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1 (Meeting began at 10:03 a.m.)

2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Please rise. The  
3 colors of our country being in their proper place,  
4 we will render a right-hand salute. One, two.

5 Uncover. Department Chaplain Marvin  
6 Harper will now offer our invocation.

7 CHAPLAIN HARPER: Let us pray.  
8 Almighty God, giver and sustainer of life and  
9 liberty, grant that we, as we meet this day, our  
10 thoughts may be upon you and on those who have  
11 served our land in times of war and peace. We give  
12 you thanks that through their efforts and  
13 sacrifices we may enjoy the blessing of this great  
14 land. Amen.

15 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Remain uncovered.  
16 We will now recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

17 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

18 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Be seated. I  
19 remind everyone that this is an open session and  
20 all Legionnaires are welcome to attend. To speak  
21 on any matter, however, you must first obtain the  
22 permission from your District Commander. I would  
23 also like to remind you that, when speaking, state  
24 your name, give your district, and speak clearly  
25 and loudly so the recorder can hear you.

1                   Our Adjutant will now have the roll  
2    call.  
3                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Commander.  
4                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY:  Present.  
5                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Senior Vice  
6    Commander Rose Noonan.  
7                   SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN:  Present.  
8                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Let me go  
9    back.  Commander Gary Grigsby.  
10                  Zone I Vice Commander Bob Maddox.  
11                  VICE COMMANDER MADDOX:  Here.  
12                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Zone II  
13    Vice Commander Calvin Bumgarner.  
14                  VICE COMMANDER BUMGARNER:  Here.  
15                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Zone III  
16    Vice Commander Rock Conway.  
17                  VICE COMMANDER CONWAY:  Present.  
18                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Zone IV  
19    Vice Commander Frankie Adams.  
20                  VICE COMMANDER ADAMS:  Present.  
21                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  NECman Tom  
22    Goodin.  
23                  MR. GOODIN:  Present.  
24                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:  Alternate  
25    NECman George Scarborough.

1 MR. SCARBOROUGH: Present.  
2 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Immediate  
3 Past Commander Hallie Williams.  
4 MR. WILLIAMS: Present.  
5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Judge  
6 Advocate Cassie Strom.  
7 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Present.  
8 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Finance  
9 Officer John Buckwalter.  
10 MR. BUCKWALTER: Present.  
11 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Chaplain  
12 Marvin Harper.  
13 CHAPLAIN HARPER: Present.  
14 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Historian  
15 Jerome Goolsby.  
16 MR. GOOLSBY: Present.  
17 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Sergeant-  
18 at-Arms Darlene Coats.  
19 MS. COATS: Present.  
20 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past  
21 National Commander Joe Frank is excused.  
22 Adjutant Lowry Finley-Jackson. I am  
23 here.  
24 1st District Commander Norman  
25 Goforth.

1 MR. GOFOTH: Here.

2 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 2nd  
3 District Commander Phyllis Campbell.

4 MS. CAMPBELL: Present.

5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 3rd  
6 District Commander Edward Weaverling.

7 MR. WEAVERLING: Present.

8 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 4th  
9 District Commander Charles Chester.

10 MR. CHESTER: Present.

11 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 5th  
12 District Commander Michelle Batliner.

13 MS. BATLINER: Present.

14 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 6th  
15 District Commander William Anderson is excused.

16 MR. SLOCUM: Alex Slocum,  
17 6th District, Post 131, acting 6th District  
18 Commander.

19 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you,  
20 Alex.

21 7th District Commander Steve Olsen.

22 MR. OLSEN: Present.

23 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 8th  
24 District Commander Brian Sapp.

25 MR. SAPP: Present.

1                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 9th  
2   District Commander Fred Arflack. He is missing.  
3   We've got to count him absent because he did not  
4   contact us.

5                   10th District Commander Steve Dodson.

6                   MR. CHAPMAN: Commander Dodson is  
7   unable to attend. John Chapman, Senior Vice  
8   Commander, acting for him.

9                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thank you,  
10   John.

11                   11/12th District Commander Darlene  
12   Coats.

13                   MS. COATS: Present.

14                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 13th  
15   District Commander Harry Barnes.

16                   MR. BARNES: Present.

17                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 14th  
18   District Commander Kevin McMeel.

19                   MR. MCMEEL: Present.

20                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 15th  
21   District Commander Mark Maples.

22                   MR. MAPLES: Present.

23                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 16th  
24   District Commander David Shafer.

25                   MR. SHAFER: Here.

1                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: 17th  
2 District Commander Mark Reed.  
3                   MR. REED: Here.  
4                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Past  
5 Department Commanders. Joe Frank is excused. Joel  
6 Hauck.  
7                   MR. HAUCK: Here.  
8                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: David  
9 Voyles.  
10                  MR. VOYLES: Here.  
11                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Clark  
12 Pointer is excused. Richard Heigert is excused.  
13 David Shafer. Present. He just forgot. Okay.  
14 John Neger is excused. David Jennemann is excused.  
15 Marvin Harper.  
16                  MR. HARPER: Present.  
17                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Charles  
18 Goodin.  
19                  MR. CHARLES GOODIN: I'm here.  
20                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Lynn  
21 Dorrell is excused. Kenneth Goth.  
22                  MR. GOTH: I am also here.  
23                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Art Wilson  
24 is excused. Tom Goodin.  
25                  MR. GOODIN: Here.



1                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:   Dennis  
2    Woeltje.  
3                   MR. WOELTJE:   Here.  
4                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:   George  
5    Scarborough.  
6                   MR. SCARBOROUGH:   Here.  
7                   ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:   Elizabeth  
8    Gonzales.   She is excused.   Cary Kellett.   Excused.  
9    Kerry Boardman.  
10                  MR. BOARDMAN:   I am here.  
11                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:   Hallie  
12    Williams.  
13                  MR. WILLIAMS:   Here.  
14                  ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON:   Commander,  
15    we have a quorum.  
16                  COMMANDER GRIGSBY:   Thank you.  
17    Before we begin with business, would the --  
18    disregard that.  
19                  I would now entertain a motion to  
20    approve the minutes of our previous Department  
21    Executive Committee meetings held on -- the  
22    July 8th is having some technical difficulties and  
23    will be sent out to you on Tuesday.   The July 11th  
24    minutes were sent out from the Department  
25    Convention as published.   Is there a motion?

1 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. So  
2 moved.

3 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Goolsby. Do I  
4 hear a second?

5 MR. SHAFER: Second by 16th District  
6 Commander Dave Shafer.

7 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you. Is  
8 there any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor  
9 of the minutes signify so by saying aye.

10 (Aye responses.)

11 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any opposed nay.

12 (No response.)

13 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Hearing no nays.  
14 The motion has passed.

15 We will now have subcommittee report  
16 by George Scarborough. George.

17 MR. SCARBOROUGH: I have negative  
18 report.

19 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: No report. Do we  
20 have any recommendations for new post charters?

21 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: That will  
22 be no, Commander.

23 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: There are none.  
24 Do we have any recommendations for post mergers?

25 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No,

1 Commander.

2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: There are none.

3 Thank you. Do we have any recommendations for post  
4 charter cancellations?

5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: No.

6 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: There are none.  
7 New business. Please mark your calendars. We will  
8 have a spring Department Executive Committee  
9 meeting on February 19, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Post 152  
10 in Ashland, Missouri, subject to change.

11 MR. BARNES: February the what?

12 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: February 19th.

13 MR. GOODIN: At one o'clock you said?

14 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: At one o'clock at  
15 Post 152, but that's subject to change. It's the  
16 Washington, D.C. conference, so we may have to  
17 change that.

18 Does anyone have anything else for  
19 new business?

20 MR. GOODIN: Commander?

21 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Yes.

22 MR. GOODIN: Tom Goodin, NEC. I have  
23 two things. National is coming out with a program  
24 to benefit children and youth suicide prevention  
25 program. They are excising a 25 cent per capita

1 for each department. Missouri's bill will be  
2 approximately \$8,000 a year for seven years. In  
3 the commanders -- past commanders meeting, we came  
4 up with the idea that we will have a second drawing  
5 to go along with -- and we'll call it the blue  
6 drawing. Tickets will be blue. And instead of  
7 stepping on Lowry's toes and giving away the same  
8 amount, it will be determined how we break that  
9 money up, but roughly that should bring in 18 to  
10 \$20,000 a year. And if it's successful, we'll keep  
11 it going and that money will revert to the  
12 Department.

13 So I guess I'm making a motion that  
14 Missouri follow National's lead and commit to  
15 paying the per capita tax for the next seven years.

16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Tom has made the  
17 motion. Do I hear a second?

18 MR. SLOCUM: I'll second. Alex  
19 Slocum, 6th District.

20 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Alex Slocum  
21 seconds. Is there any discussion?

22 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian.  
23 Tom, I understand, then, that the Past Commanders  
24 Club is going to do that drawing?

25 MR. GOODIN: No, the Past Commanders

1 Club will not do the drawing. The drawing will be  
2 held by the Department to coincide with Lowry's  
3 original drawing to not to take away from her, and  
4 it will be a blue ticket or whatever.

5 MR. GOOLSBY: And that money will  
6 go --

7 MR. GOODIN: That money will go to  
8 cover that expense.

9 MR. GOOLSBY: Thank you.

10 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Are there any  
11 more questions up here? Yes, sir, Terry.

12 MR. LANNING: Terry Lanning, chairman  
13 of the Finance Commission. We're now scheduled to  
14 have two sweepstakes per year, right? So this will  
15 be in addition to that. I just want to make sure  
16 that we're not talking about using one of those.

17 MR. GOODIN: No. It will be a new  
18 one.

19 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Kerry. Kerry  
20 Boardman.

21 MR. BOARDMAN: Kerry Boardman, Past  
22 Department Commander, District 5. Two years ago I  
23 was standing where you're standing, Commander, and  
24 we made major cutbacks. Everybody sitting at this  
25 DEC took a cutback. Where are we coming up with

1 this additional money to pay National? That's all  
2 I'm asking. I hear that we're going to have this.  
3 If we're going to do this, I say you wait till the  
4 money comes in before we start sending money out,  
5 or we can give everybody the money back they've got  
6 coming. Thank you, Commander.

7                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any other  
8 discussion? Yes, sir.

9                   MR. VOYLES: Dave Voyles, Past  
10 National Vice Commander. We have -- we have two  
11 every year for filling in and trying to win the pot  
12 or whatever we do with the tickets. My  
13 understanding, they're wanting \$8,000 a year for  
14 how many years?

15                   MR. GOODIN: Seven.

16                   MR. VOYLES: Seven. So \$56,000?

17                   MR. GOODIN: Right.

18                   MR. VOYLES: And you're talking about  
19 adding another sweepstakes to take care of this.

20                   MR. GOODIN: That's not written in  
21 stone. We can't take \$8,000 out of the department  
22 without trying to recoup that money. If someone  
23 has a better idea to raise the funds, you know,  
24 you-all were sitting in that commanders meeting  
25 when this was discussed. Nobody said anything.

1 MR. VOYLES: What commanders meeting?

2 MR. GOODIN: I stand corrected. It  
3 was a meeting with -- never mind.

4 MR. VOYLES: Yeah. Okay.

5 MR. GOODIN: It's a national program.  
6 David, you've been a National Vice Commander.  
7 You've been a Commander. You've been with  
8 National. Are you saying you want Missouri to be  
9 the only department that doesn't follow suit and  
10 follow the national program? For me, I'm not for  
11 that.

12 MR. VOYLES: Do I have the floor,  
13 Commander?

14 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: You have the  
15 floor.

16 MR. VOYLES: I'm not saying that.  
17 Don't put words in my mouth, Thomas. What I'm  
18 saying is we already have two every year. Okay?  
19 My understanding, if I'm wrong, Lowry, we make  
20 approximately 20,000 each one?

21 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: Thereabout.

22 MR. BUCKWALTER: A little less than  
23 that, David.

24 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: It's a  
25 little less this year.

1                   MR. VOYLES: We make enough that if  
2 we wanted to take out of these two we got now,  
3 giving their \$8,000 until we reach their 56, which  
4 in terms if you make 20, we give them 8, at least  
5 12,000 goes back into the Department if we need  
6 things. So we're getting some of that.

7                   If you create another one, you know,  
8 there's only so many lotteries they're going to get  
9 involved in. You may not make much money. But I  
10 think we ought to just utilize the two we got now.  
11 Whatever we make out of that, take that \$8,000  
12 until we get their 56,000 done, and at least the  
13 other 12,000 will stay with this Department, be  
14 able to help us in the area of our service  
15 officers, be to able to help our veterans at this  
16 department.

17                   So that is my feeling. If that's the  
18 way it's going to be handled, I don't have a  
19 problem with that because we've got the money in  
20 it, but we don't want to give the whole 57,000 at  
21 once. We still want income coming in. I've been  
22 fighting for the foundation for this department to  
23 be able to put \$29,000 into this department, and I  
24 haven't -- you know, and that's where this is going  
25 to go is National Foundation. No. I want us to



1 work it. But don't forget, we have a foundation  
2 right here that we're trying to help ourselves. So  
3 that's my statement.

4 MR. GOODIN: Commander. Tom Goodin,  
5 NEC. The only reason we came up with a raffle is  
6 we have three events a year. We have the spring  
7 DEC conference, we have the fall conference, and we  
8 have the convention. So it was our thoughts that,  
9 with three events, we could have three raffles.  
10 And if that third raffle only brings in \$10,000  
11 instead of the other amount, so be it. We're  
12 \$10,000 ahead or whatever that figure brings.  
13 Whatever that raffle brings in, that's money we're  
14 ahead.

15 So we're not trying to step on  
16 anybody's toes, fight against any other raffle. We  
17 just felt it was a quick way to raise money, that  
18 people seem to respond, and we were going to break  
19 it up into more winners, smaller amounts to the  
20 winners and have more winners.

21 So if you come up with a better way  
22 to raise money, I'm all for it. It's just a  
23 suggestion. I'm like you, I'm not for just taking  
24 \$8,000 a year for the next seven years and not  
25 trying to replace it or earn it.

1 I'll amend my motion that we pay the  
2 \$8,000 for the next seven years, or 8,056 or  
3 whatever it is, a little over \$8,000, and we  
4 determine later how we're going to raise the funds  
5 to try to replace it from the other two drawings.

6 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: So we have an  
7 amended motion and we need a second.

8 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian.  
9 I'll second his amended.

10 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Say that again.

11 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Cassie Strom,  
12 Judge Advocate. So we have an amended motion. We  
13 have a second on the amended motion. Is there  
14 discussion on it?

15 MR. BUCKWALTER: Yes. John  
16 Buckwalter, Finance Officer. I was unaware of this  
17 additional assessment. I believe that it probably  
18 is in our best interests to participate, but when  
19 would the first payment be due? Is it possible to  
20 simply enter this into analysis by the Finance  
21 Commission and be entered into the regular budget  
22 process?

23 MR. GOODIN: To answer your  
24 question -- Tom Goodin, NEC -- we found out about  
25 it at NEC. I don't think the program's been

1 launched yet. I got to finance, Terry, with the --  
2 Ted from NEC that's running for national commander  
3 and with Rich. They explained the program to me,  
4 what it's going for, to help train service officers  
5 to prevent suicide in children and youth.

6 So I thought I did the right thing in  
7 getting Terry involved. The announcement will come  
8 to Lowry when it starts, but I can guarantee the  
9 first payment's going to be due this year before  
10 this commander goes out of office.

11 And the following six commanders have  
12 accepted this project as their project for the next  
13 six years. So we won't get a second commander's  
14 project dumped on us. This is a seven-year  
15 process. All the following national commanders are  
16 on board.

17 MR. BUCKWALTER: But national  
18 commanders projects have always been funded by  
19 voluntary donations from within the Department.

20 MR. GOODIN: But this is not that.  
21 This is an assessment of 25 cents per capita, per  
22 member.

23 MR. BUCKWALTER: Is it an assessment  
24 or a suggested contribution?

25 MR. GOODIN: Well, I can't answer

1 that because they haven't -- I guess they can't  
2 demand you make it. I would say it would have to  
3 be a suggested contribution, but they -- George,  
4 you have that tally sheet.

5 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: They may  
6 have gave it to you. I'm saying they haven't sent  
7 me anything.

8 MR. GOODIN: National hasn't launched  
9 yet. We're just telling you this is coming aboard,  
10 and the first payment will probably be due before  
11 we meet again.

12 MR. CHARLES GOODIN: Commander.

13 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Yes.

14 MR. CHARLES GOODIN: Charles Goodin,  
15 Past Department Commander. There's been  
16 assessments on the department forever. I mean,  
17 we've not always paid them. They usually -- when  
18 you go to national, they want a dollar a member a  
19 year per capita for this, that or the other, and  
20 we've never paid them to the point.

21 So I honestly don't think, other than  
22 a dues increase, National can command you to pay  
23 anything. That's the only way they can get any  
24 more money. It is an assessment and it's a  
25 request. I really -- doesn't matter. I mean, if

1 we don't pay 8,000 in every year, we can keep  
2 paying till we get it paid. But this discussion  
3 can go on in this meeting for a very long time. A  
4 solid idea will have to be drafted and come up.

5 But again, it's not like taking a  
6 loan on a house. You don't have to make payments  
7 on it, and they're not going to repossess your  
8 charter. So it's a request.

9 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: John.

10 MR. BUCKWALTER: My point is, if it's  
11 clearly the intent of the Department Executive  
12 Committee to fulfill this requested contribution,  
13 then I think that information should be referred to  
14 the Finance Commission and the commission come up  
15 with a way to pay during our budget process and  
16 then bring it back to the DEC in February.

17 MR. GOODIN: Tom Goodin, NEC.  
18 Finance department does not run this Department.  
19 This Department makes its own decisions.

20 MR. BUCKWALTER: No.

21 MR. GOODIN: Hang on. I've got the  
22 floor. I did the right thing. I got Terry  
23 involved. He was aware of it. He told me about  
24 some set-aside money. He wasn't worried about  
25 making the first payment. I tried to cross all the

1 Ts and dot all the Is. I realize this is a shock  
2 to everybody. It's a program that I think we need  
3 to fulfill. I think if we don't fulfill our  
4 obligation, it's going to come back in years to  
5 haunt us.

6 I've got a motion on the floor, so  
7 I'm going to suggest we call the question. Like  
8 Charlie said, we can debate it all we want. I've  
9 got Terry involved. We've got the money. We're  
10 trying to come up with a way to make more money.  
11 So I've got a motion on the floor. Please call the  
12 question.

13 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Is there any  
14 other discussion?

15 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Is there any  
16 other discussion? Yes.

17 MR. SAPP: Commander, Brian Sapp,  
18 8th District. Before you call that question, could  
19 you repeat the amended motion?

20 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: So the motion  
21 is just -- Cassie Strom, Judge Advocate. The  
22 motion -- and Tom, correct me if I'm wrong -- is  
23 that we pay the 8,000 per year and that the exact  
24 means and way that we make those payments will be  
25 determined at a later time. Is that correct?

1 MR. GOODIN: That's correct.

2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Are there other  
3 questions, discussion? Seeing none. All those in  
4 favor of the motion, of the amended motion,  
5 indicate so by saying aye.

6 (Aye responses.)

7 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any opposed nay.

8 (Nay responses.)

9 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Do you want a  
10 roll call vote?

11 MR. GOODIN: Can't we just raise  
12 hands instead of doing a roll call?

13 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Okay. All those  
14 in favor.

15 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Discussion's  
16 closed.

17 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: All those in  
18 favor indicate so by raising your hand. All those  
19 opposed, raise your hands. The ayes clearly have  
20 it.

21 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: And again,  
22 that's just to make the payment. You'll receive  
23 more information later on how that's going to be  
24 accomplished.

25 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Okay. In other

1 business to come before --

2 SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Gary, I  
3 had one thing.

4 MR. GOODIN: I'm not through with my  
5 new business. Are we done with this one?

6 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We are done with  
7 this one.

8 MR. GOODIN: Tom Goodin, NEC.  
9 Commander, I wish you would appoint a commission  
10 called the Past Department Commanders, and I would  
11 like this commission to be chaired by David Voyles  
12 and the second chair Rich Heigert, and that this  
13 commission will meet at all three meetings, come up  
14 with ideas and ways to help the Department, and  
15 make suggestions to the Department when we see  
16 something that might be able to be inputted. It  
17 can't be passed without the vote of the DEC. And  
18 the only stipulation that we have, because we don't  
19 want anybody thinking a current commander is  
20 pushing an agenda, you have to be a past commander  
21 to be a part of the commission.

22 So I'm asking -- you don't need a  
23 vote. I'm asking you to appoint that commission  
24 with David Voyles as chairman and Rich Heigert as  
25 co-chairman. You have the authority to appoint a



1 commission.

2                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY: I will appoint  
3 the commission with David Voyles as chair and vice  
4 chair as Rich Heigert, and that will be Past  
5 Department Commanders.

6                   MR. GOODIN: A sitting commander  
7 cannot attend. We don't want the commander there  
8 trying to push his or her agenda.

9                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY: All right. So I  
10 will appoint that commission. Under other business  
11 to come before -- yes, David.

12                   MR. SHAFER: That is an ad hoc  
13 committee, is that correct, not a commission?

14                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY: It actually is.  
15 It's an ad hoc committee.

16                   MR. SHAFER: Thank you.

17                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY: You used the term  
18 commission, but it's actually an ad hoc committee  
19 that's appointed by the commander.

20                   So at this time, John Buckwalter --  
21 George Scarborough, Past Department Commander.

22                   MR. SCARBOROUGH: Thank you. George  
23 Scarborough, Alternate NEC, spokesperson for the  
24 Past Department Commanders. We had a meeting on  
25 Friday, October 15th, in Truman C. Several issues

1 were discussed in the Past Commanders meeting,  
2 several items of importance. A couple of the items  
3 we think were important enough to bring to this  
4 body, to the DEC.

5 First and foremost is that the Past  
6 Department Commanders recommend to the DEC that the  
7 Department reinstate a formal means of  
8 communication, whether that be digital and/or  
9 printed, to our membership. It is requested that  
10 the Media and Communications Committee be tasked  
11 with determining the feasibility and method for  
12 these formal communications.

13 Additionally, it is recommended that  
14 monthly mailings be reinstated immediately to our  
15 department posts. Subsequent to our meeting, we  
16 believe the Media and Communications Committee has  
17 met, and we look forward to their findings.

18 Respectfully submitted, Past  
19 Department Commanders, Department of Missouri.

20 MR. GOODIN: Are you making that a  
21 motion to reinstate the monthly mailing to the  
22 posts?

23 MR. SCARBOROUGH: I make this a  
24 motion from the Past Department Commanders.

25 MR. GOODIN: For what specific thing?

1 For just the monthly mailing, correct?

2 MR. SCARBOROUGH: No. For what I  
3 just stated. I withdraw the motion. We'll wait  
4 till we have reports from Media and Communications  
5 as well as Terry Lanning, Finance Officer.

6 MR. GOODIN: Tom Goodin, NEC. What  
7 about the issue of the monthly mailing that you  
8 wanted to start immediately?

9 MR. SCARBOROUGH: If it doesn't  
10 become addressed in the Media and Communications  
11 presentation, then we'll make it a motion from the  
12 floor. It will be today.

13 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Now we will have  
14 the Finance Commission chairman Terry Lanning's  
15 report. Yes.

16 MR. CHESTER: Charles Chester,  
17 District 4. I'm kind of new to this. What is the  
18 difference between the new Past Commanders group  
19 that was just designated and the Past Commanders  
20 group that you just spoke for?

21 ADJUTANT FINLEY-JACKSON: They just  
22 made it official, that's it.

23 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough,  
24 Alternate NEC. The Past Department Commanders used  
25 to meet voluntarily as a group to come up with

1 ideas, suggestions, what have you, and present them  
2 to this body. In this way, in asking for the  
3 committee to be formed, we become a legal entity.  
4 Rather than just a voice, we become a legal entity  
5 that can report to this body, to this DEC,  
6 regularly.

7 MR. CHESTER: Thank you.

8 MR. LANNING: Terry Lanning, chairman  
9 of the Finance Commission. The Finance Commission  
10 recommends the following changes: To transfer  
11 \$100,000 to the investment account out of our  
12 checking account. That's No. 1.

13 No. 2, to increase the Legionnaire  
14 newspaper budget by \$21,000 so we can issue two  
15 newspapers per year, newspapers mailed out.

16 And three, provide a new server in  
17 headquarters for \$4,000. Ours is giving us a lot  
18 of problems and we need to replace it. We've had  
19 it for many years. That's my recommendations. So  
20 we need a motion.

21 MR. SAPP: Brian Sapp, District 8. I  
22 move that we institute the Finance Commission's  
23 recommendations.

24 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a motion.  
25 Do I have a second?

1 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian.

2 I'll second.

3 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a motion  
4 and a second. Is there any discussion on the  
5 motion? Seeing none. All those in favor of the  
6 motion indicate so by saying aye.

7 (Aye responses.)

8 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any opposed nay.

9 (No response.)

10 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Hearing no nays.  
11 The ayes have it. Motion passed.

12 Now, then, Media and Communication,  
13 John Buckwalter. John.

14 MR. BUCKWALTER: The Media and  
15 Communications Commission has been discussing the  
16 issue of the publication of the Missouri  
17 Legionnaire for our past two meetings. At the  
18 National Media and Communication Commission  
19 meetings and reviewing the results, we came to the  
20 conclusion that the audience that makes up the  
21 American Legion is not going to continue to read  
22 newspapers online. They need the data in hand.

23 So we have discussed with the Finance  
24 Commission and taken the advice of the Past  
25 Department Commanders and are recommending that we

1 publish two paper editions in this fiscal year and  
2 then plan as we enter the budgetary process for the  
3 coming year to return to printed media for the  
4 newspaper.

5                   And the schedule would be, on  
6 December 15th we would publish a printed edition  
7 that would include the holiday greetings, year-end  
8 summary, details and plans for the spring DEC  
9 meeting, oratorical contest and so on. That would  
10 have a deadline for articles by November 30th, and  
11 again print media.

12                   We would do a second edition on  
13 March 1st, with a deadline for articles for  
14 February 15th, and that would be a digital edition.  
15 We would do a third edition and the final edition  
16 for this fiscal year with a publication target of  
17 June 3rd. That would include all the required  
18 convention information, the budgetary information  
19 and so on. That would have a deadline for articles  
20 of May 15th, and that would be a print edition.

21                   Going into the next fiscal year, we  
22 would anticipate an edition on September 15th  
23 addressing planning for the fall conference and the  
24 results of the national convention. That would  
25 have an article submission deadline of

1 September 1st or immediately after the national  
2 convention. That would be a print edition.

3 So we anticipate the cost of a  
4 printed edition for the current membership of the  
5 Department at \$12,000. So that is what Terry will  
6 address in a moment in terms of the Finance  
7 Commission recommendation.

8 So that is the initial plan, and then  
9 for the next fiscal year we will look at  
10 publications on or around December, March, June and  
11 September in '22 and '23. Brian.

12 MR. SAPP: Brian Sapp, 8th District.  
13 Is there any extra cost involved to also make those  
14 an electronic edition on the website?

15 MR. BUCKWALTER: No. Anything that  
16 is published in print will also be available on the  
17 website, which has been the case the past two  
18 fiscal years.

19 One thing I would address is the  
20 Media and Communications Commission is going to  
21 send letters to those who normally contribute with  
22 suggestions that we got from our friends at the  
23 national headquarters of the American Legion Media  
24 and Communications Association on how to write  
25 articles and suggested timelines with reminders.

1           I would remind everyone that the  
2 Adjutant is the editor of the Missouri Legionnaire.  
3 She is not the author. Those seated around this  
4 table and those representing their posts as post  
5 information officers are the authors, and the  
6 quality of the Missouri Legionnaire is a direct  
7 result of the quality of what you send to include  
8 in that paper. So that's important.

9           The other thing we talked about was  
10 the post monthly mailing, which is actually an  
11 electronic submission. We talked with the  
12 Adjutant, and that will resume on a more scheduled  
13 basis. She has always been sending the information  
14 to the posts as it came in, but the posts have not  
15 been looking at that as a monthly mailing. And so  
16 we'll make sure that they know this is the monthly  
17 mailing.

18           But that information has been going  
19 down to the posts, but they may not be recognizing  
20 it as a monthly mailing. So we'll work with the  
21 department staff and so there'll be a scheduled  
22 thing. It may have less information sometimes.  
23 Sometimes it may have a great deal of information.  
24 But that program never went away. It just lost its  
25 title. I'm through with my report. I'll turn it



1 over --

2 MR. GOODIN: I've got a question.  
3 Goodin, NEC. Now, is it still just going to be two  
4 published and two digital, is that --

5 MR. BUCKWALTER: With budget  
6 constraints this year, there will be two printed  
7 editions in this fiscal year and one digital. Next  
8 year we will have to see what the budget permits,  
9 but the recommendation will be that we go all  
10 printed.

11 MR. GOODIN: For four?

12 MR. BUCKWALTER: Yes.

13 MR. GOODIN: So roughly it's a  
14 three-month period.

15 MR. BUCKWALTER: I say again --

16 MR. GOODIN: Hang on.

17 MR. BUCKWALTER: -- the schedule will  
18 be --

19 MR. GOODIN: I'm not done with my  
20 question. In that event that we do that, then  
21 we're going to have to make sure it contains all  
22 the information of everything that's going to  
23 happen in those following months and weeks so that  
24 the Legionnaires know. We can't just do things  
25 that already happened.

1 MR. BUCKWALTER: That's correct. The  
2 Legionnaire needs to include future information.  
3 And our masthead says we publish four times a year.  
4 That was the original intent of the Missouri  
5 Legionnaire was four publications a year.

6 MR. GOODIN: So we're going back to  
7 \$48,000 a year?

8 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: We just have  
9 one year approved.

10 MR. BUCKWALTER: We will see.

11 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: (Inaudible)

12 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. I can't  
13 hear the Judge Advocate.

14 MR. BUCKWALTER: No one is yet.  
15 That's coming before you in a moment. So that's  
16 the proposal. Again, this year the recommendation  
17 is two printed editions. That should be within our  
18 budgetary possibility. And then as we enter the  
19 next budget cycle, we will have this year's  
20 experience and we will then decide if we can go  
21 forward to do four print editions in the following  
22 year. I think it is a membership issue. Yes,  
23 ma'am.

24 MS. BATLINER: Michelle Batliner,  
25 5th District. Is there a limit on the number of

1 pages that you publish?

2 MR. GOOLSBY: We publish 12 pages.  
3 That's what the system is set up for at this time.  
4 One thing that the Media and Communications  
5 Commission has agreed to do is to look into the  
6 legal requirements on advertising in the paper,  
7 whether we can make the paper pay for itself.

8 That's something that we haven't done  
9 yet and will have to be done before we enter the  
10 next budget cycle. But one goal would be to allow  
11 advertising in the paper which would make it pay  
12 for itself, but we need someone to assist us in  
13 selling advertising, and it may change the format  
14 of the paper from the established 12 page edition.

15 Sir?

16 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough,  
17 Alternate NEC. Will the monthly mailing still be  
18 available online?

19 MR. BUCKWALTER: They will. That  
20 will be the primary mode. They will be e-mails to  
21 the posts, and then they'll be available online so  
22 others can see them.

23 MR. SCARBOROUGH: Thank you.

24 MR. GOODIN: Tom Goodin, NEC. I  
25 don't believe that the recommendation by the Past

1 Department Commanders was e-mailed to the posts.  
2 It was to be a hard copy mailed through the mail.  
3 Am I wrong?

4 MR. CHARLES GOODIN: Charles Goodin,  
5 Past Department Commander. It was as Tom stated,  
6 but I believe what you've designed in further  
7 meeting with Media and Communication is a good  
8 start on a monthly mailing. Very good.

9 MR. BUCKWALTER: The monthly mailing  
10 has been by e-mail for almost two years. There is  
11 a supplemental list that the staff uses for those  
12 few posts that do not have an e-mail address, but  
13 the vast majority of them are sent by e-mail  
14 because the cost of postage to send out 200 packets  
15 every month was overwhelming, much more than the  
16 cost of the paper.

17 Dennis.

18 MR. WOELTJE: Dennis Woeltje, Past  
19 Department Commander. The monthly mailings are  
20 digital. However, they've not been submitted since  
21 March. There's been no monthly mailing since March  
22 digitally.

23 MR. BUCKWALTER: Staff will update  
24 that, but the problem has been, information has  
25 been sent. It just hasn't been called a monthly

1 mailing. The information has gone to the posts.  
2 But department staff will look at that and, again,  
3 something will say monthly mailing and it will go  
4 out by the e-mail so that -- and it will be on the  
5 website and online.

6 So that packaging issue will be  
7 addressed. It's not a question of the posts not  
8 getting the information. It's just a packaging  
9 issue and marketing and basically something that  
10 says this is the monthly mailing. So it will be  
11 available in the future as a package that you can  
12 identify and say this is the July monthly mailing.

13 David.

14 MR. VOYLES: Dave Voyles, Past  
15 National Vice Commander. You've already passed the  
16 money for the paper to get done. Wasn't that with  
17 Terry? Yes, you have.

18 MR. BUCKWALTER: I'm sorry. I stand  
19 corrected. It was in Terry's motion.

20 MR. VOYLES: Your recommendation is  
21 showing how we're going to handle it, and all I'm  
22 saying is your recommendation should be voted on  
23 yes or no because you've got the money already, you  
24 know how you're going to handle it, you've already  
25 explained it to the DEC. Then we can call it

1 quits.

2 MR. BUCKWALTER: I'm happy with that,  
3 sir. I didn't realize Terry included it in his  
4 motion. I yield.

5 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: So do I hear a  
6 motion to --

7 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian. I  
8 move his recommendation be adopted.

9 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough,  
10 Alternate NEC. Second.

11 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: We have a motion  
12 and a second that the recommendations be adopted.  
13 Any discussion? Seeing none. Time for the vote.  
14 All those in favor indicate so by saying aye.

15 (Aye responses.)

16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Opposed nay.

17 (No response.)

18 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Hearing none.  
19 The ayes have it. The motion passed.

20 Brian Sapp will now give us the  
21 American Legion Riders report.

22 MR. SAPP: Good morning. Thank you,  
23 Commander. Brian Sapp, American Legion Riders  
24 director for Department of Missouri.

25 I'd like to say thank you to

1 everyone, especially over the past year the 15th  
2 and 17th Districts. We appreciate you-all having  
3 us down there for our American Legion Legacy Ride  
4 this year. We had about 440 miles over three days.  
5 We had an absolutely great time. It rained on us  
6 all three days, but it does that it seems like  
7 every year, so we're pretty used to that.

8                   This year total we sent to National  
9 \$82,600. So that was a very good follow-up from  
10 last year. Thank you. And that was not me and  
11 that was not the Department ALR staff. That was  
12 the posts, the chapters, the auxiliaries, the Sons  
13 of the Legion out there doing fundraisers for us to  
14 get us that money to send up. All we are, our ride  
15 is a collection ride. Yes, we make a little bit of  
16 money on that ride and have a good time doing that,  
17 but the money is made throughout the year. So I  
18 applaud all of you all.

19                   I ask you to go back and have your  
20 home posts and your Legion family continue those.  
21 There's a lot of other great fundraising  
22 opportunities out there and great organizations  
23 that we can donate to, and I'll get into that at  
24 the DEC in the spring, but for now we appreciate  
25 all of those -- all of those donations coming in.

1                   We have a great start this year  
2 already. We have 38 chapters spread across the  
3 state. Our membership is down from the last couple  
4 of years. I attribute that to COVID. I think a  
5 lot of our chapters had a hard time getting people  
6 into the posts and into their meetings to get their  
7 dues paid over the last year or two. So when the  
8 shutdowns started last spring, that really put a  
9 damper on last year's membership.

10                   That has carried over to this year.  
11 So our membership is down about half as far as per  
12 capita what we had in previous years. We were up  
13 to almost 1,100. Now we're down to 650 as far as  
14 members across the state. We're going to work on  
15 getting that back up. We've got a lot of ideas out  
16 there.

17                   I do want to take a moment to  
18 introduce our new state ride captain David Bentley,  
19 and if it pleases the Commander, I'd like to pass  
20 the mic over to him so he can give us an idea of  
21 what's coming up for next year's Legacy Ride.

22                   MR. BENTLEY: Thank you, Brian. As  
23 stated, I am David Bentley. I'm the ride captain,  
24 also the chapter director for 152.

25                   To continue on with the Legacy Ride,



1 this will be our eighth year, and each year we try  
2 to make improvements based on the past experiences,  
3 and we're hoping to do this this year.

4                   One thing that's going to be  
5 different this year than ever before is we are  
6 doing a joint ride and we are riding with Kansas.  
7 So the first day will be a sole Missouri ride. The  
8 second day will be a Missouri and Kansas ride. So  
9 we will ride halfway into Kansas, come back, ride  
10 into Missouri, end the day on the second day as the  
11 joint ride, and then we will separate and go our  
12 own way for the third day. They are excited. We  
13 are excited for that event.

14                   My duties as the ride captain for the  
15 Legacy Run are three primary goals. One, first and  
16 foremost is to have a safe ride. The riders  
17 themselves, we all ride safe. There is factors  
18 that we have to contend with on the ride, but  
19 overall that is the primary goal is to have a safe  
20 ride.

21                   The second goal, as stated, is to  
22 raise money for the Legacy Fund. We do that  
23 throughout the year, but our main focus again will  
24 be the actual Legacy Ride. And third, and not to  
25 forget, is for each and every rider to have fun.

1 That's what we're out there to do.

2 This year we're looking at riding 600  
3 miles or more. So it should be a very good  
4 turnout. So far the preliminary route is done.  
5 The T-shirt design is complete. The poker chips  
6 which were used to raise funds is done, and the  
7 patch for this year's ride is done. So we're way  
8 ahead of the ball game where we need to be.

9 An interesting point is at the  
10 Military Appreciation Day held at the fairgrounds,  
11 the Governor came up to Brian and I afterwards and  
12 wanted to thank us for our participation, and he  
13 looked at us and said, You know, I always wanted to  
14 ride one of those. Well, this year we sent a  
15 letter to the Governor requesting his participation  
16 in the ride, and we hope that we can fulfill his  
17 request.

18 One last thing along COVID is it's  
19 really stopped the Honor Flights. We're hoping  
20 that this year that will cease, the Honor Flights  
21 will resume, and the riders can get out and do the  
22 Honor Flight escorts. Thank you.

23 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Director and Mr. Ride Captain. We appreciate  
25 the report, and we look forward to seeing the ride

1 this year.

2 Is there anything to come before the  
3 DEC for the good of the order? David.

4 MR. SHAFER: Dave Shafer, 16th  
5 District Commander, Oratorical Commission chairman.  
6 Just like to remind everybody that on the 19th of  
7 February, you've already got it on your calendar,  
8 the spring meeting. On the 20th of February is the  
9 state oratorical contest.

10 MR. SAPP: No. Sorry. It's the  
11 27th. The oratorical has not changed. The only  
12 date that changed was for the DEC. Sorry. Brian  
13 Sapp, 8th District.

14 MR. SHAFER: Well, we'd like to  
15 invite everybody to come to the oratorical contest.

16 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: I'll have a  
17 reminder on further down in my script. Anything  
18 else for the good of the order?

19 MR. GOOLSBY: Goolsby, Historian.  
20 I'd like to make a motion that mileage be paid upon  
21 submission of properly signed paperwork to the  
22 Department Adjutant.

23 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: There's a motion.  
24 Do I hear a second?

25 MR. REED: Mark Reed, 17th District.

1 Second.

2 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: There's a second.  
3 Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor signify  
4 so by saying aye.

5 (Aye responses.)

6 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Any opposed nay.

7 MR. GOODIN: No.

8 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Motion passed.

9 MR. SCARBOROUGH: Question.

10 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Yes.

11 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough,  
12 Alternate NEC. Are we going to have a membership  
13 report? I've got a couple of questions on things  
14 about the membership information you passed out.

15 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Okay. Are you  
16 prepared? Okay. Rose Noonan, Senior Vice.

17 SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Good  
18 morning. Rose Noonan, Senior Vice Commander for  
19 the Department of Missouri.

20 I've had a couple errors pointed out  
21 to me on the membership goals. As I said  
22 yesterday, when we received our membership report  
23 from National, there had been errors in that. Same  
24 way with this. I understand that there's mistakes,  
25 there's errors on this. That can still be

1 rectified, and we will go through, I will go  
2 through each of these now to fix any problems that  
3 surface. Any other questions?

4 MR. GOODIN: Tom Goodin, NEC. I am  
5 not trying to put you in the hot seat or on the  
6 spot, but what is planned for membership? What  
7 have you got working for the next few months? How  
8 are you going to get to where we need to be, I  
9 guess is what I'm asking?

10 SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: I am  
11 already working with every zone commander in here.  
12 Most of the district commanders I have been in  
13 contact one way or another for membership meetings,  
14 revitalizations.

15 You know, we're still early on. So I  
16 would appreciate if you'd give me the opportunity  
17 to get some things on the schedule because it's  
18 going to happen. I have very good zone commanders  
19 that are going to work with me, that are willing to  
20 work with me. So that's all I ask. Okay? There's  
21 been errors in the computer system, and I'm not  
22 saying it's all the computer. I may have made  
23 typos myself. I'm not saying I'm perfect. But  
24 it's going to happen.

25 MR. GOODIN: Again, we've all been in

1 your shoes, and our experience has been, we're at  
2 the middle of October now, and then you go into  
3 three months of winter, and all of a sudden  
4 spring's here and you've got very little time to  
5 hit your numbers. And if the Department of  
6 Missouri doesn't hit all those numbers at the time  
7 they're supposed to be hit, you can't make it up.  
8 You're out. Even though -- if you wind up  
9 100 percent later, if you don't hit the targets, it  
10 doesn't --

11 SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: Okay. I  
12 understand that. All right. I'm working on it.  
13 Give me a little bit of leeway. Okay? Can we do  
14 that?

15 MR. SCARBOROUGH: George Scarborough,  
16 Alternate NEC. We can, Senior Vice, but I'll  
17 second what Tom is saying. Early on is early on.  
18 Dues come in quickly. But if you don't start  
19 working the programs now before dues are delinquent  
20 at the end of December, if you don't have some  
21 revitalizations and some buddy checks going on that  
22 we can report back to or work with these district  
23 commanders on -- and by the way, Past Department  
24 Commanders are ready to come to your districts or  
25 your posts and help you out, give you advice and

1 help you do things with membership. That's a  
2 commercial. But those things, we don't have a lot  
3 of time.

4 SR. VICE COMMANDER NOONAN: I got it.  
5 Any other questions? Any other responses?

6 COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Thank you, Rose.  
7 Cassie Strom, our Judge Advocate, has an  
8 announcement.

9 JUDGE ADVOCATE STROM: Thank you.  
10 Cassie Strom, Judge Advocate.

11 I have to just make a record on this.  
12 We're going to be presenting or I guess the posts  
13 will be presenting a cancellation through the DEC  
14 which will probably happen by e-mail later this  
15 fall. In line with that, I have told Post 439 so  
16 the last member will transfer out that we will --  
17 once a properly executed deed to transfer property  
18 that the post sits on, which is in a floodplain,  
19 has been flooded out twice, is presented to the  
20 Department Adjutant, that that document will be  
21 signed off on and a veterans memorial park will be  
22 created by the city of Valley Park.

23 I'm just doing that to make a record  
24 of it so we can go back to the individual and let  
25 them know that the DEC has been informed of this

1 and is aware of it and will hopefully follow the  
2 actions once they come up. Thank you.

3                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY. National's dress  
4 code was sent out to you. Some of you -- how many  
5 of you have gotten it? Okay. Read your e-mails  
6 and communication that comes from Department, but  
7 the red shirt, and then if you're on the dais or on  
8 the stage, that's the coat and tie, although we  
9 have prerogative to make the adjustment as we did  
10 in the summer.

11                   So we have the reminder on the  
12 oratorical contest. It will be held 1 p.m. on  
13 Sunday, February 27th, and that's in 2022, at  
14 Southern Boone High School in Ashland.

15                   Is there anything else for the good  
16 of the order? Any further business? No further  
17 business. Please rise, uncover. Our benediction  
18 will be given by Department Chaplain Marvin Harper.

19                   CHAPLAIN HARPER: Dismiss us with thy  
20 blessing, oh God, as we leave this place with the  
21 faith that thy spirit goes with us. Keep us  
22 sensitive to our prompting to the end that all we  
23 do will be according to thy will. Amen.

24                   COMMANDER GRIGSBY: Cover. With the  
25 colors of our country being in their proper place,



1 we will render the right-hand absolute. Ready.  
2 One, two. I now declare this meeting of the  
3 Department of Missouri American Legion Executive  
4 Committee duly adjourned.

5 (Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.)

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