



102nd Department Convention Meeting Minutes

Session Saturday Morning Final Reports

**June 26th, 2021
Canyonville Oregon
08:15 P.M.**

**Call to order
Salute to Colors
Opening Prayer**

Department Commander Steve Adams

**POW/MIA Ceremony
Pledge of Allegiance
Preamble
Roll Call Quorum present
Reading of the previous minutes
Reading of the Department Standing Rules
Introductions of Department Officers
Reports**

Speaker 1:

[inaudible 00:00:01].

Heavenly father, again we come before you this Saturday morning, and invite you to our meeting. [inaudible 00:00:11]. Let us keep open minds, open ears, and do your will again today, Father. I pray this in the name of Jesus, amen. Amen.

Speaker 2:

Cover? I now call this 102nd [inaudible 00:00:40] convention reconvened.

Award winners from last night. Legionnaire of the year, Mike Spears. [crosstalk 00:00:59]. Is Steve Burgundy in the audience?

Steve Burgundy:

Yes.

Speaker 4:

District nine, oh yeah.

Speaker 2:

Steve, would you please come forward? Front of the podium, please. [crosstalk 00:01:15].

Department [inaudible 00:01:40] Phillips, for awards, Steve Burgundy. Adjuvant of the year, post 16. [crosstalk 00:01:58].

Speaker 4:

District nine, woo. [crosstalk 00:02:14].

Speaker 2:

The next ham ... I have known a lot of years. But I've known him several years. I've grown to respect him, and admire this man, for what he does for the department, his post, and his district. Chaplain of the Year, Steve [Showenburg 00:02:39].

Speaker 4:

Hear, hear.

Speaker 2:

Service Officer of the Year, Jack [Nukem 00:02:51], post 44.

Law Enforcement Office of the Year, Kyle [Columnback 00:03:05], post 45. [crosstalk 00:03:12].
Long time dear friend, passed now, John Columnback.

ALR, American Legion Riders, member of the year, Bob Lankey.

Speaker 4:

Hear, hear.

Speaker 2:

And the Unity Award for 2020-2021, went to Harney County, post 63.

We will now have the Sons of the American Legion report after their convention yesterday, John Marsh. [crosstalk 00:04:27].

John Marsh:

But I'll tell you, that they had their legs in yesterday, and they did give me a report, so. They had their election. Carl got re-elected. Mark is [NEC 00:04:45]. They asked me to be the judge advocate, that's kind of silly, but anyway. And ... [crosstalk 00:04:55]. Good report. [crosstalk 00:05:07].

Speaker 4:

\$5.

Speaker 2:

Thank you for your thorough report, John.

Speaker 1:

Okay, I'm going to call for the election of the commander. Call commander. [crosstalk 00:05:40].

Speaker 2:

Okay, now calling for Bob Huff to come up, and we're doing the election for the department commander.

Bob Huff:

Commander? We've already read off everything. I don't need to come up.

Speaker 1:

I need a motion.

Bob Huff:

Commander, I make a motion that ...

Speaker 1:

By affirmation?

Bob Huff:

By affirmation, that Don Webber ... [crosstalk 00:06:20].

We rehearsed this. Commander, I make a motion, by affirmation, that Don Webber is our next department commander.

Speaker 4:

I second that motion. [crosstalk 00:06:33].

Speaker 7:

From district one, I second that motion.

Speaker 2:

We have a motion that's seconded that Don Webber, by affirmation. Unanimous vote. Department commander for 2021-2022. All in favor say aye. Aye.

Those opposed? Motion carries. [crosstalk 00:07:02].

Don Webber:

Thank you, thank you very much. I look forward to this next year. We've got a lot of work to do. The changes that were coming through are going to make it difficult for us, but I think we're going to have a great year. We're going to have to recover some where we lost some of our connections in schools for our youth programs, but it's all good. So thank you very much.

[crosstalk 00:07:42].

Bob Huff:

Don, I'm going to be a lot of help. I already have my hunting rifle, fly rod, and [crosstalk 00:07:50].

Don Webber:

No big deal.

Speaker 2:

Again, I will call Bob Huff up. We will now have elections for department, first vice commander.

Speaker 1:

There's nothing I can do now. We have our three candidates, and we'll have to ask them to leave the room and set up the counting table.

Speaker 2:

Would Larry Whitmire ... Larry Hill ...

Speaker 1:

And that other guy over there.

Speaker 2:

And Mick Wilson leave the room with, sergeant of arms, escort them out of the room, please.

[crosstalk 00:08:42].

We need to set up a table for tabulators.

Speaker 1:

The table is set, but we need volunteers.

Bob Huff:

No, no, [crosstalk 00:08:53].

Speaker 1:

Oh, you'll have to slide them, okay. Never mind. [crosstalk 00:08:57].

You're going to have to [crosstalk 00:09:17].

Hey, Jim? Could you come up, please? [crosstalk 00:10:05].

Bob Huff:

We need three.

Speaker 1:

Okay. Can you be a tabulator? How about the chaplain? [crosstalk 00:10:18]. Steve, can you be a tabulator?

Steve Burgundy:

Sure.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Bob Huff:

There's a table in the back left corner. Back left corner, yup. Back left corner is a table. [crosstalk 00:10:32]. Yeah, there's stuff there, but you can take that with you. [crosstalk 00:10:37].

Speaker 2:

Susan? Susan Hughes? [crosstalk 00:10:43]. Can you come up here, please?

Susan Hughes:

What?

Speaker 2:

Could you come up here, please?

Susan Hughes:

I've been summoned to the podium. [crosstalk 00:11:03]. Yeah, probably.

Speaker 1:

Can't do it.

Speaker 2:

Huh?

Speaker 1:

Can't do it, nobody can vote for my post. I'm the only one here.

Speaker 2:

Okay, cool. [crosstalk 00:11:09].

Bob Huff:

Does Steve Burgundy need a post? [crosstalk 00:11:23].

Speaker 2:

Mike Spears, could you come to the podium, please?

We got three good ones.

Speaker 1:

Okay, so I get up there and off stage, in order ... so Portland has no votes, I'm going to-

Bob Huff:

Washington has three votes, [crosstalk 00:12:25]. They're behind us, and you want to put the three names right here, because [crosstalk 00:12:34]. After we go through the whole list-

Speaker 1:

You're going to be calling that? [crosstalk 00:12:43].

Bob Huff:

I call. You know what, I will call.

Speaker 1:

Okay, I'm going to use you.

Bob Huff:

[crosstalk 00:12:54]. So we've got Larry Whitmire, we've got Larry ...

Speaker 1:

Hill.

Bob Huff:

Hill, and then we've got Mick.

Speaker 1:

Mick.

Speaker 2:

Are the tabulators ready? [crosstalk 00:13:07].

Bob Huff:

On my mark.

Speaker 2:

I now ... yield the mic to Bob Huff, who will call the posts up in order.

Bob Huff:

Thank you, commander.

I would like post number one through posts number 20 to please line up in front of the mic. In order. [crosstalk 00:14:31].

Tabulators, can you hear?

Susan Hughes:

Yes.

Bob Huff:

If at any point you don't hear one of the votes, would you please raise your hand and we'll repeat it? Thank you. Start off, Portland post one, to zero votes. Forks Washington, post two, has three votes.

Commander Mike:

We cast three votes for Hill. Commander Mike standing, post two, Washington.

Bob Huff:

Thank you. Post three has zero votes. Post four has zero votes. Post five, [Olana 00:15:18] Falls.

Speaker 4:

That's how many votes?

Bob Huff:

[crosstalk 00:15:21]. Not a problem.

Post six, Hillsborough, five votes.

Bob:

Bob [inaudible 00:15:28], a member of Hillsborough, post six. Five votes for Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post seven, [inaudible 00:15:39] zero votes. Post eight, Klamath Falls, has five votes.

June Whitlock:

Post eight, Klamath Falls, June Whitlock. We cast all five for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post nine, Capital, has four votes. Post 10, Albany, has seven votes.

Dave Tommins:

Dave Tommins, post 10 commander. Post 10 votes six votes for Larry Whitmire, one vote for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 11, Corvallis, has three votes.

John:

John [Warver 00:16:21], the [adjutant 00:16:21] for post 11 in Corvallis. We vote three votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 12, [Clapsof 00:16:31] has zero votes. Post 14, [inaudible 00:16:37] has two votes. Post 15, Medford, has four votes.

Tom Fitzgerald:

Tom Fitzgerald, Medford, four votes, Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 16, Earl Stewart, four votes.

Terry McCray:

Terry McCray, commander of post 16. We cast all four votes for Larry Hill.

Susan Hughes:

I'm sorry?

Bob Huff:

Post seven? [crosstalk 00:17:00]. That was post 16, they cast four votes for Larry Hill.

Susan Hughes:

Thank you.

Bob Huff:

Post [crosstalk 00:17:18]. Next 20 can start lining up. Post 17, Kaiser, is not here. Two votes. Post 19, Dallas, has no votes. Post 20, Carl B. Fenton, three votes. Post 21, [McNenville 00:17:42] has seven votes.

Rich:

Rich [Penbeck 00:17:47], McNenville, post 21 cast seven votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 22, Hood River, no votes. Post 23, [Palton 00:17:58], no votes. Post 24, Melton Freewater, has four votes.

Speaker 18:

Cast all four votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 25, Frank Burn, zero votes. Post 26, Bandon has two votes. Post 28, Grant's Pass, has five votes.

Jim Van Allen:

Jim Van Allen, post 28, all five votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Votes 29, Crook County, has five votes. Post 30, Gresham, has three-

Speaker 1:

Hold on, hold on.

Bob Huff:

Post?

Speaker 20:

Post 29, Crook County, five votes for the big Mick.

Bob Huff:

For who?

Speaker 20:

For the big Mick, [inaudible 00:19:00].

Bob Huff:

Post 30, Gresham, has three votes. Post 32, Calvin Funk, has three votes. Post 33, Independence, no vote. Post 34, Bay Area, has six votes.

Tyler Nicholberry:

Tyler [Nicholberry 00:19:23], post 34, five votes Larry Hill, one vote Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 36, Oak Hill, has two votes. Post 37, [Hermiston 00:19:38], has four votes. Post 40, zero votes. Post 41, Baker, has three votes. Post 42, has three votes. Post 43, Le Grand, has four votes. Post 44, Ray Johnson, has no vote. Post 45, Le Pine, has six votes.

Speaker 22:

[inaudible 00:20:03], first vice, post 45, we have five votes for Whitmire, one for Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 46, Woodburn, has three votes. Post 47, Tillamook, has no vote. Post 48, Warren Spring, zero votes. Post 49, Morrow, has two votes.

Fred:

Fred [Warden 00:20:34], post 49. Cast two votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 51, [Santiam 00:20:37], has 12 votes. Excuse me, let me back up. Post 50, Williams Valley, has three votes.

Dave:

Dave Applegate, post 50. Three votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 51, Santiam, has 12 votes.

Jerry:

Jerry Pan, same post, first vice. 12 votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 55, Moser, zero votes. Post 56, Aregon, four votes.

Tim:

Tim [Sanquez 00:21:28], sergeant at arms, Aregon post. Four votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 57, Lester Reece, has three votes.

Ian:

Ian [Thurspell 00:21:38], three votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 56, Staten, has four votes.

Speaker 28:

[crosstalk 00:21:48].

Bob Huff:

Oops, excuse me.

Bob:

Bob Lenkey, commander, post 58, Staten. Four votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 59, zero votes. Post 61, tri-counties, four votes. Post 62, Reed's Port, has two votes.

Calvin:

Calvin [Stingly 00:22:05], post commander, post 62. Two votes Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 63, Herne County, has four votes.

Charles:

Charles Smith, delegate at large, from the largest post in the largest county of Oregon. Herne County post 63 casts four votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 64, Cascade, has two votes. Post 65, Wilsonville, has four votes.

Larry:

Larry Edwards, post commander, Wilsonville, post 65. Four votes Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 67, Ontario, has five votes.

Don:

Dan Bergs, post 67, five votes Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 68, Lewis Larson, has three votes.

Speaker 34:

[inaudible 00:23:14] post and [crosstalk 00:23:16] commander, and leave three votes for Larry Whitmire.

Speaker 2:

What was that again?

Bob Huff:

It's Larry Whitmire.

Speaker 2:

Okay.

Bob Huff:

You need to change 68 to [inaudible 00:23:26] post.

Post 69, Road River, no vote. Post 70, Glen Morrison, two votes.

Steve Burgundy:

[Reducic 00:23:36], finance officer. Two votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 72, Cruise, has two votes.

John Marsh:

Post 72, Cruise post of [inaudible 00:23:52] county, two votes for Larry Whitmire.

Susan Hughes:

Bob, can she repeat that please?

Bob Huff:

That was two votes for Larry Whitmire, that is post number 72.

Susan Hughes:

Thank you.

Bob Huff:

Post 73, Maupin, zero votes. Post 74, Carl Douglas, has four votes.

Doug:

Carl Douglas post, Doug Jameson, second vice. Four votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 75, Sharon, zero votes. Post 76, Port Orford, zero votes. Post 77, Alice Tracy, zero votes. Post 79, Nyssa, two votes.

Jared:

Jared Ennison, post 79, Nyssa, has two votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

For who?

Jared:

Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Two votes for Larry Hill from post 79.

Post 83, North Eugene, Santa Clara, has five votes.

Chuck:

Chuck Burckfelt, post 83 commander. We vote for all five votes, Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 84, [Malen 00:25:20], has three votes. Post 86, Sisters, has five votes.

Speaker 41:

[inaudible 00:25:27], vice commander of Sisters. We cast all five votes for Mick Wilson.

Speaker 1:

Who is that, Bob?

Bob Huff:

Five votes for Mick Wilson from post 86.

Post 87, [Heckner 00:25:43], has zero votes. Post 89, Mount Angel, has three votes. Post 90, Banks, has three votes.

Roger:

Roger Rao, adjutant, [inaudible 00:25:55] post 90, cast three votes for Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

We need to change that one, too.

Post 95, I'll see E-N, or I-N. Two votes. [crosstalk 00:26:15]. Post 96, Bell, zero votes. Post 98, Saint Johns, two votes.

Speaker 4:

97.

John:

John Corry, adjutant, post 98. Two votes for Mick Wilson.

Speaker 4:

You skipped 97, sir.

Bob Huff:

Lincoln City, zero votes.

Susan Hughes:

Zero votes? [crosstalk 00:26:39]. Zero for Lincoln City?

Bob Huff:

Zero. They have no votes. I'm sorry.

Post 99, Seaside, has seven votes.

Lou:

Lou Dubeck, adjutant for Seaside. We vote seven votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 100, Mary's River, zero votes. Post 104, Aloha, has eight votes.

Aaron:

Aaron Devin, commander of post 104, Aloha. We vote one vote for Mick Wilson, four votes Larry Hill, three votes Larry Whitmire.

Speaker 1:

One more time on that, Bob?

Bob Huff:

Okay, 104, Aloha. Three votes for Larry Whitmire, four votes for Larry Hill, one vote for Mick Wilson.

Susan Hughes:

Thank you.

Bob Huff:

106, Prairie, has three votes.

Jim:

Jim Jerome, 106, three votes Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

108, [Corbett 00:27:40]. The next 20 please?

Susan Hughes:

Don't be afraid.

Bob Huff:

Everybody from post 108 through 192, please line up. [crosstalk 00:27:53].

Susan Hughes:

Don't be shy. [crosstalk 00:28:04].

Speaker 1:

We stopped at 108, Corbett. [crosstalk 00:28:37]. 110 Aurora, 115 Alexander Harper.

Bob Huff:

Okay, we're going to get this done here. I could yell at ease. [crosstalk 00:28:56]. Thank you.

Post 108, Corbett, zero votes. Post 110, Aurora, zero votes. Post 115, Alexander Harper, zero votes. Post 118, five votes. [crosstalk 00:29:10].

Speaker 1:

16.

Bob Huff:

116, excuse me. These are new glasses and they work better than my last.

Steve Burgundy:

David Pullman, post 116. Five votes Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 119, Verona? Three votes. [crosstalk 00:29:35]. Post 121, Southerland.

Speaker 4:

Hold on a second. Bob, my commander is [crosstalk 00:29:40].

Speaker 7:

Too much talking Bob, we can't hear. [crosstalk 00:29:43].

Speaker 4:

Do you want me to run-

Bob Huff:

I will repeat it.

Speaker 4:

I'm going to vote two votes for Larry Hill, because that's what we were talking about.

Bob Huff:

Okay, you have three votes, as a delegate to [crosstalk 00:29:53]. Three votes. For post 119, it's three votes for Larry Hill.

Susan Hughes:

Thank you.

Bob Huff:

You're welcome. Post 121, Southerland, three votes. Post 122, [Campe 00:30:13], five votes.

Speaker 49:

Hi. Adjuvant, Campe, five votes for Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Okay. Post 123, Violin, has three votes. Post 124, Beaverton, has three votes. Post 125, zero votes. Post 126, zero votes, post 127, zero votes. Post 129 has three votes.

Phil:

Phil Cardinal, adjuvant, post 129, three votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 130, Athena, zero votes. Post 131, [inaudible 00:31:02], zero votes. Post 134, FNJ Raven, or excuse me, post 133, Timber City, zero, post 134, FNJ Raven has three votes. Post 135, Wamack, zero votes. Post 136, Salem, has three vote. Post 137, [inaudible 00:31:28] has two votes.

Judith:

Judith Johnston, post 137, two votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 140, zero votes. Post 148, zero votes. Post 149, two votes.

Tad:

Tad Everest, minor post 149, two votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Post 150, Oregon Trail, zero votes. Post 152, Bear Heaton, has two votes.

Tom:

Tom Adams, commander of 152, two votes Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Post 1 ...

Speaker 1:

57.

Bob Huff:

Post 157, Walla Walla Lake. Post 158, Tiger, has nine votes.

Barbara:

Barbara Gatus, post commander of 158 in Tiger. We vote our nine votes for Larry Whitmire.

Speaker 4:

Can't hear it.

Susan Hughes:

Can't hear it.

Bob Huff:

Nine votes for Larry Whitmire from post 158.

Speaker 4:

Thank you. Repeat the vote when you write them down, so we can hear them?

Bob Huff:

Okay.

Speaker 4:

Thank you.

Bob Huff:

Post 159, Mill Gates, has two votes. Post 164 has zero votes. Post 168, Cannon Beach, has three votes.

Don Bolm:

Don Bolm, commander, post 168. Three votes for Larry Hill.

Bob Huff:

Thank you. That was post 168, Cannon Beach, three votes for Larry Hill.

Post 180, Milwaukee, with eight votes.

Speaker 1:

You missed 173.

Bob Huff:

Wait a minute, excuse me, 173, Carlton Memorial, I'm sorry. Four votes. [crosstalk 00:33:33].

Chester:

Chester [inaudible 00:33:33] post 173, four votes, Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

That was four votes for Larry Whitmire from 173, Carlton Memorial.

Susan Hughes:

Thank you.

Bob Huff:

Post 180, Milwaukee, has eight votes.

Ward:

Ward Allen, Milwaukee 180, votes eight votes for Mick Wilson.

Bob Huff:

That was eight votes for Mick Wilson from post 180.

Post 184, Travis [inaudible 00:34:03] has three votes.

John:

John Leaf, post 184, casts three votes for Larry Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Thank you. I will now ask ... I'm a voting member also. [crosstalk 00:34:22]. I am post 192, the last post.

Speaker 1:

Post 192, White City, has four votes.

Bob Huff:

All four votes are for Larry Whitmire ... are for Larry Hill, excuse me. That is four votes from post 192, for Larry Hill. [crosstalk 00:34:41].

Susan Hughes:

185?

Bob Huff:

192.

Susan Hughes:

I know, but what about [crosstalk 00:34:51].

Bob Huff:

Musician's is zero votes, sorry. I got excited. [crosstalk 00:34:53].

Speaker 4:

At your age, you got excited?

Bob Huff:

I sometimes get excited. I had five cups of coffee this morning.

Susan Hughes:

Hey TMI, TMI, TMI.

Bob Huff:

Hey, [crosstalk 00:34:53]. That concludes the voting. We will now await the final count. [crosstalk 00:34:53].

Speaker 4:

Say Bob, what is the majority? What number is the majority? How many votes? 51%.

Bob Huff:

51. [crosstalk 00:34:53]. It came out to like-

Speaker 4:

What's the number? How many votes?

Bob Huff:

Oh, I'm sorry. [crosstalk 00:35:38].

Speaker 1:

Bunny Bigly from 122. [crosstalk 00:35:48].

Bob Huff:

I need to take care of this one. 51% of the votes, let me calculate that. [crosstalk 00:35:59]. No, I actually have it written down in the book. [crosstalk 00:36:06]. Remember, we have several folks that didn't vote. [crosstalk 00:36:16].

If all the posts in good standing were here, 279 would have been the total vote. I'm going to go through now and calculate the posts that voted, what would be 51%.

We have the total, [crosstalk 00:37:03].

51% of the votes would be 104 votes. There were 206 votes cast.

Speaker 1:

But it's not 51%, it's majority voting. So 50.5 would be majority voting. [crosstalk 00:40:23]. The majority [crosstalk 00:40:26].

Bob Huff:

50 point what? [crosstalk 00:40:27].

Speaker 1:

Is that the same number you got? [crosstalk 00:40:27].

Bob Huff:

Oh shit, [crosstalk 00:41:36]. This is ... [crosstalk 00:41:46]. We have two posts that have [crosstalk 00:41:51].

Speaker 1:

The one was ... 68 was [inaudible 00:42:08] Galloway.

Bob Huff:

Yeah, and 90 ... [crosstalk 00:42:14].

Speaker 1:

Right. [crosstalk 00:42:17].

Bob Huff:

I knew it was the first [crosstalk 00:42:25].

Speaker 1:

I got 104.

Bob Huff:

That's what he got.

Speaker 1:

Then I got 86, for [crosstalk 00:42:36].

Bob Huff:

I was thinking [crosstalk 00:42:42].

Speaker 1:

I never did see this lady come in the door. [crosstalk 00:43:28].

Bob Huff:

They won't say the count. [crosstalk 00:43:48].

Speaker 1:

Hey Bob? Can you check something for me? On page two ... 129 central [crosstalk 00:47:47].

Bob Huff:

Yes.

Speaker 1:

Can you tell me [crosstalk 00:47:49].

Bob Huff:

Yeah, that's right there. [crosstalk 00:47:53].

Speaker 1:

My numbers are wrong. I thought it was [crosstalk 00:48:00].

Bob Huff:

No, it's Larry Hill.

Speaker 1:

Okay, so what's Larry Hill then the 37 votes to [crosstalk 00:48:03]. This drops by three, to 90. [crosstalk 00:48:03].

Bob Huff:

Huh?

Speaker 1:

It's what they have, too. So what I'm saying is I'm going to double check. So this is 81, [crosstalk 00:48:39]. On this one, it turns out to 78, it's 81, so this total ... well actually, excuse me. Yeah, you have to add three to his. It was 78, post 81, [crosstalk 00:49:36]. Because central [crosstalk 00:49:36]. I actually had it [crosstalk 00:49:36]. That's what I'm saying if you move that over, this number goes up three, [crosstalk 00:49:36].

Speaker 2:

Please take your seats, [crosstalk 00:49:36].

Speaker 1:

Okay, I see what you're saying. [crosstalk 00:49:36]. It doesn't make a difference, [crosstalk 00:49:36].

Bob Huff:

You got your numbers? You want to make sure the only one you announce is the winner.

Speaker 4:

104 for Whitmire.

Bob Huff:

Yeah, that's the only one you need to ...

Speaker 4:

What's he going to announce?

Bob Huff:

He's going to announce it. He can [crosstalk 00:49:48]. Steve, you can come back up. You can't sit down. [crosstalk 00:50:00]. We've got the same up here, 104. [crosstalk 00:50:00].

Steve Burgundy:

How many, or? [crosstalk 00:50:01]. The winner, who's in first? [crosstalk 00:50:23].

Speaker 2:

Fellows ...

Bob Huff:

Let him announce it, first. [crosstalk 00:50:28].

Speaker 1:

Steve, you need to get to the mic.

Bob Huff:

You need to [crosstalk 00:50:50].

Steve Burgundy:

After close calculation, and spending the last three days counting the numbers, the winner for first vice is Larry Whitmire.

Speaker 2:

[inaudible 00:50:59].

Speaker 4:

Say it again? [crosstalk 00:50:59].

Speaker 2:

Would you please stand?

Speaker 1:

Until that guy in front of you is smiling.

Speaker 2:

First vice commander, Larry Whitmire. [crosstalk 00:52:28].

Larry Whitmire:

I was just told to make it short, so I'm going to tell you one thing. That is, I pledge to travel as much as I can to this department, along with our department commander. And thank you very much for your support.

Speaker 2:

Now we have second vice commander. Yes.

We will now have a vote for second vice commander.

Speaker 4:

Commander, I move to direct the adjuvants to place one unanimous vote by affirmation for Corey Brockman as department second vice commander.

Lou:

Commander Lou Decker, first vice ... first district commander, I second the ... Don's post. [crosstalk 00:53:32]. I almost called you commander.

Speaker 2:

We have a motion and a second to elect Cory Brockman, second vice commander by unanimous vote, affirmation. All in favor say aye? Aye. Those opposed? Motion carries. [crosstalk 00:53:56].

Mr. Brockman. Would you please come to the podium? You're not going to skate out of this, Cory.

Cory Brockman:

Short and sweet, thank you. I appreciate the trust you place in me. We're going to have a great year. We've got work to do, and I think we've got a great team that's going to get it done this year. Thank you, I appreciate it. [crosstalk 00:55:01].

Speaker 2:

We will now have the vote for finance officer. [crosstalk 00:55:19].

Speaker 4:

I move to direct the adjuvants to place one unanimous vote by affirmation for Bob Huff as department finance officer.

Speaker 63:

[inaudible 00:55:26] I second that motion.

Speaker 2:

We have a motion and seconded unanimous vote by adjutant by affirmation for Bob Huff, finance officer. All in favor say aye? Aye. Those opposed? Motion carries. [crosstalk 00:55:48].

Speaker 4:

You didn't cast a vote.

Bob Huff:

I vote?

Speaker 4:

They asked for the adjutants to cast their vote.

Bob Huff:

Oh ... [crosstalk 00:56:07].

John Marsh:

Same way with the second vice commander, the adjutant did not cast the deciding vote.

Speaker 1:

The adjutant votes yes for both. [crosstalk 00:56:19].

Bob Huff:

Thank you, I'm going to make a short speech. I'm going to take us back to when our past national commander, Charlie Schmidt, was in office. And what did he say at national? What does he say, said, since then, who's going to wear your shoes? Seriously. So, as we meet, some of us will eventually drop out. We hope not for a long time, honestly, but we need to start ... if anybody wants to start being developed for this position, or any other position, you're welcome.

What I'm really trying to say is, let's get some development, and there's nothing wrong if you want to learn the job, asking somebody. There's nobody in this room that wouldn't help you. So with that, I thank you very much. I thank Kevin [inaudible 00:57:19] for the nomination. Thank you very much.

Speaker 1:

NEC, am I correct?

Bob Huff:

Yes, sir.

Speaker 2:

We will now have the vote for national executive committee member.

Speaker 4:

Commander, I move to direct the adjuvants to place one unanimous vote by affirmation for Kevin Owens as national executive committeeman.

Steve Burgundy:

Second. [crosstalk 00:57:51].

Speaker 4:

Wow, that was pretty quick, [crosstalk 00:58:09].

Speaker 2:

I think Amy and I have the same idea, we have our fly rods and [inaudible 00:58:13] in our trunk already, so okay. [crosstalk 00:58:19].

We ... we have a motion, and a second. Cast the adjutant, unanimous vote by affirmation, for Kevin Owens, national executive committee member. All in favor say aye. Aye. Those opposed? Motion carries.

Speaker 4:

The adjutant cast the one vote by affirmation for Kevin Owens, NEC member.

Speaker 2:

We will now have the vote for alternate NEC member.

Speaker 4:

I move to direct the adjutant to place one unanimous vote by affirmation for Gene [Halickson 00:59:06] as alternate national executive committeeman.

Bob Huff:

Second.

John Marsh:

Second. [crosstalk 00:59:12].

Speaker 2:

We have a motion, it has been seconded, to direct the adjutant by affirmation, unanimous vote, alternate national executive committee man, Gene Halickson. All in favor say aye. Aye. Those opposed? Motion carries. [crosstalk 00:59:45].

Speaker 4:

The adjutant cast that extra vote for Gene Halickson, for alternate NEC man. [crosstalk 00:59:49].

John Marsh:

Now, you have to do the same thing for commander, because you didn't do it then.

Bob Huff:

Okay.

Speaker 4:

The adjutant cast by affirmation to vote for the commander. Don [Waring 01:00:08]. [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Bob Huff:

Who is questioning the commander?

Speaker 4:

And first vice commander, by affirmation. [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Susan Hughes:

No, [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Speaker 4:

Oh, second vice commander. [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Speaker 2:

Have a seat, friend. [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Okay, what else have we got, gentlemen? What else have we got? [crosstalk 01:00:08]. There's nothing.

John Marsh:

We have to come back for the ... [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Bob Huff:

You didn't let Kevin come up and make a speech. [crosstalk 01:00:08]. He's supposed to be escorted by the sergeant at arms. [crosstalk 01:00:08].

Speaker 2:

Sergeant at arms?

Sargeant at Arms:

Sir?

Speaker 2:

Since he was a little reluctant, would you escort Kevin Owens to the podium, please?

Round of applause?

Kevin Owens:

I want to thank all of you with the trust you've entrusted me. I have some really big shoes to fill, and ... shoes I have to fill, the first is T. Less Galloway, my mentor. T. Less Galloway mentored me the whole time I've been with the Legion until he passed, and I would say the hardest thing I ever had to do, is talk at his memorial.

The next person is Charlie Schmidt, one of my best friends. We were district commanders together. We grew up in the Legion together. Couldn't have asked for a better mentor.

Rob [Lebadow 01:02:27], we've been friends for a long time, and he was a great NEC man, and a good friend, [inaudible 01:02:32]. I hope I do you proud, Charlie proud. Not leaving out proud, but most of all, T. Less Galloway. Thank you very much.

Speaker 2:

Gene Halickson, alternate national executive committeeman.

Gene Halickson:

I would like to thank all of you for the confidence you've put in me to represent our great state of Oregon, and I will do the utmost that I am capable of to represent our department to the best of my abilities. The only other thing I can say is, Kevin, you better not fall down. [crosstalk 01:03:48] I'm right behind you.

Kevin Owens:

Okay, tater.

Gene Halickson:

Okay, thank you.

Bob Huff:

It's 10:00. [crosstalk 01:04:30].

Speaker 2:

I know. Don't remind me, Bob. Okay. American Legion Department of Oregon, 102nd convention, is in recess until 10:00 for installation.

Speaker 4:

Location?

Speaker 2:

Location, I believe ... [crosstalk 01:04:48].

Bob Huff:

Would be here, wouldn't it? [crosstalk 01:04:53]. It's a joint installation.

Speaker 2:

It's a joint installation. I believe it's across the hall, in the back. Okay. We stand in recess. [crosstalk 01:05:05].

Speaker 1:

Okay, I think Larry got this all-