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Speaker 1:

Saturday, June 25th. Reconvene.

Speaker 2:

Please secure the guard.

Speaker 11:

Yes sir, your wish is my demand.

Speaker 2:

Thank you.

Speaker 12:

We're ready for the sermon.

Speaker 2:

Flag of our nation in place, hand salute. Two. Uncover. Chaplain, would you provide an invocation please?

Speaker 3:

Heavenly Father, we come to you again this morning as we close out our convention and we just ask you to be with us as we continue our deliberations in business. We pray this in your precious name. Amen.

Attendees:

Amen.

Speaker 2:

Thank you. Sergeant of Arms, please lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

Speaker 11:

Ladies and gentlemen, facing the flag of our nation, we all say together.

Attendees:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Speaker 2:

Cover.

Speaker 2:

So thank you all. I hope you all enjoyed the banquet last night. I certainly did. So we just have a couple of pieces of business that we have to take care of. We don't have too much time that it will take. We'll finish up some business. Then we'll take a recess to set up for an installation. During that period of time,

we need all past and current department officers, including district officers, to get their photos taken in the back. Any that don't get finished before installation, they'll be reset up again and you won't be able to start post-DEC until after those photos are finished. So, please help us and get that taken care of. So the first order of business, I'd like to call on the adjutant to update the list of national delegates.

Speaker 6:

So national delegates, I'll just go down the list here. Some of the forms that were put on the national delegate forms were actually from a post and they weren't signed either. So I think I've got it pretty ... If there's any mistakes, let me know. So out of District One, we got Lou Neubecker, Rob Liebenow. He has a call in. Cory Brockmann is a call in. Tom Harris, John Marsh, out of two. Betty Fish-Ferguson. She has a call in. Dan Everett's has a call in. Steve Shollenburg, the chaplain. Out of three, got [inaudible 00:02:53] and John Lee. John Lee has a call in. Out of four. You got Bob Huff, he's a call in.

Speaker 4:

There is no call in ...

Speaker 12:

There are no call ins.

Speaker 5:

There is no call in.

Speaker 3:

Not yet.

Speaker 6:

I'm just reading off of Charlie's thing that he's sent me. That's all.

Speaker 3:

[crosstalk 00:03:04]. That's not... That's the list.

Speaker 5:

Not official.

Speaker 6:

Okay. Not official.

Speaker 3:

We're ratifying the delegates for the national-

Speaker 6:

Okay. So Bob Huff on four. Gene Hellickson, out of five. Phyllis out of five. Andy Millar and Maria Ty out of six. Out of seven: Maury Yardi, Terry Brown, Judy Johnston and Flynn Phillips on staff. Larry Wittmayer out of eight. A staff, Charlie Schmidt, and Jim Jerome. If I've missed anybody, let me know.

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Speaker 3:

Thank you.

Speaker 2:

Yes, sir.

Speaker 3:

All right commander. [inaudible 00:03:48]. Comrade Commander Tim Troop, [inaudible 00:03:51]. Ward Allen is supposed to be on the list for District Eight.

Speaker 6:

Okay.

Speaker 3:

Thank you.

Speaker 6:

That's what I asked for. All right.

Speaker 2:

And how many total does that give us?

Speaker 6:

Let's see. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight.

Speaker 9:

They're doing their cheers.

Speaker 7:

Nine, 10, 11-

Speaker 9:

We're just going to [inaudible 00:04:17]-

Speaker 7:

Let's see. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

Speaker 3:

How many [inaudible 00:04:28]?

Speaker 6:

I don't remember how many [inaudible 00:04:31]. I just don't. I can't be sure.

Speaker 2:

Okay. That is 23 delegates for the National Convention. I believe we're close to 32 authorized in that neighborhood. So let us know if you have some additional people that would like to go and we could probably make a way to get them in. But we do need an approval for-

Speaker 12:

We can't hear you.

Speaker 18:

Nobody can hear you.

Speaker 3:

We need to ratify.

Speaker 2:

We do need to ratify that list of delegates to National Convention. So first price.

Larry Wittmayer:

Larry Wittmayer, First Vice. I make a motion we ratify this list that's been provided.

Steve Adams:

Steve Adams, Immediate Past Commander. I second that motion.

Speaker 2:

Motion to approve the list as read and the second. Any discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

Attendees:

Aye.

Speaker 2:

All those opposed, nay. Motion carries. Thank you. Okay. Last night at the banquet, we made several of our award announcements. So I'd like to share with you some of those people at this point in time. The adjutant of the year, Jim Kosel from Post 89 in Mount Angel. Chaplain of the year, Lynn Ham from Post Six in Hillsboro. SAL member of the year, Bill Wilkinson from Post 10 at Albany and SAL Dual Member of the year, John Staub, from Post 104 in Aloha. The Legion writers will present their arms ... So the Legion writers are having their statewide meeting at three o'clock this afternoon, but we happen to have a list of their awards. So the Legion writer of the year is Robert Baker from Post 144. The Large Chapter award goes to Eugene, Post 83. And the Small Chapter award goes to Stayton, Post 58. So is there any further business to come before this Legion convention? Okay.

Speaker 3:

Going to recess.

Kevin:

I know this is going to be like herding cats. It happens every year. Ron will tell you that. So when we have installation, District Commanders, don't be going all over the world. Phyllis is going to get you lined up in the front row with your District Presidents and your Vice Commanders and their Vice Presidents. Current officers that are going to move up an office will be up on the stage. And then everybody else can be behind. Don't sit in the back of the bus and then complain you can't hear. Move up close so it looks like you got a big audience. It's better for the photographer anyway he wants to get your mug. Hang around so she can find you. Don't be out in Timbuktu and then we got to hunt you down. Don't be out smoking four miles away from the building. So we want to get this smoothly, efficiently so we can get to the DC so we can go eat on [inaudible 00:08:27] and them guys. So there's free drinks that they're buying today.

Speaker 2:

Water.

Speaker 4:

Be on the other end of the room-

Kevin:

The other end. To make less stress on your wives, turn your chair around. We're going to open this slider, we're going to turn the chairs around and then fill in. Don't sit back here, if you would please. So we don't have to yell.

Speaker 2:

You want an aisle?

Kevin:

Yeah. Leave an aisle because we're going to have an incoming Commander, Incoming President, and the Incoming Detachment Commander walk up the aisle. Everybody else is going to be sitting. And then so Bob Huff will be sitting in the front, the Chaplain and the Adjutant and everything else will be sitting up at front. And then their officers. Yes?

Speaker 5:

Is it possible to leave the aisle about five or six feet wide?

Kevin:

If we can make it as wide as possible, let's try to make, but it's going to be kind of hard.

Speaker 4:

That's the whole room.

Speaker 12:

That's not going to happen.

Kevin:

I know.

Speaker 4:

Just trying to make sure Kevin can walk through it.

Speaker 12:

You might have to go sideways.

Kevin:

You're out of order.

Speaker 4:

I saw that look, Kevin.

Speaker 5:

Hey, I can't roller skate [inaudible 00:09:59].

Kevin:

That's like calling the kettle black there, fat bastard.

Kevin:

Don't you have some playground to go to or something? Take your pills. So anyway, please, we got to get back to making this. This is a special day for people and we need to make it where it's dignified. You know, it's a big deal getting elected to a department office. And Larry's wife is going to be there and they're going to get capped. And it's a day that you remember the rest of your life, because it only really happens once, at least for department commanders. We've never had double department commanders, other than a COVID year, but that doesn't count. I did that too for the DV. So anyway, we want to make this special, so please pay attention. Don't be talking. And if you could just make it easier on the Sergeant of Arms, because she doesn't want to be running around herding cats. You know how you veterans are, pesky.

Speaker 3:

If they want to talk, Kevin-

Kevin:

We want to start at 1100.

Speaker 3:

Kevin, if they want to talk-

Kevin:

If you want to talk, we got a receipt book.

Speaker 3:

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And we take money.

Kevin:

Any other questions about the installation? Yeah, there'll be questions. I know one of you Incoming District Commanders will be walking around "Where do I go"?

Speaker 5:

Where's Kevin red nose?

Kevin:

It's with Rob's apron. They're buried together.

Speaker 4:

Then you could switch hats.

Kevin:

So anyway, what else? Anything else? We're just killing time. Aren't we? Anybody got a joke? Besides Ward Allen?

Speaker 12:

Let's do the turnaround exercise.

Speaker 2:

You want to draw the sweepstakes things?

Kevin:

Yeah, you want to draw sweepstakes and see who won?

Speaker 12:

Yeah.

Attendees:

Sure. Why not?

Kevin:

I glued mine to the bottom so I'm going to win the first one.

Jacobs:

Change the mic up a bit and put your mouth a little closer so we can hear you back here.

Kevin:

Well get a damn hearing aid. Jacobs, you're sitting in the back. If you can't hear, get in the front. There's three, four seats up here.

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Speaker 2:

That's right.

Kevin:

You're lucky I wasn't your drill sergeant. I'd have tore you up.

Jacobs:

[inaudible 00:12:33].

Speaker 7:

I didn't know the coast guard had sergeants.

Attendees:

[crosstalk 00:12:39].

Kevin:

Hey. You guys all dog the coast guard, but I'll tell you, if you go to their boot camp, you won't be saying that because they're the second hardest boot camp. They're trained by the Marines. No shit. I'm telling you the facts because our adopted daughter was a boot camp instructor.

Speaker 4:

Just the facts man.

Kevin:

Other than the crucible and more shooting, it's pretty tough. 13 and a half minutes for mile and a half. I know none of you people could run a mile and a half and have to use an egg timer. Shut up.

Speaker 5:

You got to wade all day through the puddles?

Kevin:

I wouldn't be able to run it. I'd walk it two days, mile and a half.

Speaker 5:

Two days [inaudible 00:13:22]?

Kevin:

Oh, I know. I got you talking now, see. Who's the first convention? Please stand. Okay. Thanks for coming. Okay. We're going to draw your name first. Yeah, the one that's turning around. We're going to draw your name out and win a sweepstake, 2,500 bucks.

Speaker 5:

We're just trying to fix it here.



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Kevin:

I knew you had to wake up there. That'd hurt you.

Speaker 2:

Okay, the first one's going to be for a hundred dollars cash. This will be fifth prize. So who wants to dig in here?

Kevin:

I'll do it. We want honesty. [crosstalk 00:14:10].

Speaker 2:

All right. Stick right in there and dig down deep and just grab one. Not that one. The other one. All right.

Kevin:

It's me, right?

Speaker 2:

You want to announce it?

Speaker 12:

What's the color of the ticket?

Speaker 2:

Same.

Speaker 12:

What's the color of the ticket?

Attendees:

Same.

Speaker 2:

They're all the same dear. They were sent to you at your house and you turned around and sent it in.

Speaker 5:

So if you didn't, you can't win.

Speaker 7:

It's me?

Speaker 2:

Fifth place for a hundred bucks.

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Kevin:

Fifth place. Michael Redhead, Prineville.

Speaker 4:

I have to be here to win?

Speaker 2:

No.

Kevin:

No.

Speaker 4:

You want to write on back what it is?

Speaker 2:

Yeah, I wrote fifth place.

Speaker 4:

Okay, good. Excellent.

Speaker 2:

Fourth place would be \$200. Stand up. Dig deep.

Speaker 5:

Oh, look at that smile.

Speaker 2:

Not that one. Okay, fourth place. 200 bucks.

Kevin:

Fourth place Bradley Harney. Milwaukee. Is he here?

Speaker 4:

No.

Speaker 2:

Okay. Third place. 200 bucks. Stand up. Draw your own name.

Speaker 4:

I didn't enter.

Speaker 7:

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That's 500 bucks.

Speaker 4:

I know, but I didn't want to take the money away from the department. Let them take care of that.

Kevin:

Thank you. Appreciate that.

Speaker 2:

This is third place. Third place.

Speaker 12:

Third place.

Speaker 2:

Third place, 200 bucks.

Speaker 9:

Is every place 200 bucks?

Speaker 2:

Nope.

Kevin:

George Gallagher Elgin.

Speaker 2:

All right, we're going for a second place. This is for \$1000. Hold up. All right, stand up sir.

Kevin:

He's got a cane.

Speaker 2:

All right, put the cherry on top.

Speaker 7:

You can't take money away from Oregon.

Speaker 2:

All right. Second place. All right, sir.

Speaker 4:

Big money.

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Kevin:

Second place. Ronald [inaudible 00:17:07]? Sutherland.

Speaker 5:

Oh, down south.

Speaker 2:

Down south. What kind of writer do you want?

Speaker 7:

I didn't know that down south was eligible for anything.

Speaker 2:

[crosstalk 00:17:22] winning it. This is \$2,000. I think.

Speaker 5:

I hope you got it in your pocket, my friend.

Speaker 2:

Yep, this one's \$2,000 for a grand prize.

Speaker 5:

We don't have the money for this.

Speaker 4:

I think I know that guy.

Kevin:

And first place winner, John Rose from Salem.

Speaker 5:

Since none of them are here, let's donate the money back in the department.

Speaker 2:

Definitely. We're going to deduct offer from that and all good.

Kevin:

The auxiliary would like me to remind you that they have the raffles available outside. So as soon as we recess here, you can partake of those benefits.

Speaker 9:

As soon as you turn your chairs around.

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Kevin:

Again, I would like to thank our special guests that came down from Department of Washington. I spent some time working in with them this year, attended their department convention last year and learned a lot from them. So thank you for the advice. What's that?

Rob Levinol:

I still got the winning ticket. I'm still trying to sell the winning ticket.

Kevin:

Oh, okay.

Speaker 9:

Should we run it?

Kevin:

So Rob Levinol has some tickets available for the running print. Quite a value in that one. Please feel free, see Rob to get those tickets.

Speaker 5:

When will the drawing for those tickets be?

Jacobs:

He's going to donate \$500 to us. Remember?

Speaker 12:

No, it's 250. We're going to split it.

Kevin:

So any further business that we can take care of here before we go into recess?

Speaker 5:

What's this?

Larry Wittmayer:

It's our little thing.

Kevin:

Your little thing draws my attention. That means you have to say something.

Speaker 12:

Oh, turn around.

Larry Wittmayer:

Thank you very much for all your guys' services.

Kevin:

You're welcome. Thank you. So I've enjoyed working with Larry over the years a lot. So thank you, Larry. Okay. We're going to go into recess. We want to start installation promptly. So please help us get ready for that. Pay attention to what's going on. Then we can move through it quickly. The sooner we get that done, the sooner we can move into the post convention DEC and finish up for the day, and we definitely need to be out of here. The statewide Legion writers' meeting will be in this building at three o'clock this afternoon.

Speaker 5:

So what time should they line up?

Speaker 2:

What time would you like people to line up?

Rob Levinol:

Right now because it'll probably take that long.

Attendees:

[crosstalk 00:20:28].

Kevin:

So one more reminder: Dick will be taking pictures here for department officers of this last year and this upcoming year.

Jacobs:

Say 10:30 just ... Rob do your thing, but around 10:30, mosey in slowly back in. Then we can get you lined up and get started.

Speaker 4:

That's two cigarettes.

Jacobs:

Two packs.

Kevin:

Okay. So we will be in recess.

Speaker 12:

Turn your chairs.

Attendees:

Turn your chairs.

Kevin:

Who's that guy in Salem?

Speaker 12:

I love that song.

Speaker 2:

John Rose.

Speaker 9:

Oh, Rose. Is it Post 136?

Speaker 2:

It doesn't say what post.

Speaker 9:

Okay. I know a commander over at 136 in Salem. I'll see if he's in there and this is their mailing address. He could be a member of anyone. One's a ladies post, so it's probably not going to be that one. And then there's one other one. It's actually not in Salem. It's in ... Well, I guess it is.

Speaker 2:

136 and [crosstalk 00:21:50]. What state is he in?

Speaker 9:

Oh, that one. I'm not familiar.

Speaker 2:

So you have Susan Hughes for one. Betty Fish for two. David Applegate for four. John [inaudible 00:22:15] for five.

Speaker 9:

That's so strange. I don't remember that building. That's all right. I'll look them up. How many members? Did it seem like a big post? Seems kind of funny that I don't know about it.

Attendees:

[crosstalk 00:22:58].

Speaker 2:

And Daniel Burkes. Jim Jerome will move up to replace Dan Burkes.

Speaker 9:

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Is that District Two?

Speaker 2:

Yes. And then you got-

Speaker 9:

Salem.

Attendees:

[crosstalk 00:23:15].

Speaker 2:

All right, we are in recess. It is nine, almost 9:45. No, 9:50.