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Robert:

Reconvening

Corey:

Sergeant arms secure the doors.

Robert:

It's 12:22.

Dan:

I'll get it.

Corey:

Sergeant arms and assistant Sergeant at arms were all a wall.

Susan:

I think they went out to line.

Speaker 21:

Doors secured, sir.

Corey:

Thank you. Colors in place, hand salute, two.

Speaker 22:

Be seated.

Corey:

So we need the formal closure of the convention. I would like to make sure everyone has had their photo taken. Jim.

Jim:

Yes.

Corey:

Larry.

Larry:

Yes.

Kevin:

Yes.

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Corey:

James.

James:

Yes.

Speaker 27:

Yes.

Speaker 28:

Corey.

Correy:

Yes.

Corey:

I haven't.

Tim:

Yes.

Speaker 30:

Okay. Did you? Yes. Okay. And

Speaker 28:

Yes.

John:

Yes

Steve:

Sir. Yes, sir. Okay.

David:

Affirmative.

Speaker 10:

All right. So have you had your picture taken?

Corey:

No.

Speaker 10:

Nope.

Corey:

I can deal with that.

Speaker 11:

That's it.

Corey:

Any unfinished business to take care of from anyone? This is still convention. So convention, all delegates have a voice on the floor. Yes, sir.

Speaker 3:

Quick comment. Earlier in the convention, Any C Kevin announced that we're going to be collecting funds in our VCF buckets. And we've done that and thank you very much, in the absence of our Sergeant of arms yesterday, I want to point out the past national aid to the national commander, Dirk Levy stepped up, grabbed a bucket and raised several hundred dollars himself. Thank you Dirk.

Speaker 9:

Over 600.

Corey:

Thank you.

Speaker 9:

Just adjourn. Oh my God.

Corey:

Uncover. I call on the department chaplain for a benediction.

Speaker 4:

Also, we just heard that Jim Craig from post four passed away this morning, keep him and his family in your prayers if you would please. May the Lord, God bless all this is present here today, to memorialize those who lived and died to preserve liberty and freedom in our nation and in the world. And may the Lord our God remember all those who sacrificed, gave this nation its greatness is progress in its riches, may our memory and all those who served in the armed forces be an honorable one, full of Thanksgiving to the Lord, and remember with much love and mercy those who died in the service of our country, whether on air, on land or sea, be with us all as you provide the traveling mercy, as we return our homes today, we pray this in your name. Amen.

Audience:

Amen.

Corey:

Cover. Till we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever the main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization, and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom and democracy. Colors in place, hand salute, two. I now declare this meeting of the department, executive committee, the department convention adjourned. Thank you.

Robert:

I think he wasn't halfway down the road in the car like Jim Wills was.

Jim:

We went out and got him out of the parking lot to come back in.

Robert:

And he didn't want to come.

Jim:

Yeah, he was in wearing his shorts and-

Robert:

Yep, but he wore that with Brian.

Corey:

We're good, take your book [inaudible 00:04:41]. Oh, and I just got kicked out of my chair too. Put that one back. Please be seated.

Jim:

Colors in place hand salute, two. I'm going to dispense with all of the others. We'd just gone through all of it a minute ago.

Robert:

This is the post DEC.

Jim:

This is the post DEC.

Corey:

Yeah. You want turn that one on.

Jim:

I now declare this executive session meeting of the department of Oregon regularly convened. Could we have a roll call please from the adjective. Oh please be seated, sorry. Give me a little slack here, guys. A little,

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Robert:

All right, give me... Just a little bit.

Speaker 10:

[inaudible 00:06:45].

Corey:

No, no. I put my hat on after I had my bike, and then it stopped. Nice try Kevin.

Robert:

You're doing roll call, right?

Jerry:

Yeah.

Speaker 6:

Okay. Roll call. Department commander, Newton Debar commander, Larry Whitmayer.

Larry:

Here.

Speaker 6:

First vice commander. Corey Brockman.

Correy:

Present.

Speaker 6:

Second vice commander. Dan Burkes.

Dan:

Here.

Speaker 6:

Immediate pass Debar commander. Don Weber.

Don:

Oh, oh yeah.

Speaker 6:

Department at fly Phillips is here. National executive committee, man. Kevin Owens.

Kevin:

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Speaker 6:

National alternate executive committee, man Jean Helickson.

Jean:

Here.

Speaker 6:

Department finance, officer Bob Huff.

Bob:

Present.

Speaker 6:

Department chaplain, Steve Schoenberg.

Steve:

Here.

Speaker 6:

Department historian Dick Winders.

Dick:

Here

Speaker 6:

Department, judge advocate Jean Helickson.

Jean:

Here.

Speaker 6:

Department service, officer Ed Van Dijk, excused. Department service officer Jody marsh, excused.
District one commander Susan Hughes.

Susan:

Here.

Speaker 6:

District two commander, Betty fish Ferguson.

Betty:

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Glad to be here.

Speaker 6:

District three, Dale Jenkins.

Dale:

Me too.

Speaker 6:

District four. David Applegate.

David:

Present.

Speaker 6:

District five John Reish.

John:

Here.

Speaker 6:

District six Commander Randy Ty, absent. District seven commander James Morriady is filling in with first vice is Terry Brown.

Corey:

You have to seat me too.

Speaker 6:

Hadn't been seated and hadn't been seated. Sorry. District a commander. Tim Troupe.

Tim:

Yes.

Speaker 6:

District nine commander Larry Hill.

Larry:

Here.

Speaker 6:

District 10 commander Jim Jerome.

Jim:

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Speaker 3:

Not been seated.

Robert:

Not been seated?

Speaker 3:

No. Oh, okay.

Robert:

Remember he just stepped up.

Speaker 6:

Okay. Department Sergeant at arms, Phyllis York.

Robert:

Do we have do-

Speaker 6:

Phyllis York is not in the room. Department assistant Sergeant at arms Ward Allen.

Ward:

I'm here, but I didn't bring present.

Speaker 6:

Okay. A roll call of living past department commanders. Here we go. Robert D. Scott post 51, 1982 to '83. Excused, Patsy Nestor, 158, 1986 to '87. Excused Richard post 5 '93 to '94. Excused. Robert D Lebanon post 6, 1996 to '97.

Robert:

Here.

Speaker 6:

Thank you, Don Emerson, post 61 '97 to '98. Excused. Toby Potter George post 12, 2002 to three. Excused. Charlie Schmidt, 63, 2004 to five, he is excused. Sid Carter post 29, 2005 and six excused. Kevin Owens, post 34, 2008 and nine.

Kevin:

Present.

Speaker 6:

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Jackie Collison post 34, 20 10 to 11 is excused. John Marsh post 99, 2011 and 12.

John:

Yes.

Speaker 6:

Thank you. Robert Huff post 1 92, 2012 to '13.

Robert:

Present.

Speaker 6:

Mike Morris post 21, 2013 to '14. Excused. Randy LAR post 24, 2014 to '15. Excused. Okay. Jean Helickson post 86, 2017 to '18.

Jean:

Here.

Speaker 6:

Tom Harris post 119 2018 to '19 excused. Steve Adams supposed 51, 2019 to '21.

Steve:

Here.

Speaker 6:

And Don Weber. 104 2021 to '22.

Don:

Here.

Speaker 6:

He's here. I do believe we have a quorum gentleman. Soon as Bob tells you, we got to seat somebody.

Jim:

I think at this point, what we'd like to do is deal with the seating, the alternate district commander. So I would, I'd like to hear from our present second vice who has a statement concerning resignation.

Robert:

It didn't take long to reside, already. Oh, well you want be this-

Dan:

Commander, Dan Burke, second vice, I here by officially offer my resignation as district tan commander. I would like to pass it right back to the man who gave it to me in the first place, thank you, Jim.

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Jim:

I accept your resignation. Now. I'd like to hear...

Corey:

I'd like to make a motion to install the vice commanders for district seven and 10, both have been installed as officers of the department. So I make a motion to seat them at the table for this DEC.

Jim:

Do I hear a second?

Corey:

Department first vice commander, Corey Brockman, second's motion.

Jim:

Any discussion? All those in favor.

Audience:

I.

Jim:

Opposed?

Audience:

Nay.

Robert:

We have the Is, have it.

Jim:

The Is have it. For division of the house. All right. Moving right along. At this point I would like to introduce some guests that we have. We have in presence from the department of Washington, the alternate and NEC Bob Clark, and the department adjective Jesse Harton. And moving right along with the PNCs that we have and actually that's been taken care of through roll call. So we don't need to do that.

Robert:

We have the SAL detachments.

Jim:

Yes. We'd like to recognize the SAL detachment commander, Rob Libanow. So the next point is my remarks. And I'll try to make those as short as possible. I've talked about teamwork all through my caucuses and everything, and this is not going to work unless I get the teamwork of every one of you district commanders, please make the commitment to communicate with me and to communicate with

your districts. That's going to be essential for this team to be successful. In addition to that, I'd like to give you some announcements, We're planning an Oregon Legion college in Lebanon on July 16th through the 17th, and that's going to be for district commanders. And I would appreciate every district commander to be there because I'm going to hold a commander's call and outline exactly what I'm expecting from you this year. Please be there, we're going to deal with those that have over 300 mile round trip, and if I make it mandatory, then we have to pay you. Okay. So we're going to work on that.

Speaker 11:

Just give me your credit card.

Jim:

Yeah. Right, so I don't want to hear any excuses guys. I need it. Okay.

Robert:

Okay. And '80s.

Speaker 21:

Commander with respect, is it possible for people to attend it virtually?

Jim:

We can set that up.

Robert:

Okay. Thank you. Appreciate your flexibility.

Jim:

Next I'd like to give you the dates for the three DECs we're going to have this year and the locations, October 28th through the 30th will be Eugene.

Speaker 27:

Which one?

Jim:

That's-

Speaker 27:

We've got two posts in Eugene.

Robert:

It's not at post.

Jim:

It's not at a post. It's at a hotel.

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Robert:

Got a hotel in Springfield.

Susan:

Springfield?

Jim:

Yeah.

Robert:

Springfield, yeah.

Jim:

October 28th through the 30th.

Robert:

I know these.

Jim:

Any questions about that? Okay. The next one is January 13th through the 15th. That will be in Wilsonville/virtual. We did this last year. I thought it worked out pretty good, we're going to save the department some money. So that's what we're going to do. We're going to hold it in Wilsonville. Also, the next one will be held, the Springwood will be held in April on the 14th through the 16th in Redmond.

Robert:

That was the 16th?

Jim:

14th through the 16th in Redmond. In addition to that, I'd like to say that we are working diligently to make sure that our convention will be held in McMinville that's not confirmed yet.

John:

It is confirmed, sir.

Jim:

Oh, thank you, John. It's confirmed. Thank God. The 21st, excuse me, June 21st through the 25th. And hopefully we'll be able to hold it at evergreen. Hopefully

Robert:

It will

Jim:

Well, that's a... Let me see if in writing, so anyway,

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Robert:

Right on it, so.

Jim:

So that's where we're at on that. And I'm not going to hold you any longer with my remarks. I appreciate your support. Please give me your support all year. Okay. And that means attendance and meetings, that means communicating with your districts, that means everything guys, we need to get together as a team. So thank you,

Bob:

Commander.

Jim:

Yes.

Bob:

I'd like to make a motion.

Jim:

Okay.

Bob:

Department of finance, officer Bob Huff, I would like to make a motion that we approve to hold the department convention in McMenville on June 21st, the 25th, it takes a DEC vote.

Jerry:

I'd like to second it.

Jim:

Jerry Brown, second the motion. Any discussion? All those in favor.

Audience:

Aye.

Jim:

Opposed? John. No, thank you. All right. Motion passed. Work with

Speaker 9:

[inaudible 00:18:17] Anybody, that was so easy to get it done.

Jim:

All right. So could we hear the standing rules of the DEC please from our, our department or [inaudible 00:18:26].

Speaker 9:

Members of the department executive committee hereafter referred to as the DEC as using these standing rules are as set forth in article seven, section one of the department constitution and article four, section two of the department bylaws. Minutes of the previous meeting shall be sent to all DEC members at least 15 days prior to the meeting date, the meeting agenda shall be sent to all DEC numbers 15 days prior to the meeting date. Roll call shall include to pass department commanders, a voting member of the DEC may request a suspension of the standing rules that a non-member of the DEC be given the privilege of the floor for the privilege of explanation of a specific proposal that has been proposed to the DEC and is under discussion. Time shall be limited to five minutes. However, additional time may be granted to answer pertinent questions.

Speaker 9:

A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the DEC shall be required for an extension of time. All requests for expenditure of funds in excess of the budget of law adopted at the annual convention shall be sent to the DEC members and the members of the permanent finance commission at least 15 days prior to the DEC meeting date and must be in resolution form. The proposed annual budget as prepared by the permanent finance commission shall be sent to the members of the DEC not less than seven days prior to the DEC meeting. Voting shall be by roll call on all resolutions in the following order to street commanders, department first vice commander, excuse me, department second vice commander, department finance officer, junior pass department commander and national executive committee. The department commander shall vote only in the case of time. Members of the DEC shouldn't submit their reports in writing and reports shall be limited to five minutes and a copy of the same be given to the department administrative assistant.

Speaker 9:

All chairman of department standing commissions and committee shall submit their reports in writing. All motions must be originated by a voting member of the DEC all codes of procedures shall be submitted in writing to members of the DEC at least 15 days prior to the date of the fall DEC meeting. The standing rules may be suspended for a specific cause by a two thirds affirmative vote of the DEC members present. The advanced time notices are waved for the post convention DEC meeting. Any time a poll is needed, the depart management shall send out a letter of explanation with a ballot to be returned within five working days.

Jim:

Now we hear remarks from the past department commander, the immediate past department.

Corey:

Thank you. Thank you again for an excellent year. I just want to say that I would love to assist in any way that I can, anywhere out throughout the state, it's been great serving with you, and so I look forward to helping in any way I can. So thank you.

Jim:

Next thing on the agenda is district commander reports. So district one

Kevin:

Ask them a remark from the NEC.

Jim:

Oh, did I skip something?

Kevin:

NEC.

Jim:

Oh, I'm sorry. We'll, here from the National Executive Committee.

Kevin:

I want to congratulate you on your election to your office as district commanders, you play a vital role in this department, and the only way we're going to bring ourselves up, pick up our bootstraps and work together as the commander said, communication, that includes writing articles. I know this has been a big topic. You are the representative of your district, IF your district wants to hear from you, and we want to hear from what you got going on, because there's ideas out that each district does that are different, and there's nothing wrong about stealing that idea. So we really need you to start writing those articles. The commission chairman need to start writing articles.

Kevin:

We cannot continue doing boy state 26 boys. We got to do something, we got to do something with our programs. Our [inaudible 00:23:49] was really good last year, but we got to get ourselves motivated. Can't sit back and think somebody else is going to do it. Make something happen. Charlie Spitz says that all the time, make something happen, because our membership can't afford to do that. It's going to continue to go down with. People join organizations that are doing things, that's why they join. They don't join to sit in the bar, drink beer. That's not why I joined, I'm pretty sure that's not why all of you joined, because most people don't have post homes. So let's work together like the commander said, let's communicate. That's a problem, we don't communicate enough, we don't hear from you, so please.

Kevin:

Now one last thing, commander, if you give me privilege, because we don't have a finance part, Bob's going to talk about some of the stuff, the budget there's district commanders, if you look at the budget, when he talks about it that have no money assigned, that's because your predecessor didn't submit a budget. So if you want a budget, writing resolution submit the resolution, \$800 that's what the amount will be, \$800, you need to submit that. I know district seven, I have the budget. It wasn't put on the thing, but we'll fix that. But the rest of you, if you don't have a budget, you need to submit a resolution. We try to make it easy with a single form, two minute form, but apparently that was too difficult, so now we're going to do it the hard way you have to write a resolution and to get approved. So we really need to start doing stuff because we will deduct the money out of your budget. We will take it out of your budget, I guarantee it. And we want to put money back in there.

Kevin:

So just a minute, Tim, we want to put money back in your budget, we want to put some travel money in there, but you got to do the other things. Don't come to the DEC and not have a book of reports on

time. That those things are very important, we want to hear from you. When you give the book reports, it's all right to say, book of reports. I know there's this is thing about getting up saying, "Well, I got the book reports in the book reports, that's great." Don't you have any highlights? Don't you have something that happened after the book reports, let's hear from you. People want to hear from you, they don't want to just sit here and say, "Book reports, we're done." You came here for a purpose. So please let's help the commander, let's get our membership up. Oregon is the best and it can be better, we know it, that's why you're here. So please. Any questions, Tim? I know you had a question.

Tim:

Yes I did. I'm a little bit of loss, last time I did this, the money was automatically budgeted for the district commanders, and then if we had issues, it was deducted.

Kevin:

I'll talk to that one, negative. Okay.

Tim:

All right. That's why I'm done, not knowing...

Kevin:

Any other questions? Come on, let's make this great this organization great. That's why we're here. So anyway, thank you.

Tim:

Thanks Kevin. Yes we do.

Jim:

Now, we will hear district commander reports, district one.

Speaker 7:

We don't have a microphone here.

Jim:

That's up there in the middle.

Susan:

I don't have a report personally, because I just took over. But Lou's report is in the book reports from the post convention.

Robert:

It was last convention.

Susan:

My plan is I'm going to drop, we are starting with a commander's meeting at my post in August. And my first district meeting is in September and all of my, the ones that I have talked to, all the commanders

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have joined me considerably about getting the membership up and we're going to have fundraisers, so I will be traveling a lot this year.

Jim:

Thank you.

Betty:

Good afternoon. Good afternoon.

Audience:

Good afternoon. Good afternoon. Howdy.

Betty:

I here to say that I have the most outstanding leadership team already put in place and I'm so excited to start working with them. We're going to have a leadership team on Thursday of this week at a location still to be determined, I plan to make a visitation to all the 17 post district two a priority. I have paperwork and awards to distribute to them as soon as possible. And I just, I'm so excited to be here. Thank you.

Jim:

Thank you. It's appropriate to salute when you're finished with your report.

Speaker 6:

Before and after.

Audience:

You have my report.

Jim:

Well, I was talking her.

Audience:

I know.

Betty:

Good to be reminded. Thank you.

Dale:

Thank you sir. Dale Jenkins, district three, sweet hole, 133. I've been kind of out of the loop the last couple years because of operations and so forth and being mid depressed. But I've gotten through that. I am one that does contact department asked that man right there, and I'm not afraid to talk to anyone. And like I said, I've been out, but three, four months ago when I was told I was going to be district commander again, I was told I wasn't voted on, and what I had in mind was the same thing that we got all of a sudden coming from national. And then from some other officer, I just talked to, get all of my

posts in the paper one way or the other, and that's going to be starting Tuesday. If you're still here, go down to Florence, do the installation of the officers and I'm going to make sure he has paper there, and that's it's going to go all year, everybody getting them all-

David:

David Applegate, district four, I did write up the report for the convention. However, it was tardy and didn't make it in reports, but I did bring a copy, et cetera. And we've already started talking on making plans for the coming year. We have fourth to do of our 10 posts, at least four of them, we need extra work. So I'm looking forward to working with them and getting us going. Summary report.

John:

John Reese, district five. My plan for this next year is I've got four posts that are in very much distress. One of them being the prison post, and going to do some, whatever I can to resolve that issue. I've got three posts, one has three members, one has seven members and the other one has three members, and they've been like that for at least seven or eight years. They are in a very depressed area where the population keeps going down, what little businesses they have.

John:

One of them, if any of you are familiar with these Eastern Oregon, one of them is Spring, it is a town of less than a hundred people, their store closed, the only reason they still have a town is because O dot has a yard there for road maintenance. And there's no way that post is ever going to be [inaudible 00:31:40], so one of my goals is to get rid of those close those three posts at the same time, working membership like Ben, Ben post four, Ben has 82,000 people now, there should be two posts in Ben, at least trying to get membership up. That is my plans and my goals for this year, and that is my report.

Jim:

Thank you, John. District six, not here district seven,

Robert:

Need a microphone.

Jim:

Somebody grab that and hand it to him or something. Well it's okay ,good work.

Terry:

Excellent John, Terry Brown district seven, first vice commander. I believe Jim's report is in the book reports, but I'd also like to point out that of the seven districts or seven posts in our district, we have five goal posts, so that's pretty good. And one of the goal posts is not active. The other one was musicians who they have a hard time finding people to be musicians. And they made goal this year for the first time in a long time. But the post is real active in the community, I'm surprised we do two community breakfast a year and Veterans day, veterans, first responders they eat free. We use those also to get money for different projects within the post, we have members who are on the cemetery board, who are on the work at the community center, doing Meals on Wheels. The post just conducted the all night breakfast for the senior graduating class.

Terry:

I mean, it just kind of goes on and on. Our goal was to have something in the paper every month, something we did, a picture, just an article. And so sometimes we don't make every month, but we really try to strive that. So.

Robert:

Cruising?

Terry:

Pardon me?

Robert:

Cruising?

Terry:

Yeah. We have a big cruising coming up. Anybody has a nice cruising car that you'd like to submit to the cruise in, it's July 9th. It's going to be an Esticated Timber park. I have some forms on in my vehicle, I'll be glad to bring him in and give him to you. So yeah, just involvement, we got to keep our name up there, and this year we made gold. We're got to keep bumping it up. I don't how many I recruited just in my church, you go to social after church, you have donors, "You a veteran?" "Yeah. I'm a veteran." "I got a form for you." I think I did eight or nine of them that way. So it's just like, I guess if you ask, you get, so anyway, my report.

Jim:

Mr. Kate.

Tim:

Tim [inaudible 00:34:55] district date. We've had a tumultuous start because of the alleged merger discussions and plan, but if that has since been resolved, but it opened up a unique situation. We had posts that didn't know where they were going to be, they didn't know where their home was going to be. They had people that, "Oh, Hey, well we want to do this, but nobody else let us." So it built up a lot of resentment and it was built up for the wrong reasons. They were feeling that they were angry because they were being told what they had to do and where they had to go, rather than thinking the other way around the, how can we get in front of this and lead? How can we make this work together as a team? We had people working against each other, and that's come to show itself with the apathy levels that we're seeing in the posts in my district.

Tim:

And I have one post that hasn't held a legal meeting in several years and we still can't get it closed. Sandy closed 127 and we can't get anyone to take it as an officer, they have no legal officers. Yet somehow they still manage to survive the requirements to have a meeting, at least once a year. And this kind of a thing of where we've got rules and things that we're supposed to do, but we don't necessarily follow them. That's why I have for myself and I've taken on is, I have three rules, one, we're going to do it right the first time. Second, is we're going to have a good time doing it. Third, is if it's not fun, why are we doing it? Plain and simple. And our goals is to make sure that we're doing what we're doing, we're

going to enjoy what we're doing and we're going to do it right. Because if we don't do it right, then we can't achieve the goals that our commanders put forth for us. And we're going to follow.

Jim:

Thanks Tim.

Tim:

Thank you.

Jim:

District nine.

Larry:

Just get up here after I get it on caught. Oh, Larry Hill district nine. Well, we take a look at what happened last year, it was sort of a dead year my fault. I'm awake now, sort of like the sleeping giant. So it's time to really go out and take names and kick fanny. We have supposed to quietly do a lot of things. Bandon is one, I'm really looking the way Bandon does it, they actually work very well with their sister post down there, the VFW shock, surprise you might hear that, they're doing a great job. Little, all that, you got [inaudible 00:37:26] it's dead, it's in extremist. He's been putting the AED on it about every other week. Hasn't done any good, got no officers or anything else so I can see what the future for that one might be. If there's not hard or well for them.

Larry:

We've got another post up in coquil, well, it's a little shaky because the old adjuvant rounded up seven people said, "Come on down, swear him in." I went down swore him in, three days later the commander resigned because she's 82 and lives in a little place called Dora, she goes to her door with a 357 in her hand. Okay, so we got some work to do there too, we really do. It's going to be a challenging year, and we got other posts that step up and they quietly do things and they just accepted us. Hey, we did it, it's part of our routine. It's what we do, but we never toot our horn. So there's going to have to be some more into ignition, end of my report sir.

Jim:

Excellent. John. Before we get to you, Jim, I have a comment to make, I have heard at least four or five district commanders here say we are doing so many things, we've got so many activities. Just about all of us have cell phones and those cell phones have cameras in them. And all you have to do is snap a picture and get a report done, get it on, in the Legionnaire. toot your horn, that's my comment, Jim.

Jim:

Commander. You missed it.

Jim:

Sorry,

Jim:

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Our first meeting's going to be August 6th. It's going to be at 077 and you're invited.

Speaker 13:

Thank you very much for the invitation.

Jim:

Do you need the sheet?

Robert:

You need a visitation sheet.

Jim:

Yeah. Okay. We'll get it to you. The other thing as everybody knows, district 10 made goal, population wise, but we were not a goal district. We had three that didn't quite make it, as far as their goals, but we're going to work with them, bring them forward. The other thing is it looks like we're going to have a strong candidate for rhetorical next year. So we've got that on the agenda and I'm not sure what Dan left me,

Speaker 4:

A mess.

Jim:

So anyways, we're going to move forward, we're going to be part of your team. We're going to try to build our membership and keep moving. Thank you.

Jim:

Thank you. Okay, we'll hear. Thank you very much for those district commander reports. We'll hear a report from the first vice commander.

Corey:

Members of the DEC and my comrade, looking forward to working with you this year. I am a department first vice commander, Corey Brockman. I would request that the Sergeant at Arms come forward and distribute to copies that have been made available for the district commanders. Two items I'm going to have you take home with you, one is hot off the press, it's the latest public relations toolkit encompasses social media platforms, all kinds of tools that can help you write letters.

Speaker 15:

Sergeant of Arms, could you please close the doors.

Susan:

Oh, we're getting a bleed over.

Jim:

No, it's not a bleed over though, there's switches down there to turn off. Everything's stack up one more.

Corey:

Three bells, what is that you Navy guys?

Speaker 7:

That would be 12:30. I wonder.

Corey:

So we got a little sound coming from next door. I know these are really popular because I brought in about 20 copies this morning, and before we got together here, I count like there's 10 or 11 left. So some grown legs haven't walked already. Great tools for your PR chairpersons at the district and in your post. The second item that's going to come around is a folder, it either looks like this one or it's the Oregon logoed one on the front. VCF is extremely important. As you heard NEC Kevin, speak to the issue.

Corey:

We've been assessed 25 cents per member to help raise funds 25 million over the next seven years. We're already over the 50% goal, NEC Kevin got some exciting news he'll share in the coming weeks, probably after the fall DEC. The packets aren't just for you to fill out, there's a canned speech in there that takes about a minute and a half to read. Read it at your district meetings, go to your civic organizations, we heard Renee Oler pass the commander and two, talk about her networking with civic organizations, the Elks rotary, P Wanas, all those. Great other sources of revenue. District commanders,

Jim:

Corey.

Corey:

Commander.

Jim:

Could you get a copy of that public relations to the public affairs chairman?

Speaker 3:

Yeah,

Robert:

That'd be him.

Corey:

Yeah.

Terry:

Thank you. Yeah.

Corey:

And if Brussel's back from the spring and NEC meetings, that's where we picked him up at. So just for commanders, please, please, please work with your district presidents in establishing your district meeting dates. Commander Larry's talked about being a team this year and starts right there at the district level and have your posts do the same. Please get those dates together, sooner. Commander, Larry, didn't speak about having those available to record at the Oregon agent college, but it would be nice if they're set for the whole year. Not that they can't be flexed for whatever reason. Part of the challenges we had this year is we'd run from one quarter to the next and the district meeting dates were never firmed up. So please do that. The last item I've got, what am I going to be doing this year? Buddy check engagement, buddy check engagement. I'm working to increase our visibility at the department level while chairman Dan, your second vice working boots on the ground with the membership and post activities. Commander, that's my report.

Jim:

Before we go onto the second vice commander's report, something came to mind. I was remiss telling you, not giving you all of the information about the up and coming Legion College, and I will be sending out an email to all the district commanders who I would appreciate they also provide it or provide that information to anybody in their districts that wants to come, but I'll get that out within the next couple of days. And so now we can hear from the second vice commander.

Speaker 7:

Thank you commander. This year, I haven't had a chance to speak with Lou New Becker, our Americanism chair, just because he had his own surgery. So immediately following this DEC I will be getting a hold of him, formulating a plan on making sure that he has everything he needs so we can push forward with programs and help him grow this year. For membership, again, I am going to be the membership and post activities chair, so we will be holding monthly meetings and district commanders I would expect that you'd make every effort to attend them, especially since we do them virtually along with you or in your place, please have your first vice or membership chairs for the districts, those are very important.

Speaker 7:

As soon as you can and following this meeting, once you guys establish who your membership chairs are going to be for the district, please get me their information, their email addresses. As I put out reports, I like to get it out to all of you. We are doing things just a little bit different this year, as we're going to have more than just the normal five people on the membership commission, and most of them are going to be stationary and calling around and helping assist you guys with stuff like revitalization, buddy checks and renewals. So with that being said, commander.

Jim:

Next report will be from the department finance chair.

Speaker 10:

Commander report, Bob spoke, you're going to ask you question. You set the dates for Legion college and I'm not sure you're aware of that, there is could be some field of track in Eugene and you will not get a hotel. It starts on the 15th and you will not get a hotel, they're almost booked all the way to Salem for hotel rooms. I mean they are solid and they're charging three to 400 bucks a night. So just a thought. I know that it's going to be in Lebanon, if you're trying to house anybody, you are not going to find housing.

Speaker 16:

Might try sweet home. Coming back there in hole, we got a couple hotels.

Speaker 10:

Just the thought I was, just... Everything's been booked, I know that's around a 48 [inaudible 00:47:17] convention.

Robert:

[inaudible 00:47:19] Wilson.

Jim:

Okay. So our department training chair is going to have to look into that and we may have to slide to date, but at any rate where you're not going to cancel it.

Robert:

Commander.

Jim:

Get him Bob

Bob:

Members of the DEC, in front of you'll have a copy of the budgets, but I'm going to cover a couple other items before. This is not the one that was handed out at convention because we have voted on several things and they're incorporated in this budget. First, excuse me, our budget year has been changed. We changed it a couple years ago with the IRS and we will be not being able to change that for the next 10 years. Our budget, the existing 21/22 budget goes to the end of September 30th and the new budget that we just voted on and approved starts on 1, October. The budget that you have as a district commander is for DECs. It is for your hotel rooms at the DECs, it's not if you have budget money, which I'll get to, I'm doing all the good stuff first, if you are traveling in your own district, which you're supposed to, and you should be visiting all your posts at least twice during your term and doing assessments of those posts.

Bob:

If you're getting funds, those funds come from your own district, they do not come from department. The budget on this sheet is for these DECs and this convention. When you're doing your visitations, and by the way, this will be in every Legionnaire, and every time I talk during the year, and a lot of you are very familiar faces and we've done this before, you need to check that your posts have submitted their taxes for that year. A lot of our posts, because we don't have a lot of big posts are able to do 990 Ns. If

they do not do that or their other taxes, they will get a very nice letter that says that their EINs are revoked. And we've gone through this a lot. And I know one person here has asked me to check on their post, which I will, when I get back to my computer. There are other things on that visitation sheet that you need, questions you need to ask and fill out and please do it, it's part of what we do.

Bob:

And I'd like to reiterate on something that our NEC said, The Legionnaire and I was a district commander for three years, and at that time we put articles in all the Legionnaires and we would tell our members when our next DEC meeting was and the other things that we're working on and the good things that happened at a lot of our posts, Paul post, I don't care which district, we have some posts doing some good things. And at the same time, take a picture, send it to our adjutant and get it so everybody in the department knows what's going on. This which item that you have right here is an approved for our next budget for 22/23. It says proposed because it wasn't approved until we were in this meeting. Also in this budget, and I know Tim asked me about the actuals, the actuals go through April, the numbers that we had of money that was already spent.

Bob:

If you go back, and this also is for the chairs. If you go back to your item where it says district commanders, we had a lot of people, a lot of the previous chairs and district commanders, and they were called and they were asked to submit their budgets and did not submit any budgets. So there will be no funds there. And then of course, we had a few that said we don't need any money. And yet those programs, the next person may need the money.

Bob:

So what ends up happening, if you are going to need funds after October the first, you need to put in a resolution for that money and probably talk to somebody else to where the money is, that's going to be a little bit of an issue. So please look at these, please submit your reports. And I know Richard and I, when we were district commanders, and I know I'm not supposed to speak to you because you're out there, but we used to do assessments and doing the assessments like John is talking about where, and we all have posts in our district that have not been functional.

Bob:

And I know when I took over as a district commander, I walked into a post and didn't know I couldn't take their charter, but I took it because everybody was drunk at the meetings and there was no American flag that I made out the assessment and made the commander, I sent everybody home and had them come back the next morning and had the commander sign the report that they will not drink. But when you do the assessments, it will tell you the condition of that post. And some posts are doing stuff that are, I mean, it's good stuff, but you need to do the assessments. We need to get back to where we're in the post. Yes, these are the things that we need to do. And if that, if there's any questions I will take them or everybody has my phone number. If you don't, I will give it to you because I am available to talk to you at any time. Commander that is my report.

Jim:

Thank you. One comment about assessments. When I was district commander, I would go to the post meeting and then sit down with the Adjutant, the Adjutant fill out the assessment. It's not a report card,

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it's an opportunity for the post to talk about what they do and that kind of thing. So it's not a report card.

Bob:

It's a tool.

Jim:

Yeah. It is a definite tool.

Bob:

That's what it is.

Jim:

Okay. We'll hear now for... Do we have any post charters for suspension or cancellation?

Bob:

No.

Jim:

We don't.

Bob:

No.

Jim:

Okay. Now we'll hear from the concerning the ratification of commission members. And so

Robert:

Everybody has the list.

Jim:

You all have the list. I have a couple of changes to the list, if I could find them,

Robert:

Just make a change.

Jim:

Hang on.

Bob:

Commander. I'll be making a recommendation for another member for one of my commissions.

Jim:

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Okay. That's going to have to come later then.

Bob:

Absolutely, after the-

Jim:

Okay. The changes that I'm going to make are with the Boys State committee, the chair for the boy state committee will be Fred Broadwater.

Robert:

Just a minute.

Jim:

And we will include Ian as co-chair and Don Weber will be on that committee. And Dirk Levy will be on that committee. And Rob Lebanow will be on that committee. Did I forget anybody Rob?

Robert:

Jim Craig has passed away.

Jim:

Jim Craig passed away, he's off the committee, of course.

Bob:

Who is the first?

Jim:

Okay?

Susan:

Yeah.

Bob:

Excuse me commander.

Jim:

You want me to go over that again?

Bob:

Yes, please.

Jim:

Okay. The chair for Boy State is Fred or-

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Bob:

Broadwater.

Jim:

... Broadwater. We'll have Don Weber, Dirk levy, Ian [inaudible 00:55:54] , and Rob Lebanow. The next change I have is for children and youth. And I would like to, I'm going to take off Lisa Han, and add Robert Soria and Cheryl Loberger. Okay, and I'll talk to you about the years.

Bob:

Cheryl what?

Terry:

Can you repeat that one more time?

Jim:

One time.

Speaker 18:

Robert who?

Jim:

Robert Soria.

Robert:

S-O-R-I-A.

Jim:

S-O-R-I-A. And Cheryl.

Bob:

Loberg.

Jim:

Loberg Berger, I think it is. I'm not positive. Okay. And then the remaining people are, you already have a list on. That's the only changes that I... Oh, I have one other thing, Cheryl Loberger will be added to the media and communications commission.

Robert:

All right. Let's get there. It's media, [inaudible 00:57:00] Cheryl Loberger.

Speaker 10:

The commission was required to have a committee chair.

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Jim:

The commission has a chair that is you and one member.

Speaker 10:

And the committee is the chairman of the Legionnaire committee, the [inaudible 00:57:23] committee and the IT committee.

Speaker 16:

Per constitution and bylaws.

Jim:

Okay. So that's the only changes that I have. So do we need a motion to.

Speaker 16:

Yes.

Bob:

Yeah. We've got-

Jim:

Fine. Okay, so you have to read all of them.

Bob:

Well, unless everybody's-

Jim:

Everybody has a copy. All of you district commanders have a copy of this, correct?

Robert:

Correct.

Betty:

Yes. [inaudible 00:58:00].

Speaker 12:

This is the constitution bylaw saying you appoint everybody aggressive to the approval of the DEC, that's why the [inaudible 00:58:10].

Jim:

Right, okay. Yeah, and the clarification there was that I appoint all of these members subject to the approval of the DEC. So that's been a three month work, don't change it, no, I'm just kidding. So at any rate, I think what we need-

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Corey:

Yes, you've done a lot of hard work, but I'm noticing that there's still a lot of open slots on here. Is it just not enough people who volunteered to work with you or?

Jim:

Absolutely.

Bob:

So do we want under new business-

Jim:

I'd like to recognize Rob leaving out at this point, here's Rob

Robert:

Commander Rob [inaudible 00:58:50] past department commander privilege of the floor.

Jim:

You have it.

Robert:

In the past, we have read all of the chairman's names.

Jim:

I can do that.

Robert:

That way. We know who the chairman are, members, they were just ratified as is if-

Jim:

I'd be glad to do that, as a matter of point. So go ahead. I can't even read it.

Bob:

Oh, the adjutant[inaudible 00:59:16].

Speaker 3:

I can.

Jim:

Yes. Would you read it

Bob:

The adjunct.

Speaker 3:

I'm supposed to read it.

Speaker 6:

You want Linda to read it or do you want Corey?

Corey:

Commander department first vice commander, Corey Brockman. I make a motion that we approve the following commission and committee chairs as I read them. And we'll look for a second upon my concluding reading all of those. Administration and advisory commission chair, Charles Schmidt, Americanism commission chair, Lou Nubcker, baseball committee chair, Mike Soels, Boy State committee chair, Fred Broadwater, Children Unused, which is also the vice chair of Americanism. Ibet Morris Warrington, junior shooting sports air rifle, Ronald Salem, law enforcement career camp committee, the Jim Willis, law enforcement career camp committee Ed Owens [inaudible 01:00:17] Maria Ty, scouting committee, Larry Whitmeyer, convention commission, John Marsh, internal affairs, Richard Ramey, American Legion writers, Gal Sears, constitution and bylaws Ward Allen.

Corey:

Resolution assignment committee, Terry Brown, Sons of the American Legion, Steve Adams, training and development, Steve Adams, trophy and awards, Judy Johnston, media and communications, excuse me, legislative commission, John Lee, Media and communications commission, Don Weber, Legionnaire committee, Renee Oler, information technology committee, Larry Edwards, public and relations committee, Don Weber, membership and post activities commission, Don Burkes, National Security Commission, Greg Marvin, Foreign Relations committee and ROTC, Tom Fitzgerald, Law and Order Homeland security, David Solomon, Military Benefits and Quality of Life, Adam Getman, National Guard and Reserve, Greg Marvin, Permanent Finance commission, Kevin Owens VA and our commission, Bob Huff, Vets, Veterans Employment and Education commission, Bob Huff, Veterans Education and Homeless Committee, Bob Huff, the Oregon American Legion foundation, Kevin Owens and the Department Policy committee, which is not an organized committee within our bylaws, but we have it here as Larry Whitmeyer as the department commander. That is the motion I made.

Robert:

Thank you.

Jim:

Do I have a second?

Speaker 5:

You have a second.

Jim:

Any discussion

Kevin:

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Commander, Kevin Owens NEC, a couple items. Under for Toco committee have Steve Burgundy.

Speaker 8:

He's in Florida.

Kevin:

Oh, he's moved to Florida and the other, and the other item would be because we have multiple people being chairman the DCS to approve that because it could only be a chairman of one committee. And then the third item, just for clarification, the Oregon American Legion foundation is separate corporation, so it doesn't need a.

Robert:

It's not approval.

Kevin:

Yeah. So we elect our own officers.

Speaker 9:

Also IT committee, Kirk [inaudible 01:03:02], California now.

Kevin:

Okay. So we need approval too.

Jim:

We need to remove Kirk

Robert:

Remove Kirk Cornor.

Jim:

And let-

Kevin:

I just was making a point of [inaudible 01:03:16].

Speaker 9:

We will need another motion to approve having a district chairman for more than one commission.

Robert:

I'm sorry, I did not hear that. Would you repeat that please?

Speaker 9:

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We will need a motion to approve having a multiple com... A commission chair, holding more than one chair, according to the constitution and bylaws it's legal, but it needs to be approved by the DEC.

Speaker 13:

Do we have a motion on the floor that [inaudible 01:03:59]?

Speaker 11:

Right.

Jim:

But we have a motion on the floor, but I'd entertain it can we-

Speaker 9:

You can amend your motion.

Jim:

Okay. The motion on the floor was to approve the list as it is with changes. I would like to amend that motion or did you make it yeah, amend it for more than [inaudible 01:04:23].

Corey:

Department first vice commander, Corey Brockman. I amend the motion stated to also include having multiple commission or committee chairs to hold multiple commissions or committee seats.

Jim:

Thank you. Do I have a second on that?

Robert:

Second.

Jim:

All right Drew.

Drew:

I'm wondering, are we going to be able to have a discussion on the second motion? Second half of the amendment of having more than one person chair the commissions, because that, in my opinion should be a case by case in individually, not in a group, not to do add more time, but each individual should be for in regards to the commissions they have?

Jim:

No, this is not a witch hunt.

Drew:

It's not a witch hunt.

Jim:

Okay. The point we have a motion on the floor and we have a second, and that is to approve the list as it is, and have the ability to have more than one person hold a chair seat. And I have a second, and we've had discussion, is there any other discussion? All those in favor?

Audience:

Aye.

Jim:

Approve all right, just.

Audience:

Nay.

Jim:

Sorry. Pass. All right. Let me get back to my script, please. I would like to say just one thing about that whole thing. I hold in my folder here five years worth of these lists. And in some occasions there were people that held three positions. It is extremely hard to find volunteers and we're getting shorter and shorter with people that are qualified. So we're doing the best we can.

Robert:

We have no awards.

Jim:

Do we have any awards? We have no awards.

Robert:

And no unfinished business that I know of.

Jim:

Do we have any unfinished business? No. Any new business?

Bob:

Commander, I don't know if this is the appropriate time for new business, but I want to add somebody onto my commission an under study.

Jim:

It's too late now. It's already been approved. We'll do it the next DEC.

Bob:

Okay, because I wanna ask-

Jim:

They can work on the committee.

Bob:

Okay. No problem. That works.

Jim:

Okay. Anything for the good of the order? Goodness. I'd like to hear the adjutants report now.

Robert:

Make it quick.

Speaker 6:

I will make it quick, but I'm really concerned about, we need more LECC candidates. We're getting round down to the very wire and Ed Owens is I think we lost one kid he backed out. So if you've got anybody out there, I know Charlie Schmidt's got one or two, but beat the drums let's get more than as many LECC students that we can get out there. And also on your, Otorical, those topics are on the national site, you should be preaching that stuff out so these kids can download that stuff and start practicing. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Tim:

The email you have listed for me on the confidential list.

Jim:

That's business week.

Tim:

... They handle it later, it's business for the-

Jim:

You are not recognized, Tim, please do it later.

Robert:

All right.

Jim:

Okay. The time and place of the next DEC is October 28th through the 30th in Eugene. So if I could hear from the department chaplain for vet addiction, we'll close.

Speaker 4:

Father, God, thank you for guiding us in our deliberations in business this last week for our convention, let us move forward this upcoming year to fulfill your will. Thank you for your blessings to our Legion families and keep us safe until we meet again. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Jim:

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Cover till we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties and citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization, and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom, and democracy colors in place, hand salute, two. I now declare this meeting of the Department Executive Committee adjourned. Tim, you really, you can handle that afterwards,

Tim:

But everybody has to long for me, and the wrong-

Jim:

He'll put it out.