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	DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI	2	have always accomplished or aims and goals. Please bring
2		3	our plans and programs to a successful ending. All of this
3 4	DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	4	we ask in your name, Amen.
4 5	DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	5	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Resolution 288, adopted at
6		6	the 67th National Convention, calls for designating a
7	February 19, 2022	7	POW/MIA empty chair at all official meetings of the
0	AMERICAN LEGION POST 152	8	American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of
8	123 East Broadway Ashland, Missouri 65010	9	American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and
9	Ashland, Missouri osono	10	conflicts involving the United States of America.
10		11	Accordingly, the POW/MIA flag has been placed
11		12	on the Empty Chair; a reminder for all of us to spare no
12 13		13	effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from
14	THE COURT REPORTER:	14	captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who
15	Jenna Petree	15	died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting
	ALARIS LITIGATION SERVICES	16	of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this
16	2511 Broadway Bluffs	17	vital endeavor.
17	Columbia, MO 65201 573-449-0561	18	(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)
18		19	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Remain uncovered cover.
19		20	Remain standing for the Preamble for the Constitution of
20		21	the American Legion.
21 22		22	(The preamble to the Constitution of the
23		23	American Legion was recited.)
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25		25	Spring Department Executive Committee Meeting. I remind
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3	JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Here.	3	MR. BARNES: Present.
4	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Finance Officer John	4	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 14th District
5	Buckwalter.	5	Commander, Kevin McMeel.
6	MR. BUCKWALTER: Here.	6	MR. MCMEEL: Present.
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8	Harper.	8	Commander Mark Maples, absent. 16th District Commander
9	MR. HARPER: Here.	9	Dave Shafer.
10	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Historian Jerome	10	MR. SHAFER: Here.
11	Goolsby.	11	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 17th District
12	MR. GOOLSBY: Here.	12	Commander Mark Reed.
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14	Darlene Coats.	14	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past Department
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18	I'm present. 1st District Commander Norm Goforth is	18	MR. HEIGERT: Here.
19	excused. Is someone sitting here?	19	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Dave Shafer.
20	MR. WOOD: Correct. David Wood, 1st District.	20	MR. SHAFER: Here.
21	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: David Wood. Thank	21	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: John Neger, excused.
22	you, David. 2nd District Commander Phyllis Campbell,	22	Dave Jennemann, excused. Marvin Harper.
23	absent. 3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling.	23	MR. HARPER: Here.
24	MR. WEAVERLING: Here.	24	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Charles Goodin.
25	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Edward Weaverling,	25	MR. GOODIN: I'm here.
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1	I'm sorry. 4th District Commander Charles Chester is	1	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Lynn Dorrell,
2	excused.	2	excused. Kenneth Goth.
3	MR. GOENTZEL: Michael Goentzel standing in.	3	MR. GOTH: Here.
4	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Are you all advises?	4	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Arthur Wilson
5	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: They are sitting in.	5	excused, Tom Goodin, excused. Dennis Woeltje.
6	5th District Commander, Michelle Batliner.	6	MR. WOELTJE: Here.
7	MS. BATLINER: Present.	7	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: George Scarborough.
8	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 6th District	8	MR. SCARBOROUGH: Here.
9	Commander Bill Anderson.	9	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Elizabeth Gonzales.
10	MR. ANDERSON: Present and accounted for.	10	MS. GONZALES: She's here.
11	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 7th District	11	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Cary Kellett.
12	Commander Steve Olson.	12	MR. KELLETT: Here.
13	MR. OLSON: Present and that's spelled	13	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Kerry Boardman.
14	O-l-s-o-n.	14	MR. BOARDMAN: Present.
15	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Okay. Thank you.	15	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Hallie Williams is
16	8th District Commander Brian Sapp.	16	excused. Commander, we have a quorum.
17	MR. SAPP: Present.	17	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. Please note
18	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 9th District	18	that we will have a closed DEC meeting immediately
19	Commander Fred Arflack, absent. 10th District Commander	19	following this session. I have invited a long time friend
20	Steve Dodson is excuse ed.	20	and fellow Slater High School friend Stanton Thompson to

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22 War I Museum & Memorial. Stanton is on the Board of

23 Directors on the World War I Museum & Memorial, and is a

24 member of American Legion Post 2-2-3 in Higginsville, and

has earned his eligibility as a member of the United States

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MR. CHAPMAN: John Chapman, Vice Commander,

ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you, John.

12th District Commander Darlene Coats.

MS. COATS: Present.

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1	Navy. Stanton Thompson retired from the Navy on July 9,	1	weighed about 12,000-tons, so they donated almost enough
2	2005, at the rank of Rear Admiral after 35 years of	2	corset steel to produce two battleships at the time.
3	service.	3	The last American that was killed in action
4	7th District Commander, Steve Olson, Post 223	4	was the guy by the name of Henry Gunther. Henry was a
5	is in the 7th District. May Stanton Thompson address the	5	supply clerk for the Army. He was in the backwater. He
6	DEC?	6	wrote a letter home to his family complaining about the
7	MR. OLSON: Yes, sir.	7	conditions of the troops in the trenches and how he was
8	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. Ladies and	8	unable to provide them with the care that supply guys do.
9	gentlemen, my good friend J. Stanton Thompson.	9	Well, the Army didn't like his letters because his letter
10	MR. THOMPSON: Well, thank you for giving me	10	went through the sensors and he got in trouble and he was
11	just a few minutes of your time. I'm a long time member of	11	demoted from sergeant to private as apart of this letter.
12	the Legion. I have kind of kept my arm's distance,	12	So on the 11th day of November, 1918, he volunteered for
13	frankly, from our post while I was serving. I have gotten	13	combat patrol. Now, I have known a lot of storekeepers in
14	more active in recent years. What I would like to do, Gary	14	my life, I don't know a single one of them that put his
15	and I had lunch together a couple of weeks ago. I	15	hand in the air and said I will go on combat patrol but
16	explained to him something exciting that is happening at	16	Henry did. The story goes that he decided maybe this is
17	the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. How many	17	the way to reinstate his reputation and maybe the Army
18	of you have visited the museum? Raise your hand, please.	18	would give him back his sergeant rank. Anyway, he
19	Quite a number of you, that's good. The Liberty Memorial	19	volunteered for this patrol. The patrol came upon a German
20	was actually dedicated in 1926 as recognition of World War	20	roadblock and it was manned by machine gun. So all of his
21	l veterans. It was really running it was running down.	21	buddies jumped in the ditch. Not Henry. Henry took off
22	In the early 2000s, the citizens of Kansas City put	22	after his machine gun nest. The Germans stood up and
23	together enough money to rehabilitate and create the	23	hollered for him to stop because they looked at their watch
24	museum, which is actually in the foundation portion. It	24	and it was just two minutes before the hour of 11 when the
25	was dedicated in 2006.	25	armistice was going to go into effect. Henry got down on
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1	was a railroad shell about this tall and she had a hammer	1	not on what happened in 1917 through November of 1918, but
2	at the top of a fuse. I wasn't sure if that was fake or	2	focus on the enduring impact of that war.
3	not, but I don't think I would want to be an ammunition	3	Let me give you an example, how many of you
4	tester. So as a result of the war, the role of women	4	are farmers? Do you drive green tractors or what color?
5	changed dramatically. The 19th Amendment was passed the	5	MR. SCARBOROUGH: Red.
6	following year.	6	MR. THOMPSON: Because I drive green tractor.
7	The American Legion has some ties to World War	7	John Deere tried its best to get farmers in the early 1900s
8	I. We know it was organized by World War I veterans.	8	to buy gasoline tractors to pull their plows and tillage
9	Matter of fact, Missouri has quite a tie to World War I	9	implements. You know, they had stationary tracking
10	because our first convention, as I read the history	10	machines, but farmers were kind of in a rut. They liked
11	occurred, in St. Louis in 1919 in May. It was the first	11	their mules and their horses and that's what they liked.
12	time that veterans of that era had gotten together in one	12	So John Deere had bought this patent for a gasoline tractor
13	place. Missouri supplied enough soldiers for the war to	13	called a Waterloo Boy. They couldn't get a farmer to buy
14	rank fifth largest of all states. Now, you would have	14	it. The pressure on farming to produce food and fiber for
15	thought that New York and some of the larger metropolitan	15	the war effort changed things completely. Horses and mules
16	areas would have provided more, but actually Missouri	16	just couldn't keep up and they started buying tractors.
17	ranked fifth. Many posts are named after World War I	17	Just think about, I don't know if you have seen a John
18	veterans. I think this one is, if I recognize the picture	18	Deere tractor today, but it's like riding in a computer.
19	behind me. My post in Higginsville was named after a World	19	You know, and the compacts are worth \$500,000.00, so is the
20	War I veteran.	20	red one. So what the museum is trying to do at this point
21	So that's what generated this idea that I	21	is talk about the enduring impacts of World War I. You
22	shared with Gary and I'm going to get to that. The museum	22	can't look at the American Legion without seeing the
23	is going to embark upon a \$20 million refresh project.	23	enduring impact of the organization of the American Legion
24	It's going to come in four phases. Phase 1, some of I	24	and how it was started by World War I veterans and how its
25	didn't have enough copies, but some of you, I did provide a	25	enduring impact is on veterans today.
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1	copy of architect's rendering of the first phase. Now when	1	I have an opportunity for us to wedge into

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2	you come into the museum, the main gallery and all of the	2
3	other galleries are kind of on the first deck. Then there	3
4	is two buildings part of the old Liberty Memorial, they are	4
5	up on the top deck next to the tower. The basement has	5
6	really, I call it the basement, it's the basement of the	6
7	basement I guess. The center has been a research center.	7
8	What they are planning on doing on phase one, the	8
9	construction of that will begin this spring. What they are	9
10	going to do is they are going to have a set of stairs that	10
11	go down to the lower deck and they are going to have in it	11
12	a place where you could stand there and watch the archivist	12
13	actually work on the stuff that we are given. We are given	13
14	stuff all the time. They have to bring it in, they have to	14
15	catalog it. They have to get it ready for storage or	15
16	display. We have the largest collection of artifacts of	16
17	World War I in the world right there in Kansas City. In	17
18	the world, I can't explain it any more. So part of this	18
19	refresh I got to thinking, the Legion's story is not	19
20	anywhere in that museum. So I went to the head guy, his	20
21	name is Matt Naylor, he is our President and CEO. I went	21
22	to him and as I said, as a part of this refresh project	22
23	could we carve out a place for the American Legion's story	23
24	to be told. This fits right in with what the museum is	24
25	trying to do at this point. The museum is trying to focus,	25

1	I have an opportunity for us to wedge into
2	somewhere in the museum. The CEO Matt Naylor won't promise
3	me where it will be, but somewhere with the museum we are
4	going to be able to tell the American Legion story. What I
5	would like to do this is just an idea. All I told Gary
6	I would do today is just introduce this as a side bit to
7	you because it's just a big ole glob of clay, Gary. It has
8	no structure to it right now. I would like us to somehow
9	tell our story and center it around those veterans whose
L 0	names are dedicated to our buildings. I would like to
11	this is going to be a lot of more a less static display.
12	From what I'm seeing, it's going to be more like you go up
13	to this large flat TV screen and you'll have a ear set on
14	and it's going to tell you the story that's in front of
15	you. What I would like to do is I would like to collect
16	personal information about all of the veterans whose posts
17	are named for them who were World War I veterans. I would
18	like to collect that for Missourians. Then if that is
19	successful, maybe we can expand that to other states and
20	nationwide. Gary was telling me that the National
21	Convention of the American Legion is going go be in Kansas
22	City.
23	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We hope.
24	MR. THOMPSON: We hope it will be in Kansas
25	City in 2027. So here is what I have in mind, again, this

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1	is a glob of clay. It's got no form to it yet, but	1	second; is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor
2	wouldn't it be cool to tie into that national convention, a	2	say aye.
3	dedication ceremony and this National World War I Museum	3	(Responded "aye.")
4	not only to the American Legion and to those members who	4	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Opposed?
5	helped founded our organization. That's my dream. I don't	5	(No response.)
6	know how it's going to go or how we can get it from my	6	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Hearing none, the "ayes'
7	thought in between my ears to reality, but I hope that it	7	have it and the minutes have been approved. Now we would
8	will stimulate some thinking on your part and you can help	8	have a report of the subcommittee. Alternate NECman.
9	me in that regard. It is the right place in my view. I	9	MR. SCARBOROUGH: No report, Commander.
10	don't think that there is an American Legion Museum, is	10	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: No report. The Adjutant's
11	there?	11	report on post charter activities. Are there any
12	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: I'm not sure.	12	recommendations for post-charters?
13	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: National	13	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: None.
14	Headquarters.	14	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Are there any
15	MR. THOMPSON: There is a museum within the	15	recommendations for post cancellations or mergers?
16	headquarters. That's in Indiana. I know that there is no	16	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: None.
17	American Legion in the World War I Museum and I'm trying to	17	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. At this time,
18	bring it in there. So that's what I came to present to you	18	I will call Senior Vice Commander Rose Noonan to the podium
19	today. I also have, Gary, I'm not sure how you're going to	19	for the membership report. Rose.
20	give these out, but in this envelope are four passes to the	20	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Good afternoon
21	World War I to the World War I Museum. They do expire at	21	everybody. We are missing a few people today. There are a
22	the end of this year, other than that there is four of them	22	few people that I wish they were here, but nothing we can
23	for whomever gets the opportunity to go. If you don't get	23	do about it. I want to thank every district commander,
24	this four, please go. I will tell you one fairly new	24	every zone commander for your hard work this year. I
25	fairly exhibit within the museum. There was a German who	25	understand there has been a lot of challenges starting out,
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1	was drafted into the German Army. He served his tour and	1	but I do believe that it's been rectified now. This is not
2	fought in the trenches in 1914 until about 1916 when his	2	a time to slow down and do nothing. We have been with 1
3	tour was over. The German Army didn't keep him, so he	3	percent for the last three weeks of membership and not
4	immigrated to the United States. After we declared war, he	4	changing. You need to get out there and talk to your
5	joined the Expeditionary Force and fought for the American	5	members. I think we have 4,000 department wide of renewals
6	Army. His family gave the museum his German uniform and	6	that have not been renewed yet. As of the 16th of
7	his American uniform. They are on display in a glass case	7	February, we were sitting at 82.86 percent, which is not
8	in the museum side-by-side with a little story about this	8	good, 83.48 for the Midwest Legion. The Midwest region, I
9	guy. That's just to give you a little tickle about what's	9	believe is eight departments or something like that. You
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10	in there.	10
11	The only other part of it that just amazes is	11
12	me there is a case, Gary, with some government made but	12
13	most of it handmade weapons that they used in the trenches	13
14	against each other. You know, I'm an old service combat	14
15	guy. I'm a ship driver. We used missiles and guns and	15
16	they shot a long way. These weapons, Gary, you and I would	16
17	have to be this close to use them. That's close. Thank	17
18	you all very much.	18
19	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We'll find a way to	19
20	distribute some of those tickets. May I have a motion to	20
21	approve the minutes of the October 17, 2021 DEC as	21
22	distributed?	22
23	MR. GOOSLBY: Historian, so moved.	23
24	MR. REED: Mark Reed, 17th District, second.	24
25	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: I have a first and a	25

1	but I do believe that it's been rectified now. This is not
2	a time to slow down and do nothing. We have been with 1
3	percent for the last three weeks of membership and not
4	changing. You need to get out there and talk to your
5	members. I think we have 4,000 department wide of renewals
6	that have not been renewed yet. As of the 16th of
7	February, we were sitting at 82.86 percent, which is not
8	good, 83.48 for the Midwest Legion. The Midwest region, I
9	believe is eight departments or something like that. You
10	all have a copy of this report in your folder. This means
11	that we have four months. We are seven months into this
12	fiscal year and we have four months to get 4,000 renewals
13	coming across the board. I cannot stress enough to make
14	personal contact. Sending an e-mail, sending a text is not
15	working. These folks out here that have not renewed, they
16	already get renewals from National. They are not going to
17	pay a whole lot of attention to another e-mail that says
18	American Legion. Call them on the phone. You don't know
19	what's going on in other people's worlds. There may be
20	sickness. There may be unemployment. Whatever it is, talk
21	to them. Try to get them involved. Another thing that has
22	come to my attention recently is renewals not being sent in
23	on a timely mainer. I had one adjutant tell me that they
24	sent theirs in at least monthly. This is not acceptable.
25	These membership renewals need to go in promptly because if

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1	that renewal and their money sits in somebody's office for	1	MR. WEAVERLING: I tried to look up the
2	30 days, then they are already receiving a delinquent	2	Lincoln Pilgrimage Award on the National website, but even
3	notice from National. Then they are calling and they're	3	that, if you go by membership total one is over 50 or over
4	angry wanting to know where their card is because they sent	4	50 so I'm either category one or category two. It's hard
5	their money in. This has happened, trust me. I'm asking	5	to go for a goal knowing that you can't get there.
6	you to reach out to delinquent members. Just let them know	6	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: 1 agree.
7	you are there. I can't do this by myself. Nobody can.	7	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: The Lincoln
8	That's why we have district commanders. That's why we have	8	Pilgrimage is not a National program. It's actually us and
9	zone vice commanders. We need to get on this. That's	9	Illinois. It's a state thing. If you want so more
10	about the end of my report. Thank you.	10	information, contact me and we'll talk about it.
11	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Questions?	11	MR. SHAFER: David Shafer, Commander 16th
12	MR. WOELTJE: Denise Woeltje, Past Department	12	District and Past Department Commander. One of the things
13	Commander. How many districts have scheduled a	13	that can impact your post and district is the fact that
14	revitalization?	14	some of your members are subscribers to the Legionnaire
15	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: None. I have also	15	insurance program. They have got insurance for \$5,000.00
16	put out to every district that if you want help, if you	16	sitting out there. Now, if a person sends in dues and
17	want assistance, let me know. Contact me. I will come to	17	
18	you and man a phone. I don't care. I wasn't aware of	18	continues membership and you're holding at the post and not
19	that.	19	sending it in, that post can be liable for that \$5,000.00
20	MR. GOENTZEL: District 4 has too.	20	to the family based upon the insurance LIT actions in the
20	MS. BATLINER: District 5, Michelle Batliner,	21	past. We had a situation like that back in 2005 or
21	we also had a revitalization.	22	something like that where an individual had paid his dues, the post held on to the dues and didn't process it for
23	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: I was not aware of	23	
23		23	several months. The individual had an accident and died.
25	that. COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Be sure to state your	25	The family went to get the insurance and LIT said he's not a current member of the American Legion. They did bend
2.5	COMMANDER GRIGSBT. De sure to state your	2.5	a current member of the American Legion. They did bend
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1	name.	1	over backwards to give that family the \$1,000.00 back then.
2	MR. GOENTZEL: District 4 was Michael	2	They gave him the \$1,000.00 accidental life and
3	Goentzel.	3	dismemberment clause. So in the process that these people
4	MR. WEAVERLING: Ed Weaverling, District 3.	4	you're going out and talking to these members about their
5	Part of the problem trying to meet percentages, my current	5	dues. That \$5,000.00 is quite an incentive to get to be a
6	post is 285. We have got 11 dead people on our roster.	6	member. It's also an incentive for the post to make sure
7	It's kind of hard to get them to renew. In the meantime,	7	that those memberships are processed on a weekly basis or
8	if I get all of my living members renewed for 2022, it only	8	as fast as they can to get them out of your hair and to the
9	comes to 80 percent.	9	department's process so they are current members of the
10	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: What is your total	10	American Legion. That's it. Thank you.
11	membership?	11	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Anybody else have
12	MR. WEAVERLING: My legion says 57. The	12	anything?
13	membership thing says 54 because three dropped off with the	13	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, Rose. We have
14	2019 members and the other eight dead are still part of the	14	some unfinished business. When I was asked to create the
15	current membership campaign. So we actually have 46 living	15	Ad Hoc Past Commander at the Fall DEC, I failed to state
16	people and this membership thing is setup saying we've got	16	the purpose of the committee. I have spoken with Committee
17	54.	17	Chair David Voyles, who could not be here today, and we
18	SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Okay. Lowry, you	18	have decided to have a two-fold purpose for the Ad Hoc
19	got any knowledge of that?	19	Commanders Committee: To formulate one or more

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20 recommendations on how the Department can pay the .25 cent

without further compromising the Department's financial

per capita assessment to National over the next seven years

posture and bring their recommendation back to the DEC or

possibly the Sub-Committee for action and implementation.

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MR. WEAVERLING: I mean, when somebody dies,

SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: You know, the

that goal needs to come down by that number, as well as the

Department can look into that. There is nothing that I can

starting total of that number.

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1	another sweepstakes drawing to bring in additional revenue	1	MR. REED: Mark Reed, 17th District Commander,
2	to totally or partially cover the annual per capita	2	second.
3	assessment. This idea needs to be worked through to give	3	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. I have a
4	us a clear direction before implementation.	4	motion and a second. Any discussion? Seeing none, all
5	The other was to review and where necessary	5	those in favor of the \$5.00 fee indicate so by saying
6	update or create Commission/Committee job descriptions. I	6	"aye."
7	understand it may have been a while since those were done.	7	(Responded "aye.")
8	This will be accomplished by coordinating with Commission	8	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any nays anyone who is
9	Committee Chairs and Commission and Committee members.	9	opposed, indicate so by saying "nay."
10	That should be all of the unfinished business.	10	(No response.)
11	In new business, our financial report from the Finance	11	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Seeing none, the motion
12	Committee, Chairman Terry Lanning.	12	has passed. One more, we it was brought to my attention
13	MR. LANNING: My name is Terry Lanning,	13	that the Boy State Commission was sort one member and Rich
14	Chairman of the Finance Commission. For a change, I really	14	Heigert has volunteered to be there on. I need a motion to
15	don't hav a whole lot to say, which is good. Overall the	15	approve Rich Heigert's appointment to the Boy State
16	Department's finances are in pretty good shape. I sent out	16	Commission.
17	a letter to the Chairman of Commissions, Committees, and	17	MR. HARPER: Marvin Harper, Chaplain, I make a
18	Department Officers concerning the 2023 budget. Everyone	18	motion.
19	needs to respond to me concerning that letter. I have	19	MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, second.
20	started to receive quite a few responses.	20	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We got a motion and a
21	The Finance Commission will have a budget	21	second. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor
22	meeting on May 25, 2022 to create next year's budget. So	22	of the motion to appoint Rich Heigert indicate so by saying
23	if anybody has anything they want to pass on to me	23	"aye."
24	concerning the budget, let me know.	24	(Responded "aye.")
25	A member of the Finance Commission, Emil	25	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Anyone opposed "nay."

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1 Klecka passed away a few months ago. He was a long time (No response.) 2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Seeing none, the ayes have member of the Finance Commission and he'll be missed. That's all I got unless anybody has any questions. 3 it. The motion is passed. COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, Chair. The 4 Other business, Judge Advocate Cassie Strom, Oratorical Chairman recommendation is as follows: 5 her report. Individuals term expiring this year Marvin Harper, Kerry 6 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Good afternoon. Just Boardman, and Patricia Olmstead. Chairman Benton has 7 three things. First off, the wedding I was going to be 8 attending in July of 2020 is going to be finally held in requested that they all be reappointed. May I have a motion to approve the recommendation of the Oratorical 9 July of 2022. I will not be here for the convention. Chairman? 10 Christine Sapp is going to fill in for me. I have worked 11 MR. WOOD: Dave Wood, District 1, I make a with her and provided her the information and the forms, so 12 motion. I'm sure she'll do a good job. So I ask you to be kind, 13 MR. SHAFER: Second. Dave Shafer, 16th polite, and civil, and professional. It's hard for some of District Commander. 14 you I know, but. I'm also ending my term as Judge Advocate COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any discussion? Seeing 15 this year. I believe Christine has applied for it and I 16 don't know if there are any other nominations in the works. none. All in favor of the motion say "aye." (Responded "aye.") 17 The last thing I want to say is the Missouri Veteran Hall COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any opposed, nay. 18 of Fame is in its third year and nominations are being (No response.) 19 accepted until April 30 of this year. If you google COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Hearing no nays, the ayes 20 Missouri Veterans Hall of Fame, you should be able to come have it. We need to establish registration fee for the 21 up with the forms. We have had great representation from 22 Department Convention. The fee has been \$5.00 in the past. the American Legion. Mr. Frank -- we have two from our --23 Lowry and I are both blank -- Velma and Ope. We try and May I have a motion to approve the \$5.00 fee? MR. GOOLSBY: Historian Goolsby, I move that 24 work, especially for your post, to make sure that we have 2.5 the \$5.00 fee be assessed. at least one representative that's female. We look at some

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1of the different conflicts and different parts of the state1Wisconsin, Kentucky, Kansas, and Iowa to name just a few.2to try and get a really good overall representation of the2It's quite the attended. Our Department gets the3amazing quality of veterans that we have in the State of3opportunity as NEC to attend that and represent our4Missouri. If you watch the ceremony or attended the4Department for you. You might make note that the National5ceremony, I think you would agree with me that's it's5Washington Conference scheduled for March 5-8 in Washington6really actually a very lovely ceremony. It's held in the6DC is once again going to be for the most part virtual.7rotunda in the State Capitol in October. That's all I have7Other than the Commander and the staff up there, delegates8until July whenever the next Judge Advocate is selected.8and representatives will predominantly not be attending. I9Feel free to keep e-mailing me until that point and I have9do know that we have our Legislative Committee, will have11COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, Cassie. For11representation virtually. Those members of those12our National Exertive Committee Member, the Alternate NEC,13I have given you the link so that you can zoom into that or13our National Executive Committee Member, the Alternate NEC,14whatever the case may be.14George Scarborough, will present the NEC report.14whatever the case may be.	on
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15 MR. SCARBOROUGH: Tom, our NEC, Tom Goodin, he 15 Also make note that on Tuesday March 8, that	
16 is going to be going in for surgery on his back next 16 the National Commander will be giving his testimony.	
17 Thursday, the 24th, so I would ask that you keep him in 17 That's going to be given live. You can go on the National	
18 your prayers and in your thoughts at that time. He is 18 web page at "www.legion.org." You can trigger on that	
19 going to need all of the help he can get. There is going 19 thing at 10:00 on the 8th and you'll be able to see our	
20 to be a long recovery period after that. So if you can 20 National Commander testify. I would imagine Eastern,	
21 send him a text or e-mail, "Come on, buddy, we are pulling 21 Washington DC time.	
22 for you." 22 National Spring Meetings are going to be held	
23 Just a couple of things from the National 23 May 2-5 for the National Executive Committee Meetings. Tor	
24 perspective. I first thing I want to point out is National 24 and I will attend, as well as some of our National	
25 Organization is very proud of the State of Missouri, its 25 Commission and Committee Meetings. Please be advised the	i
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1	the Legislative update, Chairman and Past Department	1	about those priorities of the American Legion. E-mail is
2	Commander Charles Goodin.	2	the best way to do that. If you go to "legion.org" they
3	MR. GOODIN: Afternoon everyone. George gave	3	will tell you exactly how to do that. We have been over
4	you about most of the information I was going to give you.	4	that before, but then again, pass this on to your people as
5	Thank you. Let's go to the state level on legislation. I	5	many as you can. The numbers are what counts. You know,
6	think the only thing I want to leave everyone here with is	6	we don't have 44,000, 50,000 or 60,000 members in the state
7	to contact their Representative and Senator respectively	7	of Missouri anymore. So we've got less than 30,000, so
8	and request or please ask them to fully fund the Missouri	8	that means that the 30,000 that are left, to get 50 percent
9	Veterans Commission. That needs to be done. It needs to	9	of what we used to get, everybody has to do it. So don't
10	be done again and again. It seems like every time we get	10	not do it. It all happens that weekend. The 5th is my
11	some new funding, they find another place to put it. I	11	meeting on legislative and then Sunday I don't think we do
12	will tell you on a good side that well, first off, they	12	anything. Then Monday and Tuesday, the Commander's
13	passed the Governor's supplemental budget, which included	13	testimony will be streamed on Tuesday. It's an education
14	our nursing personnel at the homes. Then they didn't pass	14	and interesting. That's my report for everybody. If I can
15	it. Then they passed it and they changed it again. I	15	answer any questions, I will certainly try. There is
16	think our nurses are going to get a minimum of \$15.00 an	16	information out there, just go to "legion.org." I will tell
17	hour, which is an increase. It is still so far below the	17	you that they did pass the toxic waste and extending the
18	national standard. We cannot keep proper staff. I will	18	times on that. They past the continuing resolution to take
19	tell you that the veterans home population of all of them	19	us up to March 11, so we are not going to be shutting down
20	is I think 720. That creates a problem in one of our major	20	in the next few weeks. That just happened close of shop
21	funding sources is the VA. We are paid per capita, so you	21	yesterday. That's all I got, Commander. Thank you.
22	would think if you got rid of residents that your cost	22	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, sir. For the
23	would go down and expenses, but your income is going way	23	ALR Report, Director Brian Sapp. While Brian is coming up,
24	down because we get paid on the people being in there. The	24	we need to thank Brian and Christine for opening up their
25	only reason for that, it's not COVID, it's lack of staff.	25	post here for our DEC meeting.

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The main reason for that is lack of salary. So I don't	1	MR. SAPP: Thank you, Commander. My name is
know how to sugarcoat it. Call your Representatives and	2	Brian Sapp. I am the American Legion Rider Missouri
your Senator in the State of Missouri. If you go on to	3	Director. We had our ALR Missouri Spring meeting this
anything, the Missouri Legislator, it will show you how to	4	morning at 8:00. We had a very good turnout, even though
contact them. I put this stuff out in the newspaper. It	5	it was an early meeting and despite the recent weather.
will show you how to contact them by e-mail. It will show	6	One thing that we did get to do this morning was we
you who they are. Just do it. Nike. You know, Nike. So	7	announced who our 2022 Rider of the Year Award goes to.
that's the biggest deal on the State. There are some	8	Before anybody asks and before I say who that was, let me
others, but if the Veterans Commission is fully funded, the	9	tell you I was not part of the judging committee on this.
others kind of come in on that. You know, when the Service	10	However, it did turn out to by my wife, Christine Sapp.
Officer Program, we need more service officers in the	11	She was nominated by our post and by our chapter and then
state. We need service officers to do not just the initial	12	it went out to judging. I didn't have to pay anybody ahead
and sign these people up, but it'll come. Reviews. When	13	of time. I picked judges that didn't know either of us, so
you're rejected, appeals. That's a dirty word, I couldn't	14	they were not under any undue influence. I was very happy.
get it out. So anyway, on the Washington Conference, there	15	We had three outstanding riders that were nominated. It
will be a note before you go also. If you go to	16	was so close on the judging that after the first three
"legion.org" and go to "Legislative", they are going to	17	judges sent in their totals, it was a dead tie. Every
tell you how to get to all of it. The Commander's	18	judge that sent in had a different first, second, third.
testimony is going to be streamed. The legislative meeting	19	They were dead even going in and it went to the tie-breaker
is going to be private. I think that's by invitation only.	20	judge and that was who ended up getting the award. We
They will have know before you go, they are going to	21	appreciate that. We have people all over the state that
explain to you the priorities of that. On Monday, they are	22	are doing lots of great stuff. The riders are continuing
going to request, and I will request, that you contact your	23	more involved at the post level. We have got stuff going
United States Senators, two of them, and your	24	on almost every month around the state. That's even
representative, one each, and tell them or somebody there	25	through the winter months. A lot of the riders do their

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1	fundraising over the winter months when they are not riding	1	one day with us. So hopefully that will come to fruition,
2	so they can do stuff back at the home post. That helps the	2	but we won't know that until closer to the time.
3	riders. It helps out Legacy Funds donation, but it also	3	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, Brian. For our
4	helps the home post. So I implore you all, if you do not	4	Boy State Commission Report, the Past Department Commander
5	have an ALR Rider Chapter in your post, if you want one,	5	Kerry Boardman.
6	let me know because we can make that happen. You would be	6	MR. BOARDMAN: Thank you, Commander. Boy
7	amazed at what having a bunch of rolling billboards rolling	7	State is going to happen this year full-time. June 18
8	around your town with those vests on and setting the	8	excuse me, June 11-18 write those dates down. It's moved.
9	example out there for the others because we are not, you	9	It is now at the Lindenwood University in St. Charles s in
10	know, the typically big burly bikers. We do stuff like	10	St. Louis or wherever the heck that place is. It's a
11	teddy bear runs. We do stuff like our Legacy Scholarship	11	beautiful campus. If you have been to Warrensburg and seen
12	Ride and donations to come out there. It will bring a lot	12	the state campus and how old it is, not that they didn't do
13	of visibility to the your posts, especially in the smaller	13	a good job for us, but they couldn't compete with
14	towns. We really do a good job there. We did announce	14	Lindenwood. Beautiful campus. New buildings, new camps.
15	that we opened our registration for our Legacy Run this	15	I expect to have some help this year from the east side
16	year, it opened this morning. Our State Ride Captain David	16	that they always said it's too far to drive to Warrensburg;
17	Bently, who had been in the hospital for almost three weeks	17	it's not too far to drive now. So give me a call and we'll
18	over Christmas for some COVID issues, he is back. He is	18	set you up. You will have to have your child welfare check
19	involved. We've got everything set-up. We've got route is	19	and all of that good stuff so you can participate. We do
20	about 90 percent. We know where our start and end times	20	need some help. District Commanders, we need some help
21	are, the big ones. So that has been announced for the	21	from you to get some students to go. Get on whoever your
22	riders this morning. We are going to be up in the	22	representative is for Boys State, get to the post. We need
23	northwest corner of the state. We're going to start it in	23	1,000 kids this year. It's going to be tough, but we want
24	Independence at Post 21. This will be the June 24-26 of	24	to get there. Get on your little horse and do your
25	this year. We are going to start in Independence. The	25	volunteer work and get your money collected to send them.
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1	first day on Friday morning and ride through and up of at	1	If you don't have the money, submit the names anyway.
2	Worth Harley Davidson up on the north side of Kansas City	2	Please, ladies and gentlemen, help me out. I can't do this
3	up by the airport. The next morning, Saturday morning, we	3	alone. I got a good committee that helps out, but we
4	will ride over to Kansas and meet up with some of the	4	always need volunteers. If you got any questions, give me
5	Kansas ALR riders. We are going to ride half a day in	5	a call.
6	Kansas, come back across, loop around and end up back in	6	Also, first time ever Girls State will happen
7	Savannah that evening for Saturday night. We will start in	7	at the same time, but not the same building. Same campus.
8	Savannah the next morning and go on to our final post.	8	It's a beautiful big campus. There is last of advantages
9	That is the only post right now. We have got two posts out	9	to this. Both programs save money. Both programs get it
10	there that we are waiting on confirmation from them to know	10	done at the same time. It's new. We'll find out how that
11	where our actual end point will be on Sunday. We are going	11	works. It's may not happen again. It's no different than
12	to try and get a little bit closer to the center of the	12	these kids going to college. They are in the same dorm
13	state for Sunday that way the folks that are coming from	13	sometimes in college. There is no problem in
14	Sikeston and some of the southeast corners of the state	14	participating, other than with some of the help. Please,
15	will have time to get home without possibility having to	15	give some thought. District Commanders, get on your people
16	spend another night in a hotel out on the road. So we have	16	to get your people nominated and get them in.
17	a good jump on all of that.	17	MS. GONZALES: Just to let you know that's
18	Commander, we hope to have you back out there	18	within walking distance of Post 312. It has a beautiful
19	riding with us again. For those of you all who didn't see	19	lounge, so everybody come and partake.
20	any of the pictures from last year's ride, our Department	20	MR. BOARDMAN: If you volunteer, Betty said
21	Commander got to wear one of the infamous tutus. He does	21	she is buying.
22	look good in a pink tutu and a purple tutu. That turned	22	MR. BOARDMAN: Thank you, Commander.
23	out pretty well. We do have invites out to the Governor	23	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, Kerry. For
24	and Lieutenant Governor both this year. Hopefully they	24	Media and Communication/Scholarships John Buckwalter

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- 25 MR. BUCKWALTER: Talk about scholarships

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have indicated both they want to try and attend at least

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1	first. The deadline for the Department scholarships	1	work on. The March Legionnaire is a online edition. That
2	remains April 20. The scholarship applications were	2	is what we decided as a DEC. The deadline for those of you
3	e-mailed to all of the counselors throughout the state.	3	who have articles for the paper is the 24th. That's next
4	They must have them because I get lots of questions. They	4	week. Remember you are writing for an online edition. The
5	are also available online under "Programs" on the	5	way you approach that article may be a little different.
6	"missourilegion.org" website. We placed a special emphasis	6	The edition that follows, which will be the May/June
7	at attempting to get better applications for the Commander	7	edition, that is the one that will have all of the
8	Scholarship. We have two \$1,000.00 scholarships that are	8	information required for the Department Convention. That's
9	awarded to prior service members who are attending a	9	going to be printed. One of the things that we will be
10	college in Missouri. Some years we get one application.	10	discussing in the budget meetings is what can we afford to
11	Some years we don't get any. Occasionally we get two. In	11	do with the Legionnaire in terms of printer versus virtual.
12	the December Legionnaire newspaper, we included a copy of	12	So I would appreciate any input from other members of the
13	that application. I would encourage you to talk with your	13	DEC on that before we meet in May. Again, May/June printed
14	post to see if we have some young men and women in the	14	article. It will be the one before the convention, so
15	American Legion who can benefit from the Commander's	15	start thinking about what you're going to write now.
16	scholarship. The Samsung Scholarship for Boys State will	16	People are actually reading the Legionnaire, so give them
17	be done completely online. It's an electronic application.	17	the courtesy of making their time worthwhile. Commander
18	The boys have to have their applications in on the 11th of	18	Goodin.
19	June. So the first day they arrive at Boys State, those	19	MR. GOODIN: Charles Goodin, Past Department
20	applications will have to be finished. I would assume that	20	Commander. When we put out a print copy of the newspaper,
21	Girls State does the same, but they run their program.	21	is there still an online to go out at the same time?
22	Even though it's the same sentence, they run their program	22	MR. BUCKWALTER: Yes.
23	independently.	23	MR. GOODIN: So on those occasions it will be
24	Changing hats now to media and communication.	24	both?
25	We published a physical newspaper in December. The	25	MR. BUCKWALTER: Yes.
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2	That concludes my report.	2	Commander's Club. In your flyer you have the announcements
3	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, John. For the	3	for both, golfing, which everyone here should sign up, come
4	Scouting Report, Jerome Goolsby, Chair and also Department	4	and golf. You do not have to be a professional. Charlie
5	Historian.	5	and Kenny will give you lessons if you need them. There is
6	MR. GOOLSBY: Jerome Goolsby. I'm the BSA	6	also a flyer for sponsoring a hole. Everyone in here is
7	Committee Chair. The BSA Committee is going to meet on	7	eligible for Past Commander or should be. You should be in
8	March 4, 2022 at Department headquarters. We are going to	8	the Past Post Commander Club. I shouldn't have to be
9	choose the Department Eagle Scout of the Year for 2022.	9	telling you this, but I do anyway. Our money is made from
10	There is still time to get in submissions. The deadline is	10	the sponsorships on the holes. The money for the golf
11	March 1. Headquarters has to have a submission by March 1	11	tournament itself usually pays for the golfing and the food
12	for us to consider. The Committee is encouraging all posts	12	and prizes and all of that good stuff. Sponsorship is
13	to report whatever work they do at BSA units on their	13	where it's at. It's \$50.00 a hole. You get your name on
14	consolidated post reports. This information is used at the	14	the hole. You get a nice little placard. Even at the end,
15	end of the year report that is filed at National	15	I do believe you get to keep the placard if you would like.
16	Headquarters and is used to decide who gets the Bell trophy	16	Great prize for you without doing anything. Get to your
17	at the National Convention. We were granted that honor	17	post, if you're going to run for office or if you have an
18	last year. That's the third time in the last six years	18	office or just want to be a great person individually, get
19	that we have gotten an award. If you sponsor a unit or you	19	a hole sponsorship. It's very easy. Thank you, Commander.
20	have members working with scouting, please make sure to put	20	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. Before the
21	that on your CPR. If you have any questions about it, let	21	Department's Adjutant comes forward with announcements, are
22	me know and I will see if can help you out with it. That's	22	there any other Commission or Committee Chairmen who would
23	very important for what you file in that report. As stated	23	like to make a report? Seeing none, Department Adjutant
24	in the prior issue of the Department newspaper, there is a	24	Finely-Jackson.
25	need for merit badge counselors and Department BSA	25	ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Again, good
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1	year. Cadet Patrol; to get Cadet Patrol to kick off, we	1 would like to say something on behalf of the good of the
2	need 17 individuals to go. Right now we have four	2 American Legion. You know, you keep talking about these
3	applications. The deadline is March 1. Okay. So let's go	3 buddy checks and everything. That is a way to get a
4	beat the bushes and get some. Cadet Patrol has not	4 membership. I got a membership, I kept bugging this person
5	happened in two years, so we want to make sure we don't	5 that had been ill around home there. Finally he decided to
6	lose this program. So if you could get out there and get	6 join. So that's a tool we can use on that.
7	the word out about the application. The application is	7 Let us pray. Now dear Heavenly Father, as we
8	available online.	8 go our separate ways, we ask you to help us and guide us
9	Also, one last thing, our State Youth	9 through all the coming days. Be with us and safely lead us
10	Government Day has also not happened in two years and we	10 down the service road. We thank you for your loving care
11	would like to get that program back on the road. So have	11 it would help to lighten the load. We thank you for your
12	your information to us by the 25th and State Youth	12 blessings as we part and see our way home safely and
13	Government Day is April 12. That's all I have, Commander.	13 lighten every heart.
14	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. Does anyone	14 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We will be conducting a
15	have anything else for the good of the order?	15 closed DEC immediately following this meeting. Being no
16	MR. GOOLSBY: Commander, Goolsby Historian. I	16 further business, I declare this Spring Department
17	move the mileage be paid upon submission of the properly	17 Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned.
18	signed paperwork to the Adjutant.	18 (WHEREUPON, the open meeting of the DEC
19	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Do I hear a second?	19 concluded at 2:30 p.m.)
20	MR. HARPER: Marvin Harper, second.	20
21	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. We have a	21
22	motion and a second to pay the mileage for the DEC. Is	22
23	there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor	23
24	indicate so by saying "aye."	24
25	(Responded "aye.")	25
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1	COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any opposed, nay. Seeing	1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
2	no nays, the ayes have it. The motion passes.	2 STATE OF MISSOURI)
3	MR. BOARDMAN: Kerry Boardman, Past Department	
4	Commander, just one quick thing. Truman Days will happen	3 COUNTY OF COLE)
5	this year. You talked about Lincoln Days over in Illinois.	4 I, Jenna Petree, do hereby certify that the
6	Truman Day is Missouri. It will be at Post 21. We are	5 witness whose testimony appears in the foregoing deposition
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