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 14 THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022
 15 (COMMENCING AT 8:00 P.M.)
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 23 REPORTED BY:
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1 ATTENDANCE
 2 COMMANDER GARY GRIGSBY
 3 SR. VICE COMMANDER ROSE NOONAN
 4 ZONE I VICE COMMANDER ROBERT MADDOX
 5 ZONE II VICE COMMANDER CALVIN BUMGARDNER
 6 ZONE III VICE COMMANDER CUE "ROCK" CONWAY
 7 ZONE IV VICE COMMANDER FRANKIE ADAMS
 8 NECman THOMAS GOODIN
 9 ALTERNATE NECman GEORGE SCARBROUGH
 10 IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER HALLIE WILLIAMS
 11 JUDGE ADVOCATE CASSIE STROM
 12 FINANCE OFFICER JOHN BUCKWALTER
 13 CHAPLAIN MARVIN HARPER
 14 HISTORIAN JEROME GOOLSBY
 15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DARLENE COATS
 16 PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER JOE FRANK
 17 ADJUTANT LOWRY A. FINLEY-JACKSON
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 19 DISTRICT COMMANDERS:
 20 1ST DISTRICT NORMAN GOFORTH
 21 2ND DISTRICT PHYLLIS CAMPBELL
 22 3RD DISTRICT EDWARD WEAVERLING
 23 4TH DISTRICT CHARLES CHESTER
 24 5TH DISTRICT MICHELLE BATLINER
 25 6TH DISTRICT WILLIAM ANDERSON
 7TH DISTRICT STEVEN OLSEN
 8TH DISTRICT BRIAN SAPP
 9TH DISTRICT FED J. ARFLACK
 10TH DISTRICT STEVE DODSON
 11TH DISTRICT DARLENE COATS
 12TH DISTRICT DARLENE COATS
 13TH DISTRICT HARRY BARNES
 14TH DISTRICT DENNIS WOELTJE FOR KEVIN McMEEL
 15TH DISTRICT MARK MAPLES
 16TH DISTRICT DAVID SHAFER
 17TH DISTRICT MARK REED

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 3 JOSEPH FRANK, EXCUSED
 4 JOEL M. HAUCK, PRESENT
 5 DAVID N. VOYLES, EXCUSED
 6 CLARK E. POINTER, PRESENT
 7 RICHARD HEIGERT, PRESENT
 8 DAVID E. SHAFER, PRESENT
 9 JOHN NEGER, EXCUSED
 10 DAVE F. JENNEMANN, EXCUSE
 11 MARVIN HARPER, PRESENT
 12 CHARLES W. GOODIN, PRESENT
 13 LYNN M. DORRELL, EXCUSED
 14 KENNETH GOTH, PRESENT
 15 ARTHUR WILSON, PRESENT
 16 TOM GOODIN, PRESENT
 17 DENNIS WOELTJE, PRESENT
 18 GEORGE SCARBROUGH, PRESENT
 19 ELIZABETH GONZALES, PRESENT
 20 CARY KELLETT, EXCUSED
 21 KERRY BOARDMAN, PRESENT
 22 HALLIE WILLIAMS, ABSENT
 23
 24
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 (JULY 14, 2022)
3 (THREE BELLS)
4 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: The meeting
5 will come to order. With the convenance in the proper
6 place, we'll do the end salute by the numbers.
7 One, two. Uncover.
8 Department Chaplain Marvin Harper will
9 now offer the invocation.
10 CHAPLAIN HARPER: Remember the
11 Lord will answer your prayers, but he will answer in
12 His own time and not necessarily when you want him to.
13 Let us pray.
14 Oh, God, Creator of this good land, help
15 us to be the worthy of citizenship in our nation.
16 Bless our country with loyal people and dedicated
17 leaders. Guard us from the unlaw acts and cowardly
18 fear.
19 We also ask your blessing on the veterans
20 of our nation and grant that the American Legion may
21 always do Your will.
22 Amen.
23 ALL IN UNISON: Amen.
24 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Remain
25 uncovered for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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1 (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)
2 (ONE BELL)
3 Cover.
4 I remind everyone that this is an open
5 session, and all Legionnaires are welcome to attend.
6 To speak on any matter, however, you must first have
7 permission from the District Commander.
8 I would also like to remind you that when
9 speaking, you mention your name, give your District
10 and speak clearly and loudly so the reporter can hear
11 you. Only one person to speak at a time, please.
12 Roll call, Adjutant Finley-Jackson.
13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
14 Commander Gary Grigsby?
15 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Present.
16 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Senior
17 Vice Commander Rose Noonan?
18 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER NOONAN:
19 Present.
20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone
21 I Vice Commander Bob Maddox?
22 ZONE I VICE COMMANDER MADDOX:
23 Here.
24 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone
25 II Vice Commander Calvin Bumgarner is excused.

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1 Zone III Vice Commander Rock Conway?
2 ZONE III VICE COMMANDER CONWAY:
3 Here.
4 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Zone
5 IV Vice Commander Frankie Adams is excused.
6 NECman Tom Goodin?
7 NECman GOODIN: Here.
8 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
9 Alternate NEC George Scarbrough?
10 ALTERNATE ALTERNATE NECman
11 SCARBROUGH: Here.
12 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
13 Immediate Past Commander Hallie Williams.
14 IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER
15 WILLIAMS: (Absent.)
16 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: He's
17 absent.
18 Judge Advocate Cassie Strom is excused.
19 Finance Officer John Buckwalter?
20 FINANCE OFFICER BUCKWALTER:
21 Here.
22 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
23 Chaplain Marvin Harper?
24 CHAPLAIN HARPER: Here.
25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:

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1 Historian Jerome Goolsby?
2 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: Here.
3 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
4 Sergeant-At-Arms Darlene Coats?
5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COATS:
6 Present.
7 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past
8 National Commander Joe Frank is excused.
9 Adjutant Lowry A. Finley-Jackson? I am
10 present.
11 First District Commander Norm Goforth?
12 1ST DISTRICT COMMANDER GOFORTH:
13 (Absent.)
14 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
15 Absent.
16 Second District Commander Phyllis
17 Campbell?
18 2ND DISTRICT COMMANDER
19 CAMPBELL: Here.
20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Third
21 District Commander Ed Weaverling?
22 3RD DISTRICT COMMANDER
23 WEAVERLING: Here.
24 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
25 Fourth District Commander Charles Chester?

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1 4TH DISTRICT COMMANDER CHESTER:
2 (Absent.)
3 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
4 Absent.
5 Fifth District Commander Michelle
6 Batliner?
7 5TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
8 BATLINER: Here.
9 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Sixth
10 District Commander William Anderson?
11 6TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
12 ANDERSON: (Absent.)
13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
14 Seventh District Command Steven Olsen?
15 7TH DISTRICT COMMANDER OLSEN:
16 Present.
17 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
18 Eighth District Commander Brian Sapp?
19 8TH DISTRICT COMMANDER SAPP:
20 Here.
21 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Ninth
22 District Commander Fred Arflack?
23 9TH DISTRICT COMMANDER ARFLACK:
24 (Absent.)
25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:

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1 Absent.
2 Tenth District Commander Steve Dodson?
3 10TH DISTRICT COMMANDER DODSON:
4 Here.
5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
6 Eleventh/Twelfth District Commander Darlene Coats?
7 11TH/12TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
8 COATS: Present.
9 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
10 Thirteenth District Command Harry Barnes?
11 13TH DISTRICT COMMANDER BARNES:
12 (Absent.)
13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
14 Absent.
15 Fourteenth District Commander Kevin
16 McMeel?
17 PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER
18 WOELTJE: PDC Dennis Woeltje sitting in for Kevin
19 McMeel.
20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: PDC
21 Dennis Woeltje. Thank you, Dennis.
22 PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER
23 WOELTJE: You're welcome.
24 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
25 Fifteenth District Commander Mark Maples is excused.

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1 Sixteenth District Commander David
2 Shafer?
3 16TH DISTRICT COMMANDER SHAFER:
4 Present.
5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
6 Seventeenth District Commander Mark Reed?
7 17TH DISTRICT COMMANDER REED:
8 Here.
9 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past
10 Department Commanders.
11 Joe Frank is excused.
12 Joel Hauck?
13 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
14 HAUCK: Here.
15 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: David
16 Voyles? Excused.
17 Clark Pointer?
18 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
19 POINTER: Here.
20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
21 Richard Heigert?
22 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
23 HEIGERT: Here.
24 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Dave
25 Shafer?

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
2 SHAFER: Here.
3 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: John
4 Neger is excused.
5 Dave Jennemann is excused.
6 Marvin Harper?
7 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
8 CHAPLAIN HARPER: Here.
9 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
10 Charles Goodin?
11 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.
12 GOODIN: Here.
13 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Lynn
14 Dorrell? Excused.
15 Kenneth Goth?
16 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GOTH:
17 Here.
18 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Art
19 Wilson?
20 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
21 WILSON: Present.
22 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
23 Present.
24 Tom Goodin?
25 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.

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1 GOODIN: Hooah.
 2 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
 3 Dennis Woeltje?
 4 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 5 WOELTJE: Here.
 6 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
 7 George Scarbrough?
 8 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 9 SCARBROUGH: Here.
 10 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
 11 Elizabeth Gonzales?
 12 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 13 GONZALES: Present.
 14 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Cary
 15 Kellett? Excused.
 16 Kerry Boardman?
 17 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 18 BOARDMAN: Present.
 19 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
 20 Hallie Williams is still absent.
 21 Commander, we have a quorum.
 22 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you,
 23 Adjutant.
 24 I now would like a motion to approve the
 25 February 19, 2022 DEC and closed DEC minutes as

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1 published.
 2 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: Jerome
 3 Goolsby, History. So moved.
 4 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Do I hear a
 5 second?
 6 17TH DISTRICT BRIAN GRAFF
 7 (ph.): Brian Graff, 17th District, second.
 8 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a
 9 motion and a second. Is there any discussion?
 10 (NONE)
 11 Seeing none, all in favor of the motion
 12 indicate so by saying aye.
 13 (ALL AYE)
 14 Any opposed, nay.
 15 (NONE)
 16 Hearing no nays, it appears the ayes have
 17 it. Indeed the ayes do have it.
 18 District Commanders, you are reminded
 19 that you should be on the front row of the opening of
 20 the convention general session, which will start at
 21 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.
 22 Please be seated by 1:20.
 23 Okay.
 24 Report of the Sub-Committee Chairman
 25 George Scarbrough.

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1 ALTERNATE ALTERNATE NECman
 2 SCARBROUGH: No report, Commander.
 3 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you.
 4 I'd like a motion to approve the -- well,
 5 we don't have to approve the actions of the
 6 Sub-Committee since there is no report.
 7 There are no recommendations for Post
 8 Charters.
 9 And no Post cancellations.
 10 And there are no Post Mergers that have
 11 been requested.
 12 Any unfinished business?
 13 (NONE)
 14 None. And --
 15 NECman GOODIN: Yes, Commander.
 16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Yes.
 17 NECman GOODIN: Tom Goodin,
 18 NEC. I don't know if this is the appropriate time to
 19 bring this up, but if it isn't, tell me. But this is
 20 the body that voted on this, this 45 cents a member
 21 that the National has that's about \$7,500 a year for
 22 seven years is \$52,000 or so the best I remember. I
 23 know for a fact this body voted to pay that, to do it.
 24 I believe that -- Kenny, don't let me put
 25 words in your mouth. I believe that Kenny Goth made a

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1 motion to go ahead and pay the whole 50 some thousand
 2 dollars. Did you, Kenny, or not?
 3 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GOTH:
 4 No, I don't think I did, Tom.
 5 NECman GOODIN: Well, Rich was
 6 saying somebody did. Do you -- do you remember,
 7 Terry?
 8 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: I
 9 don't remember exactly, but I though there was
 10 approval to pay it.
 11 NECman GOODIN: Yeah.
 12 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: But
 13 then at the same time it was decided to look into how
 14 to pay it.
 15 NECman GOODIN: Okay. And
 16 we're still looking into that. We're -- you know, a
 17 raffle maybe whatever.
 18 Anyway what we we're talking about and
 19 since this body voted on that, you have \$51,079 to be
 20 put in the set-aside. Now, I'm just spit-balling
 21 here. What if we took that money, paid that bill, got
 22 it out of the way, and then whatever we get to raise
 23 money, whether it be a third raffle, whatever it is,
 24 all that money goes into the department.
 25 Now, the way I understand that, if we do

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1 that, we get a tax break on that \$51,000.
 2 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Terry
 3 Lanning of the Finance Commission.
 4 No, the set-aside money can only be used
 5 for charitable purposes.
 6 NECman GOODIN: This is a
 7 charity. It's a 501.
 8 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: We
 9 can't use it in-house.
 10 NECman GOODIN: It's not
 11 in-house. It's going to National, not us.
 12 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: I
 13 still don't think we can do that. If it's going to
 14 like an auxillary which is outside of your
 15 organization, fine. But if it's going to National
 16 Foundation that's like Youth Group or something --
 17 NECman GOODIN: But you haven't
 18 set this money aside yet?
 19 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: No, I
 20 have not.
 21 NECman GOODIN: Well, that's
 22 why I'm bringing this up now since this body voted on
 23 that. What -- I'm just asking you. What if we took
 24 that money, paid that entire bill, and then took the
 25 revenue from either the third raffle or whatever we

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1 do, and every year turn that back over to the
 2 department and get this headache out away from us?
 3 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: It's
 4 an option. I've been told at our finance meeting
 5 tomorrow morning that Dennis was going to bring up a
 6 proposal.
 7 NECman GOODIN: Right, but I
 8 felt that this is the body that voted on that, so they
 9 -- they're all aware of what they voted on last
 10 October.
 11 And we're going to have a new body coming
 12 in here Sunday. So if we wait tomorrow and have that
 13 meeting with you, then we're pitching this whole thing
 14 to a new body that has no idea what was going on. So
 15 I feel that we ought to get it clarified tonight with
 16 the original body that voted on it.
 17 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: My
 18 only concern on one hand, do we have the money? Yes,
 19 we do.
 20 The second concern is are we going to be
 21 able to get that money. We, the department, has to be
 22 paid.
 23 NECman GOODIN: Yes, we are.
 24 We just haven't determined how to do that. We've got
 25 -- Lowry, what did you tell me about the brought in

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1 around \$28,000?
 2 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: You
 3 keep saying a raffle when we're talking about a
 4 sweepstakes.
 5 NECman GOODIN: Sweepstakes,
 6 yes.
 7 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: So
 8 each sweepstakes brought in a different amount. I
 9 think Terry knows. You might want to question him.
 10 John can you give you the actual figures.
 11 NECman GOODIN: Okay. John?
 12 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: John,
 13 can you answer that?
 14 FINANCE OFFICER BUCKWALTER: If
 15 you've got it in front of you --
 16 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: So
 17 forth this year in the sweepstakes we've had, we've
 18 collected \$33,384, but --
 19 NECman GOODIN: So roughly --
 20 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: But
 21 the winnings that we're going to have this weekend
 22 were not taken out of that. So we have to knock that
 23 off, which is about four or five thousand.
 24 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
 25 Sixty-five.

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1 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING:
 2 Sixty-five hundred. So you got to knock that off.
 3 NECman GOODIN: Okay.
 4 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Which
 5 is about --
 6 NECman GOODIN: So roughly
 7 \$15,000, 14,000 after everything.
 8 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: About
 9 27.
 10 NECman GOODIN: Okay. So 13,
 11 13, 5, which is 6,000 more than the -- and that counts
 12 -- that figure includes paying for the raffle out of
 13 the money that was brought in?
 14 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Yes.
 15 NECman GOODIN: Okay. So my
 16 point is, even if it just brings in 10,000, we're
 17 still ahead and getting the department paid back in
 18 five years. So what I would like to do, Commander, is
 19 make a motion that we take this \$51,079 and instead of
 20 putting it in set-aside, pay the bill to National, and
 21 then take the money from the raffle or whatever
 22 fundraiser we do and turn that over to the department
 23 even if it runs more than seven years, for however
 24 long that fundraiser raises it, it goes to the
 25 department in case something like this every comes up

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1 again, we've got some money built up.
 2 That's my motion.
 3 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a
 4 motion. Do I hear a second?
 5 ALTERNATE ALTERNATE NECman
 6 SCARBROUGH: Alternate NECman Scarbrough, second.
 7 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a
 8 motion and a second. Is there any discussion?
 9 Terry?
 10 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Terry
 11 Lanning. I don't like the idea of you saying paying
 12 it out of set-aside. I don't think that's legit.
 13 NECman GOODIN: Set-aside.
 14 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: I
 15 thought you said that's what you --
 16 NECman GOODIN: No, I said
 17 there's 51,000 that we were going to set aside.
 18 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Oh,
 19 okay. So you wouldn't be -- okay. I understand what
 20 you're saying. I apologize.
 21 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any -- yes,
 22 sir.
 23 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.
 24 GOODIN: Charles Goodin, Past Department Commander.
 25 The -- it's been discussed about running

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1 a third sweepstakes for sometime. And the general
 2 feeling is that it would detract from others. You
 3 know, even the guy that puts it out. So if you're
 4 going to take that for a profit, I would suggest that
 5 you put a base price on the two, and any difference,
 6 the third one causes the two to go down, that you
 7 would give it back out of the third.
 8 And you're just going to saturate the
 9 market.
 10 NECman GOODIN: Point of order.
 11 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: What is the
 12 point of order?
 13 NECman GOODIN: The money from
 14 the third sweepstakes, if we pay this bill, is all
 15 going to the department anyway.
 16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: No, that's
 17 not a point of order. That's discussion.
 18 NECman GOODIN: Okay.
 19 Discussion. This money is going to the Department,
 20 the Finance Committee, to do with what they want. If
 21 they want to put it in general revenue, whatever they
 22 want to do with it. It's theirs to do with what they
 23 want.
 24 So you don't have to worry about making
 25 up for this or making up for that. It's going into the

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1 same kitty anyway.
 2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Charlie?
 3 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.
 4 GOODIN: Charles Goodin, Past Department Commander.
 5 The one, new one, is going to the
 6 Department, but I would suggest it might detract from
 7 the money that we'll get from the two now that helps
 8 support the Department finances.
 9 NECman GOODIN: Where is the
 10 other two going now? They're going to the Department.
 11 Yes or no?
 12 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.
 13 GOODIN: Yes.
 14 NECman GOODIN: So the third
 15 one's going there too.
 16 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.
 17 GOODIN: I'm telling you if you saturate the market,
 18 the first two are going to go down in value.
 19 NECman GOODIN: I disagree with
 20 you. We don't know that for a fact. Anybody that
 21 gambles is going to buy. The second one didn't
 22 detract from the first one, and the third one -- so
 23 even if it detracts a couple of thousand dollars, it's
 24 going to bring up enough for more than to make up for
 25 that, and it's going to the same place the others

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1 could go.
 2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: I would
 3 remind you that you really only can speak on a motion
 4 two times. Maybe you can rebuttal, but you're
 5 repeating yourself.
 6 NECman GOODIN: Well, I don't
 7 know how I'm repeating myself when we're having a
 8 discussion about money that's going to the same place
 9 to the same kitty and trying to explain it. I don't
 10 know how that's repeating myself.
 11 I take exception with what you said.
 12 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Your point
 13 is made. Is there any other discussion? Yes.
 14 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 15 NECman George Scarbrough.
 16 This is a form of question the motion.
 17 Are all of the district commanders who -- the DEC body
 18 that's going to vote on this, do you fully understand
 19 what this is about? In other words, that it's -- I
 20 believe it's an average -- we've got on this from
 21 National to pay 25 cents per member. It's \$7,000 a
 22 year or something like --
 23 NECman GOODIN: Seventy-five
 24 hundred.
 25 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:

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1 Seventy-five hundred. Seven thousand, five hundred a
 2 year over the next seven years for us to pay our quota
 3 of money into National instead of this fund.
 4 What -- I believe what's being said is
 5 that instead of having that burden hanging over our
 6 district or our department for the next seven years,
 7 it appears that we have some excess money -- I don't
 8 know if excess is the proper term, but we have the
 9 money to pay for the entire LUG now.
 10 We wouldn't be burdened then with trying
 11 to worry about bringing additional money and, yes,
 12 probably when we have additional raffles -- if raffles
 13 is the proper term -- when we have additional raffles,
 14 sure, it can -- it can diminish some money from the
 15 other raffles, but in total you'll receive more money
 16 still.
 17 I hope I made myself clear on that, but I
 18 wanted you all to be perfectly clear on what it is
 19 you're about to vote.
 20 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Past
 21 Department Commander Kerry Boardman is recognized.
 22 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 23 BOARDMAN: Tommy, can you clarify if -- when we do
 24 this, that we don't pay the additional donations that
 25 we make every year or will not be making those

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1 donations; is that correct?
 2 NECman GOODIN: That's correct.
 3 We're taking the money out one time with this \$51,000
 4 that has not been put into the accounts and we're not
 5 taking it out of general revenue. We're not taking it
 6 out of any account.
 7 If you read your letter, it says right
 8 here at the bottom, and we would take that money, pay
 9 that bill, and then any revenue that was generated --
 10 because we're not going to stop this new program in
 11 seven years; it's going to keep on running -- would go
 12 back to the Department.
 13 Is that clear?
 14 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 15 You're talking about the other ---
 16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Yeah, go
 17 ahead, George.
 18 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 19 NECman George Scarbrough. I believe we want
 20 clarification is that then we will not have the monies
 21 that we pick for National Emergency Fund, for
 22 legacy --
 23 NECman GOODIN: Right.
 24 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 25 -- whatever, those charities would not -- would no

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1 longer be supported.
 2 NECman GOODIN: No, we're still
 3 supporting -- Tom Goodin, NECman. They're still
 4 supporting them here.
 5 What this does -- what the next seven
 6 National Commanders have agreed to do is this will be
 7 the only fund for the next seven years to be build up
 8 this national trust fund. That -- this will be the
 9 only one. There won't be any other duns or anything.
 10 they've all agreed to that for seven years.
 11 So I'm saying let's try to put our best
 12 foot forward, take the money while we have it that
 13 we're not taking from any place else, pay this off,
 14 and then the money that we raise from whatever program
 15 we choose to run, would go back to the Department from
 16 here to the day that program ends. Which I don't see
 17 it ending. I think it will be a permanent program for
 18 as long as we have a department in Missouri.
 19 Thank you.
 20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: I
 21 have a question.
 22 NECman GOODIN: Yes, ma'am.
 23 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Lowry
 24 Finley-Jackson, Department Adjutant.
 25 Now the way that this was put out from

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1 National, it's supposed to be 25 cents per member,
 2 this is for the Department.
 3 Our membership is going down every year.
 4 How can you say we're going to pay \$7,000 or whatever
 5 based on our membership when our memberships is
 6 dropping?
 7 NECman GOODIN: When this
 8 department was set up by National, they took our
 9 membership every department's membership the day that
 10 that was passed and approved by the DEC. And that's
 11 how they came up with your figure.
 12 At that time, we had a little over 30,000
 13 members. That's why it's 7,500 and some change.
 14 That's where that came from. It won't change. It
 15 will stay the same.
 16 Well, it may not be right, Lowry, but
 17 that's how they set the program up.
 18 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: In other
 19 words, they said under -- instead of making everybody
 20 pay a lump sum right off the bat, they just said okay,
 21 we're going to make it easy on you and spread it over
 22 a seven-year period?
 23 NECman GOODIN: Over a
 24 seven-year period based on these numbers, we have 25
 25 cents per member.

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1 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: It makes
 2 more sense to say it that way.
 3 NECman GOODIN: Yes.
 4 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Fourteenth
 5 District Commander?
 6 14TH DISTRICT COMMANDER PROXY
 7 WOELTJE: PDC Dennis Woeltje. I'm curious. What do we
 8 currently spend on these programs, NEC?
 9 NECman GOODIN: Oh, on all the
 10 programs?
 11 14TH DISTRICT COMMANDER PROXY
 12 WOELTJE: These are programs that this money is going
 13 to support. So do we yearly make a contribution to
 14 this?
 15 NECman GOODIN: Well, it would
 16 be whatever we give every year to Child Welfare --
 17 excuse me Tom Goodin, NEC -- Child Welfare, National
 18 Emergency Fund. What's the other one they gave?
 19 The only program that I can see that
 20 wouldn't be covered under this would be the money we
 21 give to the Legion Riders. And I don't think that
 22 money should go away. I think we should continue to
 23 support that program. That's the only one I see that
 24 would not be affected by this National.
 25 COMMAND GRIGSBY: Is there

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1 other discussion? Yes, sir.
 2 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER P.
 3 GOODIN: Charles Goodin, Past Department Commander.
 4 For as many years as I can remember, the
 5 National has always put a 50 cent a member LUG for NEF
 6 and one other, and we've never lived up to that.
 7 We've never worried about that. It comes out every
 8 year, out of the NEC, that there's a 50 -- they ask
 9 you to donate 50 percent -- 50 cents for every member
 10 you've got 50 cents for one, 50 cents from the other.
 11 We've never done that. I tried to do it
 12 as commander, tried to do it several years, and never
 13 got it. This is just putting a different skirt on the
 14 pig.
 15 NECman GOODIN: It is, but the
 16 point being that this body, NEC, the point being this
 17 body already voted on and approved it. Now we're
 18 trying to decide how to pay for it.
 19 And correct me again if I'm wrong, Terry,
 20 originally you said you could take the \$7,500 and
 21 cover that till we have the program going, correct?
 22 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Do we
 23 have the money in the bank? Yes. Primarily because
 24 we have the dues increased. So we've running
 25 surpluses for that last couple of years. So our

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1 checking account is sizeable, which would be fine.
 2 So it's not like we don't have the money
 3 in the bank.
 4 NECman GOODIN: Right, thank
 5 you. I think this is the best option we have right
 6 now. It gets that burden out from underneath us.
 7 We're done with it. All we have to do now as a body
 8 is figure out the fundraiser that we're going to go
 9 with and start giving that money back to the
 10 Department.
 11 Like I said, not repeating. We're taking
 12 no money away from the Department. This is money that
 13 has not been set aside. This is money that hasn't
 14 been put in an account. This is an extra \$51,079
 15 that's coming.
 16 FINANCE OFFICER BUCKWALTER:
 17 John Buckwalter, Finance Officer.
 18 It's money that is in an account. It has
 19 not been set in the charitable set-aside, but the
 20 money we received from the LIT has been deposited into
 21 the Department's account, but --
 22 NECman GOODIN: Tom Goodin,
 23 NEC. You know that, I know that. That's not the
 24 point I'm talking about. I'm trying to keep as simple
 25 for the people here.

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1 It's not money that's obligated to pay
 2 any bills or go anywhere right now.
 3 FINANCE OFFICER BUCKWALTER:
 4 That is correct.
 5 NECman GOODIN: Okay. Thank
 6 you. Jesus.
 7 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any other
 8 discussion?
 9 (NONE)
 10 Are you read for the vote. All those in
 11 favor indicate so by saying aye.
 12 (MULTIPLE AYES)
 13 Opposed?
 14 (MULTIPLE NAYS)
 15 It appears the ayes have it, and indeed
 16 the ayes do have it.
 17 (ONE BELL)
 18 We will now have the Finance Committee
 19 Report. Terry, are you ready?
 20 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Terry
 21 Lanning, Chairman of the Finance Commission.
 22 The Finance Commissioner recommends the
 23 following to be paid out of this fiscal year money
 24 from the set-aside:
 25 1. We approved giving American Legion

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1 Auxillary 1,500. This is an approximate amount that
 2 the Auxillary earned from the LIT.
 3 2. Approved giving a donation to the
 4 Foundation of 13,500.
 5 3. Approved giving a donation to the
 6 POW/MIA Museum a thousand dollars.
 7 4. Approved giving a donation to the
 8 Legion Riders National Legacy Scholarship Fund \$1,000.
 9 The old National American Legion
 10 retirement plan for the Department had a surplus for
 11 many years, but the surplus was used up. And we got a
 12 bill in 2020 for \$28,713, and in 2021 we received a
 13 bill for \$6,560. These bills have not been paid.
 14 Finance Commissioner recommends we pay National
 15 \$36,273. That's the total of those two bills for the
 16 2020 and 2021 bills.
 17 Lastly, we received from LIT \$51,079 a
 18 regular distribution, plus we received \$66,113 in
 19 special distribution, and \$5,108 for VA&R for a total
 20 of \$122,299.83. Finance Commission recommends that we
 21 set aside \$51,079 since we already have \$92,000 in the
 22 set-aside checking account.
 23 The set-aside checking account is special
 24 provisions for the IRS. Monies we put in there we
 25 don't have to pay any taxes on because the LIT money

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1 we have to pay income tax on. But whatever we put in
 2 there is tax free.
 3 Now, we have stipulations we can only use
 4 that money to pay for charitable purpose, another
 5 501(C)(3) or (4) organization.
 6 Now, I know what you already did with Tom
 7 where he's talking about the set aside is fine. I
 8 don't think that changes what we're wanting to do.
 9 Basically what we're wanting to do is we have 92,000
 10 in set aside money. We want to increase that by
 11 another \$51,079. So that's going to put it up to
 12 about 130 -- 140,000 roughly.
 13 And then we're going to stop there until
 14 we spend it down, and then we'll put some more in
 15 later. But the monies you all approved is not coming
 16 out of set asides. It's coming out of our checking
 17 account. So it really doesn't matter what you do.
 18 Okay. That's my report.
 19 NECman GOODIN: I have a
 20 question for you, Terry.
 21 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Yes.
 22 NECman GOODIN: Tom Goodin,
 23 NEC. Now, I'll get you the numbers, but this is the
 24 Ameri- -- National American Legion Foundation that has
 25 its own 501 that we've submitted all the numbers.

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1 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING:
 2 (C)(3).
 3 NECman GOODIN: It's not part
 4 of the National -- it's all in set aside. So --
 5 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Okay.
 6 So the money that you just approved \$51,000 is going
 7 to go into a foundation?
 8 NECman GOODIN: Right.
 9 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Okay.
 10 If that being the case, then yes, we can spend it out
 11 of the set aside.
 12 NECman GOODIN: Commander, can
 13 I go back and amend?
 14 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: So
 15 let me -- let me just share. Okay.
 16 What I'd like to do then with that
 17 understanding, because I didn't understand you,
 18 because that being a separate foundation, I don't see
 19 a problem with us paying it. Just like we pay this
 20 other monies I've already listed out. These are, you
 21 know, auxiliaries, foundations, the POWs are separate
 22 organizations.
 23 Okay. So that can come out of set aside
 24 easily. We do pay out of set asides scholarship funds
 25 that we do since those are scholarship funds. And

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1 then that we put in set aside. So where we can, we
 2 want o pay out.
 3 NECman GOODIN: So what did
 4 that roughly save the Department in taxes doing it
 5 that way?
 6 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Uh --
 7 NECman GOODIN: Roughly. I'm
 8 not holding you to it.
 9 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: It'd
 10 be about 18 percent.
 11 FINANCE OFFICER BUCKWALTER:
 12 Between 18 and 20 percent.
 13 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Yeah,
 14 between 18 and 20 percent. So roughly you're saving
 15 \$10,000.
 16 NECman GOODIN: Okay. Thank
 17 you.
 18 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING: Okay.
 19 Okay. With that being the case, then let
 20 me amend my last statement about what to put in set
 21 aside. One second.
 22 Okay. Then somebody just said about
 23 putting \$51,079 in set aside. I'd like to go ahead
 24 and put the whole thing, 122,299, in set aside since
 25 51 is going to come right out, and then we're going to

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1 -- this other money is going to come out.
 2 So we just can't get that checking
 3 account too high or the IRS is going to come in and
 4 say what are you keeping it for. You have to have a
 5 reason, and it was up to about 200,000 some years ago.
 6 We spent it way down, and now we're building it up,
 7 and we're going to spend it down again. So...
 8 NECman GOODIN: Tom Goodin,
 9 NECman. I make a motion that we accept the Finance
 10 Committee, give them the authority to change that
 11 money around.
 12 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a
 13 motion on the floor. Do I hear a second.
 14 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 15 NECman George Scarbrough, second.
 16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We've got a
 17 motion and a second. We have -- Rich, do you have --
 18 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 19 HEIGERT: Just a finer clarification for Terry. The
 20 fund that National has set up for the next several
 21 years, that's called the National Children's and
 22 Veterans Trust Fund, and it is a separate 90 --
 23 501(C)(3).
 24 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING:
 25 That's what we need.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
 2 HEIGERT: Yeah.
 3 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING:
 4 That's what we need.
 5 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Jerome?
 6 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: Goolsby,
 7 Historian. I understand by your motion that you're
 8 approving all the recommendations he made that we
 9 elected earlier?
 10 NECman GOODIN: Right, and let
 11 me put that 51,000 in set aside.
 12 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: Okay. Just
 13 wanted to make sure I understood. Thank you.
 14 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any other
 15 discussion?
 16 (NONE)
 17 Seeing none, all those in favor indicate
 18 so by saying aye.
 19 (ALL AYES)
 20 All those opposed indicate so by saying
 21 nay.
 22 (NONE)
 23 Hearing no nays, it appears the ayes have
 24 it, and indeed they do. The motion passes.
 25 (ONE BELL)

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1 Thank you, Terry, for your report.
 2 FINANCE OFFICER LANNING:
 3 You're welcome.
 4 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: And the ALR
 5 report, Brian Sapp.
 6 8TH DISTRICT COMMANDER SAPP:
 7 No report.
 8 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Now then,
 9 what I said before, District Commanders, you should be
 10 on the front row for opening of the convention. The
 11 general session will start at 1:30 p.m. Be in your
 12 seats by 1:20.
 13 District Caucus schedule is -- go ahead,
 14 Lowry.
 15 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: So
 16 I'm not going to read the District Caucus schedule
 17 because there is a copy in everyone's packet.
 18 Correct?
 19 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 20 Yes.
 21 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:
 22 Everyone has one?
 23 ALTERNATE NECman SCARBROUGH:
 24 Yes.
 25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: And

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1 it will -- I will give it when we have -- right before
 2 elections -- I'm sorry, right before -- after the
 3 candidates speak. So please make sure you let your
 4 delegates know where your District Caucus is at.
 5 NECman GOODIN: Tom Goodin,
 6 NEC. None of these five or six District commanders
 7 called you or told you anything? They just didn't show
 8 -- they're just no-shows?
 9 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: You
 10 talking about the ones that are missing are no-show?
 11 NECman GOODIN: Yeah.
 12 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: All
 13 of the ones that I excused, but the ones that were
 14 marked as absent, no, they did not. But the ones that
 15 I've marked excused, yes, they did contact me.
 16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Is there
 17 any new business, and other new business?
 18 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: Goolsby,
 19 Historian. Mileage will be paid on proper submission
 20 of signed paperwork to Department of Adjutant's
 21 office, and it should only apply to people who are
 22 actually meeting.
 23 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a
 24 motion on the floor. Do I hear a second? NEC Goodin?
 25 NECman GOODIN: I move that

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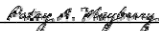
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1 mileage be paid to all that submit -- all that are
 2 authorized and submit the properly signed paperwork to
 3 the Department Adjutant, and the only people who
 4 should be submitting paperwork are the people who do
 5 not come to NEC next term.
 6 HISTORIAN GOOLSBY: (Inaudible)
 7 NECman GOODIN: I'll second
 8 that motion, Commander.
 9 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a
 10 motion and a second. Is there any discussion?
 11 (NONE)
 12 Seeing none, we're ready for the vote.
 13 All those in favor indicate so by saying aye.
 14 (ALL AYES)
 15 Any opposed nay.
 16 (NONE)
 17 Hearing no nays, it appears the motion
 18 passes, and indeed it does.
 19 (ONE BELL)
 20 Also, District Commanders, I have one --
 21 one item. Tomorrow when we have the voice state
 22 report, if you have your voice state -- District Voice
 23 State Chairman here, I will have a voice statement for
 24 them, and we'll try to work that into the schedule.
 25 (THREE BELLS)

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1 Please rise. Uncover. Chaplin Marvin
 2 Harper will give the benediction.
 3 CHAPLIN HARPER: Our precious
 4 Lord in heaven, thank you for being with us this
 5 evening and having this controlled discussion solving
 6 the problems hope that it was in your respect.
 7 May God bless us all, and have a save
 8 evening. Amen.
 9 ALL IN UNISON: Amen.
 10 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Recover.
 11 With the colors of our country being in
 12 their proper place, we will render the right-hand
 13 salute by the numbers. Ready.
 14 One, two.
 15 This pre-session of NEC is adjourned.
 16 (ONE BELL)
 17 (THEREUPON, THE PROCEEDING
 18 WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:59 P.M.)
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