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Speaker 1:

... hopefully we are able to get the properly reviewed-

Speaker 2:

We're back from break. It's 10:15.

Speaker 1:

... and properly get them distributed to the committees by what says noon on the second day of the convention and those kind of issues wouldn't come up. So thank you for your patience.

Commander:

Okay, I now call this convention back into session. To continue on with the awards, the next commission is legislative. John.

Members:

There it is.

Members:

[inaudible 00:00:59]

John Lee:

John Lee, 184, Legislative Commission. So the convention's on pre-commission met at 1404 on June 23rd, 2022 in Elk Lodge, here in Beaverton. There were three members present. I was the Chair. William Devereaux from Post 58 and Nick Juarez from Post 104 were present. We discussed some of the bills that had gone through the 2022 session and the ones that failed and why. We also talked about the 2023 session that was coming up and how bills are submitted, how they get in and how to intervene and put your input into them, and when and how you do that and how you track them through OLIS, which is a legislative information system.

John Lee:

There were no resolutions and we also had no awards. As a duly elected delegate to the convention, I vote that this be dissolved.

Commander:

Do I have a second?

Members:

[inaudible 00:02:21]

Members:

Just leave your chair up there, John.

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I recognize John Reish.

John Reish:

John Reish.

Commander:

Reish?

John Reish:

Adjunct in Crook County Post 29. I second.

Commander:

We have a second. Okay, we have a second. Any discussion?

Members:

Nope.

Commander:

All in favor?

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

You're dissolved.

Members:

[inaudible 00:02:46]

Commander:

The next report will be from the membership in Post Activities, Dan Burks, if he finds his way up front.

Members:

He's short.

Members:

How about John Reish?

Members:

She's had little legs a long time.

Members:

[inaudible 00:03:07]-

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Commander:

John is going to be the stair over here.

Members:

Hurry up.

Members:

People are looking.

Dan Burks:

Membership meeting: met outside the Members Only Club and [inaudible 00:03:22] located Norton. We convened at 1400 June 23rd [inaudible 00:03:27] step up, son.

Members:

Thank you.

Dan Burks:

We had eight legionnaires in attendance. No resolutions were presented. Awards were discussed. I'll go through this and then we'll go through the awards. I then opened a discussion about approving membership with an enthusiastic response that is included, but not limited to expanding our writers [inaudible 00:03:53], e-bikes to meetings, buddy checks and round table discussions and more recruiting materials of several more.

Dan Burks:

After a strong round table conversation I closed our meeting at 1503. We did have a list of awards and again ... What? [inaudible 00:04:17]

Commander:

Daniel. All those award winners, please stand up, be recognized, exit around back. Thank you.

Members:

[inaudible 00:04:35]

Dan Burks:

First one up, Vernonia, Post 119, American Legion Department of Oregon. "Welcome back. Dear members, welcome back. It is exciting to know the American Legion will once again have a presence in the local community. This is an opportunity for the Post to reestablish itself as the leader in the community by providing support and guidance through our programs. It is important for the Post to be an asset of community. This can be accomplished through determination and teamwork. We pledge this every time we said our [inaudible 00:05:11]."

Dan Burks:

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"In the last clause it states for us to contemplate and sanctify our comradeship, our devotion to mutual helpfulness. These are not just words to recite, but the ideals to which the Post should be guided. On behalf of a grateful American Legion, welcome back. Sincerely, Paul E. Dillard, National Commander."

Members:

Go out the door.

Dan Burks:

Thomas A. Harris. Vernonia Post 119 revitalization. "Dear Commander Harris. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in the revitalization efforts of Post 119 in the Department of Oregon. I want to personally thank you for a job well done. Very good."

Members:

I'm sorry.

Dan Burks:

"The American Legion was founded on four pillars of assisting veterans and ensuring a strong national defense promoting Americanism and preparing our children in youth to be good citizens. Now that Post 119 has been revitalized and is active again, the Post and its members can be an asset in the community through our many outstanding programs. This is an example that you and other members of this Post are still serving America."

Dan Burks:

"Again, thank you. The revitalization was well worth your time and investment and, on behalf of a grateful American Legion, I want you to know that we really appreciate your efforts. Sincerely, Paul E. Dillard, National Commander."

Members:

Thanks to you all!

Members:

Woo!

Members:

[inaudible 00:06:47]

Dan Burks:

Damien Cox.

Speaker 2:

It's Rene. It's Rene.

Dan Burks:

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"Dear Commander Cox. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in the revitalization efforts of Post 119 in the Department of Oregon and I want to personally thank you for a job well done."

Dan Burks:

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Dan Burks:

"This is an example that you and other members of the Post are still serving America. Again, thank you. The revitalization was well worth your time and investment and, on behalf of a grateful American Legion, I want you to know that we really appreciate your efforts. Sincerely, Paul E. Dillard, National Commander."

Commander:

Should be a job to get our picture taken.

Members:

[inaudible 00:07:44] to date.

Members:

[inaudible 00:07:52]

Dan Burks:

All right, we have a quorum. Membership and Post Activities, all-time high award. Prairie City, Post 106.

Members:

Woo.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Members:

Woo.

Dan Burks:

Yeah, you're the only one here, Paul.

Commander:

Come forward.

Members:

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Come on, Jimmy.

Members:

[inaudible 00:08:19]

Dan Burks:

100% district goal, [inaudible 00:08:22]-

Members:

Stop-

Dan Burks:

... one.

Members:

... stop.

Dan Burks:

100% district goal, Dan Burks, District 10.

Members:

Woo.

Members:

Woo.

Members:

Boo.

Dan Burks:

[inaudible 00:08:48]

Members:

Should probably stand up or-

Dan Burks:

I'm trying. I don't like you. Good-bye. All right. Now, I like this one myself. It's 100% family. That means that if the Post, the Unit and/or Squadron all made 100% goal. We will recognize McMinnville, Post 21.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Members:

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Woo.

Members:

Woo.

Dan Burks:

Prineville, Post 29.

Members:

All right.

Members:

Yeah.

Dan Burks:

Hermiston, Post 37.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Dan Burks:

Florence, Post 59.

Dan Burks:

Ontario, Post 67.

Dan Burks:

Sheridan, Post 75.

Dan Burks:

Seaside, Post 99.

Dan Burks:

And if you can find this place, Aloha 104.

Members:

Woo.

Dan Burks:

Carlton 173.

Dan Burks:

Hillsboro, Post 6.

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Dan Burks:

Clat ... No, I can't even say this.

Members:

Clatskanie.

Dan Burks:

Post 68.

Dan Burks:

Sherwood, Post 56.

Dan Burks:

Tigard 158.

Dan Burks:

Williams, Post 50.

Members:

Go, Tim.

Dan Burks:

Stayton, Post 58.

Dan Burks:

I just would like to say that I'm really proud of how many of those there actually were this year.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Dan Burks:

It's fantastic. Okay. First to goal, [Penalton 00:11:09], Post 23.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Dan Burks:

Bandon, Post 26.

Dan Burks:

Grants Pass, Post 28.

Dan Burks:



Baker City, Post 41.

Dan Burks:  
Williams, Post 15.

Dan Burks:  
Mosier, Post 55.

Dan Burks:  
Stayton, Post 58.

Dan Burks:  
Florence, Post 59.

Dan Burks:  
Junction City, Post 61.

Dan Burks:  
Burns, Post 63.

Dan Burks:  
Port Orford, Post 76.

Dan Burks:  
Sisters, Post 86.

Dan Burks:  
St. John's, Post 98.

Dan Burks:  
Prairie City, Post 106.

Dan Burks:  
Vernonia, Post 119.

Dan Burks:  
Sutherlin, Post 121.

Dan Burks:  
Fallin, Post 123.

Dan Burks:  
And Dana King, Post 137.

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Members:

[inaudible 00:12:59]

Dan Burks:

First to goal. 100% honor goal.

Dan Burks:

Keizer, Post 17.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Dan Burks:

Middleton, Post 23.

Dan Burks:

Bandon, Post 26.

Dan Burks:

Grants Pass, Post 28. Sorry, I can't read sometimes.

Dan Burks:

Baker City, Post 41.

Dan Burks:

Williams, Post 50.

Dan Burks:

Mosier, Post 55.

Dan Burks:

Stayton, Post 58.

Dan Burks:

Florence, Post 59.

Dan Burks:

Junction City, Post 61.

Dan Burks:

Tried to kill her.

Dan Burks:

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Burns, Post 63.

Dan Burks:  
Ontario, Post 67.

Dan Burks:  
Wallowa, Post 72.

Dan Burks:  
Sheridan, Post 75.

Dan Burks:  
Port Orford, Post 76.

Dan Burks:  
Sisters, Post 86.

Dan Burks:  
Ione, Post 95.

Dan Burks:  
Mt. Angel, Post 98.

Dan Burks:  
Prairie City, Post 106.

Dan Burks:  
Vernonia, Post 119.

Members:  
Out again.

Dan Burks:  
Just leave the door open, stand there and listen to [inaudible 00:15:03].

Dan Burks:  
Sutherlin, Post 121.

Dan Burks:  
Fallin, Post 123.

Dan Burks:  
Sandy, Post 127.

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Dan Burks:  
Athena, Post 130.

Dan Burks:  
Dana King, 137.

Dan Burks:  
Oakland, 152.

Dan Burks:  
Carlton, 173.

Dan Burks:  
And White City, 192.

Members:  
Woo hoo.

Members:  
[inaudible 00:16:26] goal post.

Members:  
How many speakers are they have from Seaside? One-and-a-half? Two of them [inaudible 00:16:26]-

Dan Burks:  
And what you just [inaudible 00:16:26] out a minute? All right. 100% Goal.

Dan Burks:  
Forest Grove, Post 2.

Members:  
Woo.

Dan Burks:  
Bend, Post 4.

Dan Burks:  
Hillsboro, Post 6.

Members:  
Woo.

Dan Burks:

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Klamath Falls, Post 8.

Dan Burks:  
Keizer, Post 17.

Members:  
Awesome!

Members:  
Go that way.

Members:  
And this way.

Members:  
Go that way.

Members:  
[inaudible 00:16:35]

Members:  
Some people can't follow-

Dan Burks:  
The Dalles, Post 19.

Dan Burks:  
McMinnville, Post 21.

Dan Burks:  
Hood River, Post 22.

Dan Burks:  
Pendleton, Post 23.

Dan Burks:  
Bandon, Post 26.

Dan Burks:  
Prineville, Post 29.

Dan Burks:  
Hermiston, Post 37.

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Dan Burks:  
Baker City, Post 41.

Dan Burks:  
Saint Helens, Post 42.

Dan Burks:  
Tillamook, 47.

Dan Burks:  
Williams, Post 50.

Dan Burks:  
Mosier, Post 55.

Dan Burks:  
Sherwood, Post 56.

Members:  
Woo hoo!

Dan Burks:  
Stayton, Post 58.

Dan Burks:  
Florence, Post 59.

Dan Burks:  
Junction City, Post 61.

Dan Burks:  
Burns, Post 63.

Dan Burks:  
Ontario, Post 67.

Dan Burks:  
Clatskanie, Post 68.

Dan Burks:  
Wallowa, Post 72.

Dan Burks:

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Estacada, Post 74.

Members:

Wahoo.

Dan Burks:

Sheridan, Post 75.

Members:

Would you go out front and see if John March is out there?

Dan Burks:

Port Orford, Post 76.

Members:

He was sitting [inaudible 00:17:47]-

Dan Burks:

Sisters, Post 86.

Members:

Woo hoo.

Dan Burks:

Banks, Post 90.

Members:

Yay.

Dan Burks:

Ione, Post 95.

Dan Burks:

St. John's, Post 98.

Dan Burks:

Seaside, Post 99.

Members:

Woo hoo.

Dan Burks:

Aloha, Post 104.

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Members:

Woo.

Members:

Woo hoo.

Members:

[inaudible 00:18:45] everybody.

Dan Burks:

Prairie City, Post 106.

Dan Burks:

Vernonia, Post 119.

Dan Burks:

Sutherlin, Post 121.

Dan Burks:

Fallin, 123.

Dan Burks:

Beaverton, 124.

Dan Burks:

Madras, 125.

Dan Burks:

[inaudible 00:19:12], Post 126.

Dan Burks:

Sandy, Post 127.

Dan Burks:

Athena, 130.

Dan Burks:

Dana King, 137.

Dan Burks:

Oakland, 152.

Dan Burks:



Tigard, 158.

Dan Burks:  
Cannon Beach, 168.

Dan Burks:  
Carlton, 173.

Members:  
Woo.

Dan Burks:  
Portland Musicians, 185.

Members:  
Musicians is not [inaudible 00:20:22].

Dan Burks:  
White City, 192.

Members:  
[inaudible 00:20:28] list up then who did?

Dan Burks:  
Veterans of the war [inaudible 00:20:06]. 15 to 100.

Dan Burks:  
Wilsonville, Post 65.

Members:  
Hear, hear.

Members:  
Woo.

Dan Burks:  
101 to 250, Stayton, Post 58.

Members:  
Woo.

Dan Burks:  
251 to 500, McMinnville, Post 21.

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Members:

Woo hoo.

Members:

[inaudible 00:20:56]

Members:

Grenada.

Members:

Grenada-

Dan Burks:

500 and up, Milwaukie, Post 180.

Dan Burks:

Thank you [inaudible 00:21:07], that ends my report and request for our committee to be dissolved.

Commander:

Your convention commission will be resolved. Do I hear a second on that motion?

Members:

PER awards, are you given them?

David Solomon:

[inaudible 00:21:22]

Commander:

Okay, I heard a second from David Solomon.

David Solomon:

Thank you.

Commander:

Any discussion? All those in favor?

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

Opposed? Motion carries.

Commander:

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Okay, the next thing on the agenda is the PR and Publications. I understand Renee-

Members:

Oland.

Commander:

... Olard's going to do that.

Renee Olard:

The Public Relations and Publications met in the backroom yesterday at 1500. I was a replacement Chair for Charlie Schmidt. We had a very small group. Rules of [inaudible 00:22:28] 65 Jerry Elsway and Banks Post 90, Philip [Koes 00:22:33] were two that came in. Had a round table discussion, things outside of Legion publications that they can do in their community, hooking onto other veteran's events for non-Legion events, publications and all that stuff. We had resolutions to be discussed by the committee. We have awards.

Renee Olard:

We have 16 public relation awards.

Renee Olard:

Milwaukie, Post 180.

Renee Olard:

And half these people are still outside.

Members:

It's okay.

Renee Olard:

Carlton, Post 173.

Renee Olard:

Tigard, Post 158.

Renee Olard:

Vernonia, Post 119.

Renee Olard:

Prairie City, Post 106.

Renee Olard:

Mt. Angel, Post 189.

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Renee Olard:  
Harney County, Post 63.

Renee Olard:  
Stayton, Post 58.

Renee Olard:  
Bay Area, Post 34.

Renee Olard:  
Calvin Funk, Post 32.

Renee Olard:  
[inaudible 00:24:26] County, Post 29.

Renee Olard:  
Bandon, Post 26.

Renee Olard:  
Break Burns, Post 45.

Renee Olard:  
Albany, Post 10.

Renee Olard:  
Hillsboro, Post 6.

Renee Olard:  
Dean, Post 3.

Renee Olard:  
There are two newsletter awards. Membership 15 to 500, Hillsboro, Post 6.

Renee Olard:  
501 and up: Milwaukie, Post 18.

Renee Olard:  
I make a motion to dissolve the Public Relations Committee for this convention to be dissolved.

Members:  
Dissolved.

Commander:

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Have a second? John? [inaudible 00:25:37]? Do I have a second?

Members:

He's getting another award.

Cory Brockmann:

Cory Brockmann, Department Second Vice, I second that motion for dissolution.

Commander:

Thank you, Cory. So we have any discussion? All those in favor?

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

Passed. Okay, the next one is Bob Huff, VA & R, and Rehab.

Members:

[inaudible 00:26:05]

Members:

At the end of the [inaudible 00:26:14]i'm going to-

Members:

Might as well take [inaudible 00:26:16].

Members:

Two seconds, right?

Members:

It's only [inaudible 00:26:20], not just [inaudible 00:26:23] straight face.

Members:

Yeah.

Bob Huff:

The Rehabilitation Commission met yesterday afternoon at 1500 in the backroom here. There were only three members that were present: Larry Hill, Post 16, Chuck Zeitler, Post 10 and myself, Post 192 as the Chair. We had no resolutions. We did have copies of the VA & R Code of Procedures, which we went over for suggestions and talked about this year and what's been going on the last two years.

Bob Huff:

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We did review that and made some of our own recommendations for the future. We adjourned at 1531 yesterday afternoon and we do have awards for the Rehabilitation VA & R Award for membership of 15 to 500, is Burns, Post 63.

Members:

Hear, hear.

Bob Huff:

For membership of 500 and up, Albany, Post 10.

Bob Huff:

Commanders and delegate to this convention, I request that the Convention Committee for VA & R be dissolved.

Commander:

You. Do I have a second on that? I recognize Adam Getler.

Adam Getler:

Adam Getler Aloha, Post 104, I second the motion.

Commander:

Okay, thank you, Adam. Okay, so any discussion? All those in favor?

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

Passed. Next is a Resolution Assignment, Barry Brown

Members:

[inaudible 00:28:10].

Commander:

He's not, hey?

Members:

They're all standing outside.

Commander:

All right, we'll move on to Time and Place Convention Commission and Kevin Owens will report for John Marsh.

Kevin Owens:

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Commander, John Marsh gives his regrets, he's not here. He's in the big porcelain in the sky.

Members:

Yup.

Kevin Owens:

He's got some medical issues, so he's not here right now. The Time and Place Convention Committee met yesterday at 3:06 PM at the Beaverton Elks Lodge in the bar. Roll call was taken. A code of procedures were handed out on how to hold and run a convention. It's very important that when you get those code of procedures, as probably Adam can contest, that you need to read those very closely because it could be very costly to your Post if you don't because there's some requirements that a Post needs to do.

Kevin Owens:

Just a small one is rooms. You're required to give five rooms at the cost of your corporation, so please if you're going to hold a convention, have a look at those. There was no resolution to be acted upon. There was a great group discussion on future locations of conventions. It's in negotiations for the next department convention will be held in McMinnville, hosted by Post 21.

Kevin Owens:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM. Commander, I request as a delegate of this convention I request this Time Place Committee be dissolved.

Commander:

Thank you. Do I have a second on that? John?

John Cannon:

John Cannon. [inaudible 00:30:28] more important delegate to this convention, I second the motion.

Commander:

Thank you, John.

Members:

Terry Brown's back.

Commander:

Yup. Okay, so I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor.

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

Passed. So we'll now hear from Terry Brown with the Resolutions.

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Members:

Where are we going to [inaudible 00:30:58] against ...

Commander:

Okay.

Terry Brown:

Terry Brown, Resolutions side of the committee. We met at 1420 yesterday and we had seven members present. We had seven of the boilerplate resolutions, which is the thank you to the golf course and the hotels and whatever that be, and then four resolutions that were submitted. Again, a couple of those were just submitted as [inaudible 00:31:31] time, so I don't know if they were shipping forward or not.

Terry Brown:

As you can see, lots of discussion that went on for quite while. It was a good discussion, a lot of good points brought up. Basically, the membership resolution that changed the amount that was going to be collected on a trial basis, reviewed that two of the [inaudible 00:31:58] had submitted one for the changes to the districts. The other was the-

Members:

POW, MIA.

Terry Brown:

... POW MIA lighters. And then the other one was the finance resolution. The one thing I liked to bring onto was that we didn't finish our discussion until 1400-

Members:

1600.

Terry Brown:

.... 1600 and there doesn't seem to be enough time because those resolutions have to be recommended by the committee, then forwarded to our three other committees. I couldn't have got mine to Kevin because he had already disbanded by 1600, so I don't know how we can adjust that timeframe in there-

Members:

Work on that.

Terry Brown:

... yeah, so anyway. We adjourned at 1600 so I'd like to make a motion that we dissolve our committee.

Commander:

Do I hear a second on that motion?

Members:



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Stand up.

Members:

What?

Members:

Get over there in a mine.

Members:

You just wanted to get up.

Members:

Juan [inaudible 00:33:20] Second District, I make that second.

Commander:

I have a second, so do we have any discussion? All those in favor?

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

Passed. Okay, so the next thing on the list is National Security, Greg Martin.

Members:

Robert Martin.

Members:

It's Robert.

Members:

Right behind you.

Members:

Robert [inaudible 00:33:49].

Commander:

So is it Robert Martin or Greg?

Greg Robert Martin:

It's both.

Commander:

I'll hear from Greg Robert Martin.

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Greg Robert Martin:

Thank you, Commander. The National Security and Foreign Relations Commission, tonight we're having our awards for the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year awards. They'll be given out at the banquet. Our firefighter is Brent Wellington from Hillsboro Fire and Rescue. Our law enforcement officer is Detective Michael Day from Oregon City Police Department.

Greg Robert Martin:

This year we have the honor of both firefighter and law enforcement officers were Western Region's winners, so they'll get their awards for that again tonight and they'll both be going on to national contests for the National Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. We don't know when we'll hear on that.

Greg Robert Martin:

Blood donor awards, we're just giving out certificates this year for the six posts that turned in the information. The small Post is Memorial Court Cult and Memorial and the large Post is [inaudible 00:35:25], sorry. Scratch that. Wrong list. The let no rewards will go to Carlton Memorial, Post 173. Tigard, Post 158. [inaudible 00:35:52] Post 25. Albany, Post 10 and Milwaukie, Post 180 and Wilsonville, Post 65.

Members:

[inaudible 00:36:10].

Members:

Right here.

Greg Robert Martin:

So the colors are the awards for the small is Carlton Memorial, Post 173. The large is Post 180. Historian awards-

Members:

Have not been determined.

Greg Robert Martin:

... nothing determined yet. The Honor Guard, Carlton Memorial, 173. Post 180. The Ritual Team is Carlton Memorial, 173 and Albany, Post 10.

Members:

Talk into the microphone.

Members:

[inaudible 00:36:39]

Members:

They can't hear you.

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Members:

The microphone.

Greg Robert Martin:

Okay. And as a Billy-

Commander:

No, no. They didn't hear the awards-

Members:

Those tandem-

Greg Robert Martin:

All of them?

Members:

No.

Members:

No. [inaudible 00:36:46]

Greg Robert Martin:

Ritual Team, Carlton Memorial, 173 and Albany, Post 10. Sorry about that. As a duly elected delegate I make a motion that we dissolve the National Security Finance Commission.

Members:

[inaudible 00:37:34]

Members:

Okay.

Commander:

We have a motion. Do I have a second?

Members:

[inaudible 00:37:51].

Commander:

John?

John Staub:

John Staub, duly elected ... Not elected, what am I saying? Asked to be delegate. John Staub, Post 104, I second that motion.

Commander:

Okay, we have a second. Do we have a discussion? We have no discussion. Is that motion approved?

Members:

Aye.

Commander:

All those against. Passed. Do we have time? Oh. We have additional awards by the Department of Ashton, but I'd like to say one thing before we do that. All of these trophies and awards, certificates that went out, if you folks can't get the proper signatures on them and you can't meet the time deadline, then your submissions get thrown in the trashcan, okay? So please pay attention to what the deadlines are and the signature boxes. Thank you.

Members:

[inaudible 00:38:55]

Speaker 1:

Sargent-At-Arms, I have an award for an auxiliary member. Would you please go next door and pull G.N. Horne and have her come to the mic?

Members:

[inaudible 00:39:10]

Members:

How's that?

Members:

[inaudible 00:39:10]

Members:

Why?

Speaker 1:

Because they're out there.

Speaker 1:

So I'm just going to parrot this what he said about the awards that you send in. There were several that I read that were supposed to have additional comments and there was nothing, so it would give me a requirement space and it's just check marks, things like that. And there's, let's say for the Adjutant of the Year or whatever, okay, I know that Charlie was telling me that for the Adjutant of the Year, people, it means for this year, not the last 10 years the guy's been doing things. So that automatically disqualified you. So pay attention to the wording of these requirement things because it's real important.

Speaker 1:

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Furthermore, don't send me a blank one. I get them all the time. So as we're waiting for a person to come over here-

Commander:

Can you do a song and dance?

Speaker 1:

With who? On the table?

Commander:

No, no.

Speaker 1:

Do I need to drop trou or anything like that?

Commander:

No.

Speaker 1:

Sure!

Commander:

[inaudible 00:40:29] is working.

Speaker 1:

I know. I can always edit that out.

Members:

Oh, boy.

Members:

[inaudible 00:40:43]

Speaker 18:

Thank you. Thank you.

Members:

Thank you, thank you too.

Speaker 18:

You know, this department is run by volunteers. All of you are volunteers and some volunteer more than others. Some volunteer in spite of others, so I'd like to recognize somebody that's been doing a layout

for the legionnaire for the last three years [inaudible 00:41:32] and did more than that. I will read a little short thing.

Speaker 18:

"Department of Oregon Certificate of Commendation. This Certificate of Commendation is gratefully presented to G.N. Horne in recognition of your outstanding volunteer service as the Oregon Legionnaire Magazine, the layout person for the American Legion, Department of Oregon, and your many hours of assistance to the incoming administrative assistants, Mary Laudon and Annika Jorkensen, in helping them navigate the myriad of tasks needed to make the office run smoothly."

Speaker 18:

"And especially during convention preparation and assisting the Past National Vice-Commander Rob Liebenow with his new SAL tasks as he prepares to be their detachment commander, if he should be elected."

Speaker 18:

"Your loyal dedication and commitment to duty directly affected the areas you serve. This brought great credit upon yourself, the department, community, state and nation and, also, the auxiliary."

G.N. Horne:

Okay. Oh, no. I [inaudible 00:43:06].

Commander:

So it is now 11:00 and we are a half hour ahead of time. [inaudible 00:43:19]

G.N. Horne:

[inaudible 00:43:24] five minutes.

Commander:

Okay, we're ahead of time and we'd like to get out of here early, so tell them [inaudible 00:43:35]-

G.N. Horne:

Now, now.

Commander:

Apparently we've been requested by the auxiliary to have a little show, so we've asked them to-

Members:

Parade through.

Commander:

... parade through asap. We're a half hour ahead of schedule.

Speaker 1:

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So, why don't we do the what do you call it?

Members:

Luncheon?

Commander:

We don't want to do the nominations and all that because we got the candidates to speak and all that.

Speaker 1:

So why don't we do the books? Yeah, okay. We can't do that.

Commander:

No, we can't. It's all in order.

Members:

Let the candidates speak if they want to speak [inaudible 00:44:24]-

Members:

Peak efficiency.

Members:

... ahead of schedule.

Members:

Larry, it's an AP efficiency.

Members:

[inaudible 00:44:39]

Commander:

We're waiting five minutes for them and then [inaudible 00:44:56] ... What is that? Sounds like somebody's pooping. So that's you, Adam?

Adam Getler:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:44:56]-

Commander:

Making that noise?

Members:

We're not, Kevin [inaudible 00:45:01].

Commander:

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Hang loose for just a second. Are they coming? Tell them, "Tarry not, we're going to recess."

Speaker 1:

Say tell them, "Double-time."

Commander:

Hop, hop.

Members:

Tell them [inaudible 00:45:16] the double-time.

Members:

[inaudible 00:45:16]

Members:

Two, three four.

Members:

Double-time.

Members:

[inaudible 00:45:30]

Commander:

Oh, here they come.

Members:

[inaudible 00:45:39]

Commander:

Ladies and gentlemen, I introduce to you the Department of Oregon American ... Well, here we go. The ALA.

Members:

[inaudible 00:45:53]

Commander:

Lots going on.

Members:

Woo hoo.

Members:



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[inaudible 00:46:18]

Commander:

And one tag along.

Members:

Thank God. Thank you everybody.

Commander:

Thank you very much, ladies.

Members:

[inaudible 00:46:39] another holdout.

Members:

Okay, no [inaudible 00:46:43].

Commander:

Well, have a seat, please. Mary, we need direction from our Department Commander. I hereby recess this convention until 12:45. 12:45. See you later.

Members:

[inaudible 00:47:05]

Members:

Yahoo.

Members:

It was bad.

Members:

Not so horrible.

Members:

[inaudible 00:47:11]-