	MR. CHARLES GOODIN: Yeah, you also have
10	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: That's right,	10	to probably set the deadline for candidates to have
11 th	here's more than 250 delegates. And again,	11	a nomination in because you won't have time to do it
12 re	emember, that 250 is for the Legion, the auxillary	12	on the floor.
13 a	and the SAL.	13	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Right. We'll
14	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. If	14	work through all of that.
15 w	ve're prorating that, remember those numbers I told	15	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: If we get the
16 y	ou we're going to have we're going to have to	16	proxies agreed to, those proxies could really come
17 fi	igure out that they have to be there no matter	17	in that morning or that day or the day before so we
18 w	what, whatever that is from 250, that's probably	18	can do it really quickly.
19 w	vhat you should go ahead and prorate; each	19	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Uh-huh.
20 d	listrict's got this many people based off this many	20	Okay. Yes, sir?
21 sl	lots that you've got left.	21	MR. VOYLES: Dave Voyles, Past Department
22	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay.	22	Commander. If it's in the constitution about the
23	MR. GOOLSBY: Does that make sense to you?	23	convention about the delegates and all that, you
24	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Yes, it makes	24	know, if you've got to change the constitution, we
25 to	otal sense. Yes, thank you.	25	can't just approve it right here. It's got to be
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3	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. One	3	information will be out by the 15th of March. I'm
4	other thing that can be done is all of you all of	4	still working with the hotel to get information. So
5	us are going to have a district meeting before the	5	by the 15th of March all that should be out, so.
6	department convention. There's a lot of this stuff	6	That's all I can tell you about national
7	you can decide how you're going to vote at that	7	convention. We're still having it and they're still
8	district meeting, so everything will be good to go	8	putting stuff out. So as it comes out I will
9	when the department convention comes by. You just	9	definitely get the information out to you. National
10	have to decide to make sure to cover it all.	10	convention is in Phoenix this year.
11	UNIDENTIFIED: That doesn't work. All you	11	Yeah, Phoenix. Sorry.
12	need is the districts have to cast their vote.	12	Yes, sir?
13	[sic]	13	MR. TOM GOODIN: I would like to talk
14	UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah. Well, that's true,	14	about Goodin, Alternate NEC your first come,
15	but you still have to deal with the nominations from	15	first serve. I think those 12 tickets should be
16	the floor.	16	offered to the officers of the department
17	MR. GOOLSBY: Well, that's true, but	17	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay.
18	MR. CHARLES GOODIN: Well, I think they've	18	MR. TOM GOODIN: before anybody else.
19	got a plan.	19	Because they are the representatives of our of
20	UNIDENTIFIED: No, they don't.	20	the yeah, of the department.
21	MR. VOYLES: Let them put it together.	21	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay.
22	We'll see what happens.	22	MR. TOM GOODIN: So
23	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: We'll call a	23	That's just my personal opinion. They
24	zone meeting and tell us how it's going to	24	should let you know whether they want to attend or
25	happen, Cassie will.	25	not before they go out to the at-large.
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1	UNIDENTIFIED: That must be a historian's	1	immediately after this closing we will have a closed
2	job.	2	DEC.
3	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Go ahead.	3	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: It will take us
4	MR. GOOLSBY: I just did.	4	about 10 minutes.
5	(Chorus of people talking.)	5	CHAPLAIN HARPER: Oh, Lord, we give you
6	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I move	6	thanks for the opportunity that we have had of
7	that the mileage be paid to the upon submission	7	meeting together as comrades who have served our
8	of proper signed paperwork to the Department	8	beloved nation. We thank you for the times and fun
9	Adjutant's office.	9	and fellowship that you have given us.
10	MR. BUCKWALTER: Second.	10	Now as we are about to leave one another,
11	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Any questions?	11	we would remember our comrades who are not with us
12	Call for the vote. All in favor?	12	today. Be with those who are in despair and those
13	(A chorus of ayes.)	13	who are lonely, comfort and strengthen them with
14	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	14	your presence. Inspire us, oh Lord, to continue to
15	(No nayes.)	15	seek peace in our world from a position of strength,
16	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Moving on. Anyone	16	justice and compassion.
17	have anything for the good of the order?	17	May we ever be ready to serve you, our
18	MR. ADAMS: District 14, Frankie Adams.	18	God, and our nation. We make our prayer in your
19	I'd like to make a motion for a donation to Post 152	19	Holy name. Amen.
20	for hosting all three meetings today.	20	(A chorus of Amen.)
21	MR. GOOLSBY: How much?	21	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: The colors of our
22	UNIDENTIFIED: Put a dollar amount.	22	country being in the proper place we will render the
23	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Need a second on it.	23	right salute.
24	MR. TOM GOODIN: Need an amount.	24	(Salute)
25	MR. ADAMS: \$200.	25	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Don't forget.
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2	second.	2	(Whereupon, the open meeting of the DEC
3	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: You can't	3	concluded at 3:44 p.m.)
4	MR. SAPP: Ttried. Ttried.	4	
5	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I'll	5	
6	second it.	6	
7	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Questions?	7	
8	Call for the vote. All in favor?	8	
9	(A chorus of ayes.)	9	
10	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Opposed?	10	
T 0	MR. BOARDMAN: Nay.	11	
11	MIN. DOARDMAN. Nav.		
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11	COMMANDER WILLIAMS: Zone II and III, you	12	
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10	proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the	
11	time and place set forth in the caption sheet	
12	thereof; and	
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