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95th Fleet Reserve Association

National Convention

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Nugget Casino Resort

Sparks, Nevada

1 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate national Chaplain,
2 would you please open the Bible?

3 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
4 President, the Bible is open.

5 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, shipmate.
6 Shipmates, please cover. Join me in a hand
7 salute. Two.

8 Do you think I need to let you sit down?

9 I now declare the --

10 NJPNP CAMPBELL: Shipmate National
11 President.

12 NP ROBBINS: Yes, sir.

13 JPNP CAMPBELL: Let the record show that
14 the junior past national president is in the
15 uniform of the day. Good afternoon, folks.

16 NP ROBBINS: I now declare the second
17 business session of the 95th National Convention
18 regular convened.

19 The chair requests that the credential
20 chairman provide the second credentials report if
21 there has been any changes to the report.

1 PRP HATLIFF: Shipmate National

2 President.

3 NP ROBBINS: Shipmates, let's keep the
4 chatter down when somebody is talking, please.

5 PRP HATLIFF: Shipmate National

6 President, the credentials worksheet is located
7 in delegate kit F Yankee.

8 Authorized voting strength, 876.

9 Branches represented by delegates, 48. Votes
10 represented by delegates, 455. Branches
11 represented by proxy, 70. Votes registered by
12 proxy, 323. Branches not registered, 29. Number
13 of registered delegates, 89. Registered voting
14 strength is 778. Votes not registered, 98.
15 Two-thirds voting strength is 519 and majority
16 vote is 390.

17 The following is a list of unregistered
18 branches. The worksheet is located in the
19 delegate kit F X-ray. Branch 13, Branch 44,
20 Branch 50, Branch 060 -- sorry, we'll start
21 again. 13, 44, 50, 60, 63, 67, 68, 74, 86, 102,

1 103, 123, 127, 145, 171, 194, 199, 221, 223, 227,
2 247, 263, 281, 292, 301, 310, 342, 367, 371, 377.

3 On behalf of the committee, I move that
4 the role of delegates hereby submitted be the
5 official role of the voting members in this
6 committee.

7 SPEAKER: Second.

8 NP ROBBINS: Are there any questions? I
9 have a motion, I have a second. Are there any
10 questions on the second credentials report? Is
11 there any questions on the second credentials
12 report? No questions on the second credentials
13 report. Say aye.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 Any -- I messed up on that. Any nays?

16 (No response.)

17 Okay. Shipmate chairman, reverse phone
18 call.

19 We will now commence receiving regular
20 reports of the national convention committees.

21 And before I go into that, we forgot to

1 do something yesterday. I want every newcomer,
2 that this is the first time they have been to a
3 national convention, to stand up. Thank you very
4 much.

5 Now shipmates, now you have your hands
6 full meeting these new shipmates and leading them
7 around and helping them out.

8 Chairman of the steering committee will
9 update the following: Shipmate John, are you
10 doing the steering committee? Well I guess you
11 are now. Do you have anything you want to
12 report, John? I know I caught you off guard, but
13 you guys have my script in the office.

14 S/M DAVIS: John Davis, Branch 181. Can
15 you hear me okay? Can you hear me now? Okay.

16 I just want to let you all know, we
17 talked yesterday about us getting a continuing
18 resolution passed. Since we talked last, the
19 Senate is about to pass a continuing resolution
20 to keep the government open up until November 17.
21 It's a basically clean resolution except that I

1 believe it has disaster relief in it and also aid
2 for Ukraine. So that looked really good. Just
3 to add to the fire, after that the Speaker of the
4 House came out and said that they will not, if
5 that bill passes the Senate, they will not vote
6 on it. That's the latest word. Thank you.

7 NP ROBBINS: Okay. Thank you, Shipmate
8 John.

9 The first is the chairman's report,
10 national convention committee on constitution,
11 bylaws and resolutions. PNP Shipmate George
12 Highland. Shipmate, whoever's cell phone that
13 was, be honest and raise your hand. Ten dollars.
14 Master at Arms?

15 PNP HIGHLAND: Shall I begin?

16 NP ROBBINS: Yes, sir.

17 PNP HIGHLAND: Good afternoon. Shipmate
18 National President, shipmates, this is the report
19 of the constitution, bylaws and resolutions
20 committee. The national convention committee on
21 constitution, bylaws and resolutions met in the

1 South Pacific Room A of the Nugget Casino Hotel,
2 Sparks, Nevada, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023
3 at 0900. Members present, myself as chair,
4 Shipmate Past Regional National President
5 Southwest John Quesnel, Past Regional President
6 East Coast, Randy L. Phillip, Junior Past
7 Regional President North Central, Maria A. Beeme,
8 Past Regional President East Coast Donald A.
9 Hoover, Past Regional President West Coast
10 Richard Fetra (phonetic).

11 Visitors, Past Regional President North
12 Central Marty Posekany who is also the national
13 parliamentarian; Jerry Anger, regional president
14 southeast; Chris Chapman, regional president,
15 southwest; Christina Hitchcock, director of
16 membership development; Curt Baker; Jerry
17 Miranda, secretary, Branch 70.

18 Has everyone had a chance to read the
19 resolution on amending Section 202? I put some
20 on the tables, I didn't have a whole lot of
21 copies. For those of you who were at the

1 pre-convention national board of directors
2 meeting, that was read into the record by the
3 national executive director. Do you want me to
4 read this?

5 NP ROBBINS: Yeah.

6 PNP HIGHLAND: This resolution from the
7 national board of directors is to amend Section
8 201 of the constitution and bylaws. To make
9 everything shortened here without reading a
10 couple of paragraphs, what they're doing is
11 removing the reference to enlisted requirement
12 for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association
13 and opening it up to all members eligible for
14 membership, that being from O-1 to CNO.

15 Resolved, that Article 2, Section 202,
16 C&BL FRA be amended to read at follows: Section
17 202, composition of association. The FRA is an
18 organization of current and all personnel who
19 have many years of honorable service in the
20 United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard,
21 including the reserve component. All personnel

1 who are now serving or have served, regardless of
2 rank, to be eligible for FRA membership. It is
3 composed of the association and its subordinate
4 branches chartered under and pursuant to its
5 authority in a manner herein provided.

6 The CB&L committee recommends approval.
7 The rationale is it's time to open up membership
8 to increase our membership and increase our
9 revenue.

10 You are not voting on the
11 recommendation, you're voting on the resolution.

12 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
13 floor. I need somebody to second it.

14 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) Branch 238,
15 second the motion.

16 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
17 floor and I have a second. Open for discussion.
18 Shipmate at the mic.

19 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) 93 percent of
20 veterans have prior enlisted service, have
21 enlisted service. Rebranding our paperwork,

1 forms, et cetera would be a significant cost to
2 our organization in these lean financial times.
3 While I have little opinion one way or another, I
4 would recommend that this be considered by the
5 membership and before we take a vote on it, we
6 have a short recess so the delegates could
7 caucus.

8 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate Chaplain, will you
9 please close the Bible?

10 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
11 President, the Bible is closed.

12 NP ROBBINS: Shipmates, we're going to
13 take a ten-minute break so you can caucus.

14 (Recess.)

15 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate National Chaplain,
16 would you please reopen the Bible?

17 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
18 President, the Bible is open.

19 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
20 Chaplain.

21 JPNP CAMPBELL: Shipmate National

1 President, may the record show that the junior
2 past is still in the uniform of the day.

3 NP ROBBINS: You're going to remain that
4 way. Shipmate George, are you ready to continue
5 or -- okay. You're right. I'm sorry.

6 Is there any discussion? Any
7 discussion? Any discussion? Shipmate at the
8 mic.

9 RPSE ANGER: Anger, delegate, Branch
10 112. I have a few things I want to put out about
11 this. I've hear various things --

12 NP ROBBINS: Put your mic up please,
13 talk into it.

14 RPSE ANGER: I've heard if we let
15 officers in, they're going to cause problems. Do
16 we have problems now with enlisted, yes. You're
17 going to have problems with every group, you're
18 going to have the good, the bad and the ugly no
19 matter what you're going to do.

20 If you don't do something, look at the
21 numbers. These are right off four quarters,

1 membership stats for ten years ago. We started
2 at 63,000, we're down to 29,000 now, with 10,000
3 life members. So that means we've only got
4 19,000 annual members.

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch
6 161, seconds the motion.

7 PNP HIGHLAND: It was a recommendation.

8 NP ROBBINS: It was a recommendation.

9 Shipmates, we're going to do a rollcall vote, so
10 get ready. Go ahead. I'm sorry, finish, Jerry.

11 RPSE ANGER: All right. Listen up,
12 guys, come on, seriously. Like I'm saying, we've
13 got 19,000 annual members. We had 239 branches
14 back in '13, we have 159 branches now. We've
15 lost over 80 branches, and as of the report, I
16 think we lost what, two or three more.

17 We need people in this organization. It
18 doesn't matter if they're officers, enlisted or
19 whatever, we need the revenue, we need things
20 that can help us. Don't take it as just they're
21 going to cause problems, they're going to do

1 this, we have problems with everybody. Think
2 about it and do what this organization needs to
3 last for longer than three or four years.
4 Because the way we're going right now with these
5 numbers, we've got three or four years and we
6 will not have an FRA, we won't have to worry
7 about it anymore. Thank you.

8 NP ROBBINS: Is there any more
9 discussion? Shipmate at the mic.

10 S/M CORNELL: Shipmate national
11 president, Cornell, Branch 289, delegate. One
12 thing I wanted to mention because it was brought
13 up on our side, this resolution was not part of
14 the original packet. There was only eight
15 resolutions that were going to be discussed at
16 this convention. This one was a last minute add
17 on from the pre-board.

18 For those of you that are instructed by
19 branches as proxy, remember, this was not part of
20 that package, so that is not part of the proxy
21 instructions that can be voted on whichever way

1 you want to go.

2 PNP HIGHLAND: Shipmates, I'd like to
3 make a point on that. This is a companion
4 resolution to 301, Constitution and Bylaws
5 Resolution 301. Without one, the other one dies,
6 vice versa. So keeping that in mind, how you
7 were instructed to vote proxy or by your branch
8 for Constitution and Bylaws Resolution number
9 one, you may want to consider that as how you
10 want to vote for this one. If they didn't want
11 301, well, they won't want this one. If they did
12 want 301, well, they do want this one. Without
13 one or the other, it's a conflict of the
14 constitution and bylaws and would be ruled out of
15 order.

16 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate at the mic.

17 NED REID: NED Phillip Reed, Branch 181.
18 What I just wanted to speak on is what we first
19 heard, and that's about potentially the cost of
20 rebranding. And true, there would be a cost, but
21 keep in mind that it's a one-time cost, not a

1 continuing cost, and so the assumption is that by
2 approving this and letting it go forward, the
3 additional revenue that we would receive would
4 completely cover that cost, and once that cost,
5 that one-time cost is done, that would be the
6 additional revenue to the FRA.

7 If you want to vote for it for some
8 other reason one way or the other, that's fine,
9 but from a financial point of view, the income,
10 the potential income will cover the cost.

11 NP ROBBINS: That you don't know yet.
12 Shipmate at the mic.

13 S/M SPENCER: Spencer, delegate, Branch
14 182. I've been a member of this organization for
15 over 30 years, and I've always been taught that
16 this organization represented enlisted personnel
17 of the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast
18 Guard, okay? Officers have an organization of
19 their own called NNOA, okay? Can we join NNOA?
20 No, we can't, but --

21 SPEAKER: Yes, you can.

1 NP ROBBINS: Hang on, folks, point of
2 order. Continue.

3 S/M SPENCER: I don't see why we should,
4 I honestly don't see why we should. We were
5 founded as an enlisted organization representing
6 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

7 NP ROBBINS: Okay, thank you. Any other
8 discussion? Any other discussion? Any other
9 discussion? You're the last one.

10 S/M FLETCHER: Fletcher, delegate,
11 Branch 59. We're one of the newer branches while
12 we have a lot of old timers here. We had 103,835
13 members when we came in in 2003, 20 years ago.
14 We're down to 29,000. I thought when I founded
15 the branch in Wyoming that I was doing it for all
16 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, but I
17 realized it was enlisted.

18 But I'm a realist and I would like to
19 see the FRA continue, and I'm seeing personally,
20 we do have officers within our branch, I don't
21 see any difference, they want to be a shipmate

1 regardless of rank or which service they're in,
2 and I think we ought to look at that right now.
3 We're going to die on what we used to be, or
4 we're going to keep going on what we could be.
5 Thank you.

6 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate. We
7 will now proceed with the rollcall vote. NED?

8 Shipmate Chuck, would you be a
9 scorekeeper?

10 SPEAKER: Yeah, why not?

11 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate Chris, would you
12 be a scorekeeper? Shipmates, let's keep the
13 chatter down at the table, please. I heard you
14 very clearly.

15 NED REID: We're ready to proceed.
16 Branch 001, voting strength four.

17 RPNE/NE ROSS: Ross, Branch 23,
18 delegate. Branch 001 votes affirmative, all four
19 votes.

20 NED REID: Branch 008, West Coast,
21 voting strength six.

1 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 8.

2 Branch 8 votes no.

3 NP ROBBINS: Shipmates, you know the
4 order you're supposed to vote in. Let's start
5 lining it up please.

6 NED REID: Branch 14, North Central,
7 five.

8 S/M FLANAGAN: Flanagan, Branch 14.

9 NED REID: Five votes.

10 S/M FLANAGAN: Five votes no, as
11 instructed.

12 NED REID: Branch 15, Southeast, three
13 votes.

14 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, three votes
15 no.

16 NED REID: Branch 17, North Central,
17 four votes.

18 SPEAKER: Branch 17, one, four votes,
19 no.

20 NED REID: Branch 18, five votes.

21 PNP LAZZARETTI: Lazzaretti, delegate,

1 Branch 18, five votes yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 020, New England, 14
3 votes.

4 SPEAKER: Branch 20, 14 votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 20, 14 votes yes.

6 SPEAKER: Shipmate President, point of
7 order. For the NED, can you please make sure
8 that you repeat their votes so we up here can
9 know what the counts are?

10 NED REID: Will do. Branch 22, 12
11 votes.

12 S/M BERTLAND: Bertland, delegate,
13 Branch 22, 12 votes yes.

14 NED REID: Branch 22 votes 12 votes yes.
15 Branch 23, four votes.

16 S/M COSTELLO: Costello, delegate,
17 Branch 23, four votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 23 votes four votes
19 yes. Branch 24, 99 votes.

20 S/M ROWE: Rowe, Branch 24, we have 59
21 votes no, 40 votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 24 votes 40 votes yes,
2 59 votes no. Branch 29, 15 votes.

3 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, delegate, Branch
4 104. Branch 29, 15 votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 29 votes 15 votes yes.
6 Branch 31, four votes.

7 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, delegate, four
8 votes yes.

9 NED REID: Branch 31 votes four votes
10 yes. Branch 32, three votes.

11 S/M BING: Bing, delegate, three votes
12 no, as directed.

13 NED REID: Branch 32 votes three votes
14 no. Branch 34, two votes.

15 S/M BAILEY: Bailey, Branch 269. Proxy
16 for Branch 34, two votes yes.

17 NED REID: Branch 34 votes two votes
18 yes. Branch 37.

19 SPEAKER: Delegate, 293, proxy, Branch
20 37 as instructed, two votes no.

21 NED REID: Branch 37 votes two votes no.

1 Branch 38, three votes.

2 S/M DAVIS: Davis, delegate, Branch 38,
3 all votes no.

4 NED REID: Branch 38 votes three votes
5 no. Branch 40, eight votes.

6 S/M MURRAY: Murray, Branch 40, all
7 votes yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 40 votes eight votes
9 yes. Branch 41, three votes.

10 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) proxy, as
11 instructed, no.

12 NED REID: Branch 41 votes three votes
13 no. Branch 42, four votes.

14 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 20, proxy,
15 four votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 42 votes four votes
17 yes. Branch 47, five votes.

18 RPSW CHAPMAN: Branch 47, Chris Chapman,
19 proxy, yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 47 votes five votes
21 yes. Branch 49, four votes.

1 S/M RATCLIFF: Ratcliff, Branch 49, four
2 votes yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 49 votes four votes
4 yes. Branch 53, seven votes.

5 RPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, proxy,
6 seven votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 53 votes seven votes
8 yes. Branch 55, four votes.

9 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, Branch 104,
10 proxy for 55, four votes no.

11 NED REID: Branch 55, four votes no.
12 Branch 57, four votes.

13 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, four votes
14 yes.

15 NED REID: Branch 57, four votes yes.
16 Branch 59, five votes.

17 S/M ARCHER: Archer, delegate, yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 59, five votes yes.
19 Branch 61, 18 votes.

20 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, 18 votes
21 yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 61, 18 votes yes.

2 Branch 62, three votes.

3 S/M MCCOO: McCoo, proxy, Branch 62,

4 three votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 62 votes three votes

6 yes. Branch 70, 070, Branch 70, 17 votes.

7 S/M BARNETT: Jerry Barnett, Branch 70,

8 delegate, votes yes, all 17 votes.

9 NED REID: Branch 70, 17 votes yes.

10 Branch 72, three votes.

11 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, three votes

12 yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 72 votes yes, three

14 votes. Branch 73, two votes.

15 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, Branch 104,

16 proxy for 73, two votes yes.

17 NED REID: Branch 73, two votes yes.

18 Branch 84, five votes.

19 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 302, proxy

20 for 84, five votes yes, as instructed.

21 NED REID: Branch 84, five votes yes.

1 Branch 86, two votes.

2 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, two votes
3 yes.

4 NED REID: Branch 86, two votes yes.
5 Branch 89, nine votes.

6 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, 126, proxy for
7 89, nine votes yes.

8 NED REID: 89, nine votes yes. Branch
9 90, five votes.

10 S/M/ MCCOO: McCoo, proxy for Branch 90,
11 five votes yes, as instructed.

12 NED REID: Branch 90, five votes yes.

13 S/M DURGAN: Durgan, delegate, 27
14 votes --

15 NED REID: Stand by. Branch 91, 27
16 votes.

17 S/M DURGAN: Durgan, delegate, 91, 27
18 votes no.

19 NED REID: Branch 91, 27 votes no.
20 Branch 93, 11 votes.

21 S/M GONZALEZ: Delegate Dick Gonzalez,

1 yes, 11 votes.

2 NED REID: Branch 93, 11 votes yes.

3 Branch 94, 14 votes.

4 S/M SMITH: Smith, delegate, Branch 98,
5 proxy for 94, 14 votes yes.

6 NED REID: Branch 94, 14 yes. Branch
7 97, ten votes.

8 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, delegate, proxy
9 for Branch 97, ten votes yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 97, ten votes yes.
11 Branch 98, two votes.

12 S/M SMITH: Smith, delegate, two votes
13 yes.

14 NED REID: Branch 98, two votes yes.
15 Branch 99, 18 votes.

16 RPEC FALU: Shipmate Falu, Branch 99
17 delegate, all 18 votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 99, 18 votes yes.
19 Branch 101, six votes.

20 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) six votes no,
21 Branch 101, delegate.

1 NED REID: Branch 101, six votes no.

2 Branch 104, four votes.

3 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, delegate, 104,

4 four votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 104, four votes yes.

6 Branch 105, four votes.

7 RPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, proxy,

8 four votes yes.

9 NED REID: Branch 105, four votes yes.

10 Branch 112, four votes.

11 RPSE ANGER: Anger, delegate, four votes

12 yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 112, four votes yes.

14 Branch 113, two votes.

15 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, proxy

16 for 113, two votes yes.

17 NED REID: 113, two votes yes. Branch

18 115, eight votes.

19 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) proxy, 18 votes

20 yes.

21 NED REID: Branch 115, eight votes yes.

1 Branch 117, eight votes.

2 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, proxy, 117, eight
3 votes yes.

4 NED REID: Branch 117, eight votes yes.
5 Branch 118, two votes.

6 S/M KURTLEY: Kurtley, Branch
7 (inaudible), proxy for 118, yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 118, two votes yes.
9 Branch 124, five votes.

10 S/M RIZZO: Rizzo, delegate, 124, five
11 votes yes.

12 NED REID: Branch 124, five votes yes.
13 Branch 126, nine votes.

14 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, delegate, 126,
15 nine votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 126, nine votes yes.
17 Branch 130, four votes.

18 RPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, proxy for
19 130, four votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 130, four votes yes.
21 Bran 136, ten votes. Branch 136.

1 NPAR POSEKANY: Posekany, delegate,
2 proxy for Branch 136, all votes yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 136, ten votes yes.
4 Branch 137, four votes.

5 SPEAKER: Delegate, Branch 137, four
6 votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 137, four votes yes.
8 Branch 146, three votes.

9 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch
10 20, proxy, three votes yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 146, three votes yes.
12 Branch 154, three votes.

13 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, delegate, proxy
14 for 154, three votes yes.

15 NED REID: Branch 154 votes three votes
16 yes. Branch 156, five votes.

17 PNP HIGHLAND: Highland, proxy, all
18 votes yes.

19 NED REID: Branch 156, five votes yes.
20 Branch 159, three votes.

21 RVPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch

1 159. Three votes yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 159, three votes yes.
3 Branch 161, ten votes.

4 S/M COMBS: Combs, delegate, Branch 161,
5 ten votes yes.

6 NED REID: Branch 161, ten votes yes.
7 Branch 162, eight votes.

8 RVPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch
9 159, proxy for Branch 162. Eight votes yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 162, eight votes yes.
11 Branch 163, six votes.

12 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, proxy
13 for Branch 163, all votes yes.

14 NED REID: Branch 163, six votes yes.
15 Branch 166, 12 votes.

16 S/M ALLEN: Allen, delegate, proxy 166.
17 As instructed, 12 votes no.

18 NED REID: Branch 166, 12 votes no.
19 Branch 170, seven votes.

20 PNP LAZZARETTI: Lazzaretti, Branch 18,
21 proxy for Branch 170, all votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 170, seven votes yes.
2 Branch 172, six votes.

3 S/M OLIVERA: Olivera, delegate, proxy
4 172, as instructed, six votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 172, six votes yes.
6 Branch 174, three votes.

7 S/M ROGERS: Branch 174, Rogers, three
8 votes no.

9 NED REID: Branch 174, three votes no.
10 Branch 177, three votes.

11 RPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, proxy for
12 177, three votes yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 177, three votes yes.
14 Branch 178, two votes.

15 PRPWC NASH: Nash, proxy, votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 178, two votes yes.
17 Branch 181, seven votes.

18 S/M AUSTIN: Austin, delegate, Branch
19 181, seven votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 181, seven votes yes.
21 Branch 182, four votes.

1 S/M MILLER: Miller, delegate, Branch
2 182. All votes no.

3 NED REID: Branch 182, four votes no.
4 Branch 183, four votes.

5 RPSE ANGER: Anger, delegate, four votes
6 yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 183, four votes yes.
8 Branch 184, two votes.

9 RPSE ANGER: Anger, delegate, two votes
10 yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 184, two votes yes.
12 Branch 185, two votes.

13 S/M PORTER: Porter, delegate, all votes
14 yes.

15 NED REID: Branch 185, two votes yes.
16 Branch 186, four votes.

17 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, four votes
18 yes.

19 NED REID: Branch 186, four votes yes.
20 Branch 187, two votes.

21 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, two votes

1 yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 187, two votes.

3 Branch 188, three votes.

4 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, three votes
5 yes.

6 NED REID: 188, three votes yes. Branch
7 192, three votes.

8 PRPWC NASH: Nash, delegate, three votes
9 yes read 192, three votes yes.

10 NED REID: 192, three votes yes. Branch
11 197, four votes.

12 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 197, four
13 votes yes.

14 NED REID: Branch 197, four votes yes.
15 Branch 201, four votes.

16 S/M WALTHAM: Waltham, delegate, Branch
17 201, four votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 201, four votes yes.
19 Branch 20 -- stand by. Branch 208, five votes.

20 S/M OLIVERA: Olivera, delegate, proxy
21 208, uninstructed, all votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 208, five votes yes.

2 Branch 210, seven votes.

3 S/M CURLEY: Curley, Branch 22, proxy,

4 all votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 210, seven votes yes.

6 Branch 212, five votes.

7 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) proxy, 212, all

8 votes no.

9 NED REID: Branch 212, five votes no.

10 Branch 214, three votes.

11 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, three votes

12 yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 214, three votes yes.

14 Branch 216, three votes.

15 NPAR POSEKANY: Posekany, delegate chair

16 Branch 298, proxy for 216 as instructed, three

17 votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 216, three votes yes.

19 Branch 222, two votes.

20 S/M WECHSLER: Wechsler, Branch 201,

21 proxy for Branch 222, all votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 222, two votes yes.

2 Branch 226, five votes.

3 RPNE/NE ROSS: Ross, proxy, five votes

4 yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 226, five votes yes.

6 Branch 230, four votes.

7 S/M HANZEL: Hanzel, delegate, all votes

8 yes.

9 NED REID: Branch 230, four votes yes.

10 Branch 238, four votes.

11 S/M MELTON: Melton, delegate, all votes

12 yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 238, four votes yes.

14 Branch 242, two votes. Branch 242, two votes.

15 S/M LINE: Line, Branch 17, proxy 242,

16 two votes yes.

17 NED REID: Branch 242 votes yes, two

18 votes. Branch 244, two votes.

19 PRPWC NASH: Nash, proxy, two votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 244, two votes yes.

21 Branch 248, three votes.

1 NP ROBBINS: Robbins, delegate, 126,
2 proxy, all votes yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 248, three votes yes.
4 Branch 251, two votes.

5 S/M RESNER: Resner, Branch 201, proxy
6 for Branch 251, two votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 251 votes yes with two
8 votes. Branch 258, two votes.

9 S/M ROZNOWSKI: Roznowski, two votes
10 yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 258, two votes yes.
12 Branch 261, 13 votes.

13 PRPWC NASH: Nash, proxy, 13 votes yes.

14 NED REID: Branch 261, 13 votes yes.
15 Branch 263, four votes. You're right. Sorry.
16 Branch 264, five votes.

17 S/M SMITH: Smith, delegate, Branch 98,
18 proxy, 264, all votes yes.

19 NED REID: Branch 264, five votes yes.
20 Branch 268, four votes.

21 NPAR POSEKANY: Posekany, delegate chair

1 Branch 298, proxy for 268, all votes yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 268, four votes yes.

3 Branch 269, 33 votes.

4 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch
5 269, all yes, 33 votes.

6 NED REID: Branch 269, 33 votes yes.

7 Branch 273, two votes.

8 S/M COMBS: Combs, proxy, two votes yes.

9 NED REID: Branch 273, two votes yes.

10 Branch 274, two votes.

11 S/M MAXIMA: Maxima, Branch 274,
12 delegate, two votes no, instructed.

13 NED REID: Branch 274, two votes no.

14 Branch 275, two votes.

15 PRPWC NASH: Nash, proxy, 275, two votes
16 yes.

17 NED REID: Branch 275, two votes yes.

18 Branch 276, seven votes.

19 SPEAKER: Proxy, 276, seven votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 276, seven votes yes.

21 Branch 287, two votes.

1 S/M BINION: Binion, delegate, all votes
2 yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 287, two votes yes.
4 Branch 289, 21 votes.

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 289,
6 delegate, all votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 289, 21 votes yes.
8 Branch 290, 17 votes.

9 S/M HILL: Hill, delegated, Branch 290
10 as uninstructed, votes 17 votes aye.

11 NED REID: Branch 290 votes 17 votes
12 yes. Branch 293, six votes.

13 S/M OLIVERA: Olivera, delegate, 293,
14 six votes no.

15 NED REID: Branch 293, six votes no.
16 Branch 294, three votes.

17 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, three votes
18 yes.

19 NED REID: Branch 294, three votes yes.
20 Branch 295, two votes.

21 S/M TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch

1 159, proxy 295, two votes yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 295, two votes yes.

3 Branch 298, five votes.

4 NPAR POSEKANY: Posekany, delegate chair

5 Branch 298, all votes yes.

6 NED REID: Branch 298, five votes yes.

7 Branch 299, three votes.

8 RPEC FALU: Falu, proxy, three votes

9 yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 299, three votes yes.

11 Branch 302, 11 votes.

12 S/M LAMONT: Lamont, Branch 302

13 delegate, 11 votes yes.

14 NED REID: Branch 302, 11 votes yes.

15 Branch 307, four votes.

16 S/M HOLDEN: Holden, delegate proxy, all

17 votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 307, four votes yes.

19 Branch 309, three votes.

20 RPEC FALU: Falu, proxy, four votes yes.

21 NED REID: Branch 309, three votes yes.

1 Branch 311, three votes.

2 S/M TALBOT: Talbot, delegate Branch
3 159, proxy Branch 311, three votes yes.

4 NED REID: Branch 311, three votes yes.
5 Branch 316, five votes.

6 RPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, proxy
7 Branch 316, five votes yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 316, five votes yes.
9 Branch 334, three votes.

10 S/M SMITH: Smith, delegate 98, proxy
11 334, all votes yes.

12 NED REID: Branch 334, three votes yes.
13 Branch 335, two votes.

14 S/M LANGDON: Langdon, proxy, two votes
15 yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 335, two votes yes.
17 Branch 346, seven votes.

18 S/M CURTLAND: Curtland, Branch 22,
19 proxy, all votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 346, seven votes yes.
21 Branch 364, two votes.

1 SPEAKER: Wake up.

2 S/M BRIAN: (Inaudible) Brian, votes no.

3 NED REID: Branch 364, two votes no.

4 Branch 382, five votes.

5 RPNW FAUBION: Faubion, delegate, proxy
6 for 382, five votes no, as instructed.

7 NED REID: Branch 382, five votes no.
8 We will now begin the tally.

9 NP ROBBINS: Yes. Shipmate Chaplain,
10 would you please close the Bible?

11 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
12 President, the Bible is closed.

13 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
14 Chaplain. We're going to take a ten-minute break
15 while we do the tallying.

16 (Recess.)

17 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate National Chaplain,
18 would you open the Bible?

19 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
20 President, the Bible is open.

21 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate

1 National Chaplain.

2 Master at Arms, please invite the
3 shipmates in from the hall. You know, I'm
4 entitled to make some mistakes. I can't count.

5 SPEAKER: That was last year.

6 NP ROBBINS:

7 A. Master at arms. On the rollcall vote, I
8 had 617 yes, I had 161 no. I had 79 percent
9 average, passing average. The resolution is
10 adopted.

11 Shipmates, the next thing we will take
12 up the constitution and bylaws resolution number
13 one, submitted by the national board of
14 directors. It basically does the same thing as
15 the thing you just passed, you're cleaning it up
16 and making no conflicts in the bylaws. The
17 recommendation from the committee is adoption,
18 and I so move.

19 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, second
20 the motion.

21 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the

1 floor, I have a second. Open for discussion.
2 Any discussion? Any discussion? No further
3 discussion, all in favor say aye.

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 All opposed? The ayes have it. Thank
6 you.

7 Shipmates, we will now take up C&BL
8 resolution number two from the membership and
9 retention committee.

10 Resolved, that Article 3, Section
11 311.E.7 be amended to read: The five through
12 75-year continuous membership pins will be made
13 available for sale to branches and individuals;

14 And be it further resolved that
15 Article 3, Section 318 be deleted.

16 Essentially what's going to happen is if
17 you have someone to receive a pin, your branch is
18 going to have to buy it. Recommendation from the
19 committee, budget and finance committee
20 represents approval, CBL&R committee recommends
21 approval because the pins are becoming cost

1 prohibitive for our national headquarters, and I
2 so move.

3 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 159,
4 seconds.

5 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
6 floor and I have a second. Any discussion? Any
7 discussion? Shipmate at the mic.

8 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch
9 274. We need to clarify, it's not for all the
10 pins, it's the 8540.

11 NP ROBBINS: That's not what it says,
12 that's a different resolution. We'll get to that
13 one next. You're okay, Virgil. Hey, be nice.

14 If there's no further discussion, all
15 those in favor say aye.

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate, I'll wait. Go
18 ahead.

19 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 17,
20 delegate, this is just a question. With yes,
21 would that mean that the certificates would come

1 to us without the president's signature on it?

2 NP ROBBINS: Just the pins, it's just
3 the pins. The paperwork should still come to you
4 with signatures on it. Okay? All those in
5 favor?

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 All opposed?

8 (Chorus of nays.)

9 I'm sorry, the ayes have it.

10 Resolution number three. Be it resolved
11 that all prices, something, pertaining to dues
12 for new members be held in suspension or held in
13 abeyance or temporarily set aside for the period
14 11 November 2023 to 10 November 2025 for the
15 purpose of celebrating the FRA Centennial under
16 the heading of It's Our Birthday, But We Have a
17 Gift for You. At the date 10 November 2025, all
18 members' dues will automatically return to the
19 rates in effect at the 2023 schedule prior to
20 this resolution being accepted by the membership
21 of FRA.

1 Now therefore, be it further resolved
2 that Article 4, Section 401.B.4 be amended as
3 follows: Exception for the years 11 November
4 2023 to 10 November 2025, membership for first
5 time new members for the first year of their
6 membership will be awarded free on condition that
7 new members pay \$24 for the second year to
8 coincide with the centennial year 2024. Failure
9 to completes the payment of \$24 will result in
10 the applicant not being accepted into the
11 membership of the FRA.

12 Recommendation from the committee.
13 We're asking the national president to rule this
14 resolution is not in order at this time. The
15 rationale is you cannot suspend a bylaw, you must
16 amend it or delete it. Resolution number three
17 is out of order. John?

18 NVP HANDZUK: Resolution number four,
19 from the membership retention committee.

20 NP ROBBINS: Folks, let's keep the
21 chatter down.

1 NVP HANDZUK: Resolved, that Article 4,
2 Section 401.E, constitution and bylaws Fleet
3 Reserve Association, be amended to read as
4 follows: Section 401.E, members may be excused
5 from payment of dues when payment would inflict
6 significant financial hardship. Branches shall
7 judge for their membership. The director
8 membership development shall make the decision
9 for membership at large role members. Branch
10 secretary shall make an annual report in the
11 month of March to the director of membership
12 development listing the names and membership
13 numbers of all eligible members affiliated with
14 the branch. If no report is received, members
15 previously reported as qualifying under this
16 section will be terminated effective 30 June
17 unless payment of dues has been received by the
18 finance officer.

19 The member services department shall
20 notify the branch secretary during the month of
21 July of those terminated members. The branch

1 shall be assessed an administrative fee for each
2 shipmate in this category, starting March 31st,
3 2024. The amount of the assessment will be half
4 of the annual dues in effect each year.

5 Recommendation from the committee. We
6 recommend disapproval and returning this to
7 membership for better clarification.

8 My question being a dumb ship's cook
9 when I read this is, the branch shall be assessed
10 an administrative fee for each shipmate in this
11 category. You're talking about dropping
12 somebody, then you're talking about an
13 administrative fee. I know I'm confused. Is the
14 fee for somebody who has been dropped or because
15 they're still carrying somebody who is considered
16 having a hard ship?

17 Again, the recommendation is to
18 disapprove, return this to membership for better
19 clarification, and I so move.

20 NP ROBBINS: Resolution number four will
21 be returned to membership for better

1 clarification.

2 NVP HANDZUK: Okay. Thank you.

3 Resolution number five, membership and retention
4 committee.

5 Resolved, that this amendment become --
6 oops, I'm sorry.

7 Resolved, that Article 4, Section 401.M
8 be deleted, and those members already classified
9 as 8540 members will be grandfathered to maintain
10 their current status.

11 Recommendation from the committee is to
12 approve. The rationale is that the reduced cost
13 of longevity pins at national headquarters.
14 Budget and finance committee recommends approval.

15 NP ROBBINS: Resolution number five --
16 did you move it?

17 NVP HANDZUK: I recommended approval.

18 NP ROBBINS: I have a recommendation.

19 (Inaudible comments from the floor.)

20 Okay, thank you. I have a motion and I
21 have a second. Is there any discussion?

1 Discussion? Any discussion? All those in favor,
2 say aye.

3 (Chorus of ayes.)

4 All those opposed? So be it, passes.

5 NVP HANDZUK: Resolution number six.

6 Resolved, that Article 4, Sections 405.A through
7 G be amended to read as follows: That's a lot of
8 stuff to read; do you want me to read it all, or
9 have you read it? Okay.

10 Recommendation from the committee is to
11 approve. The rationale is that the increased
12 revenue will sustain the life membership program,
13 and I so move.

14 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) second.

15 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
16 floor and I have a second. Any discussion? Any
17 discussion? Being there is no discussion --
18 shipmate at the mic.

19 S/M SELTER: Joy Selter, Branch 236, I
20 have a question. Currently it says active duty
21 members, but with the new resolution there's no

1 active duty, so it just depends on their age when
2 they join?

3 NVP HANDZUK: Under the IRS life
4 longevity which is based on age, active duty is
5 not an age, so it cannot stand.

6 S/M SELTER: Thank you.

7 NP ROBBINS: All right. Last call. Any
8 discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

9 (Chorus of ayes.)

10 All those opposed? Oh well. It passes.

11 NVP HANDZUK: Resolution number seven.
12 Resolved, that Article 7, Section 701.F, Section
13 701.G, Section 701.H in C&BL FRA be added, as
14 follows:

15 Section 701.F, the national board of
16 directors of the Fleet Reserve Association may
17 put forward nominations for national office.
18 Nominations or endorsements shall be forwarded to
19 and received by the national executive director
20 in accordance with the provisions of Section 611
21 and subject to altered processing in the event

1 the NED recuses him or herself due to potential
2 conflicts of interest in evaluating nominees.

3 Nominees for national executive director
4 may include members or nonmembers of the Fleet
5 Reserve Association. Candidates for NED shall
6 have demonstrated relevant professional
7 experience and skills commensurate with
8 performing senior executive administrative and
9 management functions at national headquarters,
10 and in maintaining relationships with the
11 national board of directors and other national
12 officers.

13 Section 701.H. In the event of two or
14 more equivalently qualified candidates for NED,
15 and in consultation with the external
16 professional advisors retained for the purposes
17 of finding and reviewing candidates for NED, the
18 candidate eligible for or already maintaining
19 membership in the Fleet Reserve Association shall
20 be favored.

21 Recommendation from the committee, the

1 national president rules that it is not in order.
2 Rationale is that it is in conflict with
3 Article 7, Section 701.B.

4 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate at the mic.

5 RVPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch
6 159, future planning committee chair.

7 The future planning committee supports
8 this resolution because we're looking to the
9 future and with our current trend in losing
10 membership, we see a day where we may not have a
11 qualified person amongst our ranks to be the
12 national executive director. Therefore, we
13 proposed this amendment.

14 We currently have a national executive
15 director that's a shipmate. This is not an
16 urgent case this year. We also understand that
17 our bylaws revision process is very complex and
18 even though you do a lot of diligent research to
19 help you wind the revision through various levels
20 for approval, sometimes somebody finds a glitch
21 and it's returned for correction by the committee

1 at the national convention. We will see this
2 next year with this loophole cleared up. The
3 future planning committee supports this
4 rejection.

5 NP ROBBINS: Okay, don't throw the mic
6 on the floor. Shipmate at the front mic.

7 SPEAKER: Shipmate National President, I
8 believe we need a second before we have the
9 discussion.

10 NP ROBBINS: No, there is no motion on
11 the floor. It was recommended as -- you're not
12 in order. I ruled it not in order, but I'll --
13 you're up again.

14 NVP HANDZUK: Resolution number eight.
15 The national board of directors is authorized to
16 advertise the position of national executive
17 director no more than one year prior to the end
18 of the national executive director's term. In
19 the even of a vacancy or upon receipt of
20 information that a vacancy in the office of
21 national director will occur, the national board

1 of directors shall appoint a designated
2 representative to advertise the position, review
3 resumes and make a recommendation to the national
4 board of directors. The national board of
5 directors is empowered to hire the best qualified
6 candidate.

7 Recommendation from the committee is the
8 national president should rule this as not in
9 order because you just ruled the other one out of
10 order, and this is a conflict with 701.D.

11 NP ROBBINS: Resolution number eight is
12 out of order.

13 NVP HANDZUK: Shipmate national
14 president, that concludes my report. I thank you
15 for the opportunity to serve our shipmates. I
16 want to thank the committee for a job well done.
17 I also want to thank those shipmates who came to
18 the meeting and helped us reach conclusions
19 opined on these things, they did a fine job, all
20 of them, and this has been fun. Thank you.

21 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate. Yes,

1 sir? Would you like the opportunity?

2 SPEAKER: No, I just don't want Virgil
3 getting near that microphone.

4 NP ROBBINS: Well, it would be nice if
5 you turned your microphone on so people could
6 here you. All right.

7 At this time the national executive
8 director will read any credential greetings, if
9 there are any.

10 NED REID: There are no greetings at
11 this time, national president.

12 NP ROBBINS: All right, we're going to
13 move into the national committees. The first one
14 is Americanism and patriotism. Yes, sir, or do
15 you want to come up here? Yes.

16 We just had a break a few minutes ago.
17 Shipmate Master at Arms -- all right, we're going
18 to close the Bible. Have a seat. You get your
19 opportunity.

20 Shipmate Chaplain, would you please
21 close the Bible?

1 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
2 President, the Bible is closed.

3 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
4 National Chaplain. You may go. Stand fast
5 because the ladies are coming in. Uh-oh, I
6 messed up, the auxiliary. I don't care, they're
7 still ladies. No, me neither, I got nailed on
8 this one.

9 Shipmate Master at Arms, if they were
10 ready, where are they at? Bring them in.

11 SPEAKER: Well, here I am again. I
12 don't know about that, I think I'm crazy, but I
13 am the new national financial secretary for '23
14 to '25 -- '26, trying to cut it down. And as
15 I've told everyone, I am here to help anybody,
16 anybody have any questions, I'm here for you, and
17 I thank you.

18 NVP-ELECT LA FRA PENA: Hello. I'm
19 Kelly Pena, I will be the new Ladies Auxiliary of
20 the Fleet Reserve Association national vice
21 president for the year 23-24. I want to do my

1 best job.

2 SPEAKER: I have not been elected to any
3 potion.

4 NP ROBBINS: Then what are you doing
5 here?

6 SPEAKER: However -- gee. I have been
7 asked by the National President Vera Thomas, she
8 was elected and she has sent me instructions, and
9 these instructions are for the FRA. It's today's
10 short reading from the Bible, from Genesis.

11 And God promised men that good and
12 obedient wives would be found in all corners of
13 the earth. Then he made the earth round, and
14 that's right, he laughed and laughed and laughed.
15 Thank you.

16 NP ROBBINS: What's going to take you so
17 long to get through that door? We're already
18 standing.

19 Shipmate Chaplain, would you please
20 reopen the Bible?

21 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National

1 President, the Bible is open.

2 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
3 Chaplain. I told you.

4 PRPNC LICKTEIG: Good afternoon,
5 shipmates. The national convention committee on
6 Americanism and patriotism met in the Salon
7 Number Six starting at 0900, we got done at 1250,
8 so it was a long arduous time. Present, myself
9 as the chairman, MO-KAN Branch. Shipmates
10 present to help review the essay or the reports
11 were Shipmate Nancy Copeland from Capitol Area
12 Branch 201; Shipmate Richard Ruiz, Santa Clara
13 Valley Branch 101; Joyce, Shipmate Joyce Elber --
14 am I saying that right? Central Wisconsin Branch
15 238. Shipmate Rob Huffman, the Mark Kilgore
16 Branch 22; Shipmate Sonja Sales, Carson Branch
17 302; Shipmate Cheryl Kolsky, Cheyenne Branch 59;
18 Shipmate Rex Faubion, Puyallup Branch 104;
19 Shipmate Ken Briggs, Annapolis Branch 24;
20 Shipmate Robert Porter, Ogden Branch 185. The
21 advisor was Past Regional President Norm G.

1 Combs, MO-KAN Branch 161.

2 The results are as follows: First
3 place. Group one, Branch 269, Low Country,
4 southeast region. Group two, Branch 161, MO-KAN
5 Branch, north central. Group three, Branch 293,
6 Elizabeth City, east coast. Group four, Branch
7 197, Modesto, west coast. Group five, Branch
8 222, Ozone, region south central.

9 Second place. Group one, Branch 24,
10 Annapolis, east coast. Group two, Branch 22,
11 Mark Kilgore, southeast region. Group three,
12 Branch 101, Santa Clara Valley, west coast.
13 Group four, Branch 182, Triangle, east coast
14 region. Group five, Branch 15, Leland Alexander,
15 southeast.

16 Third place. There was no third place
17 for group one. Group two, Branch 302, Carson,
18 southwest. Group three, Branch 89, Atlanta,
19 southeast. Group four, Branch 14, Milwaukee,
20 north central. Group five, Branch 364, Heart of
21 the Arkansas, north central.

1 Everybody got those? Any questions?
2 Perfect. Group two, first place, group two was
3 MO-KAN, 161.

4 The Walter C. "Step" Rowell award for
5 the first place overall report goes to Branch
6 269, Low Country.

7 The Leonard D. "Swede" Nelson award for
8 shipmate of the year goes to Shipmate Joseph Bob
9 Huffman, branch 197.

10 The Robert Doherty award goes to James
11 P. Richmond, Branch 22.

12 The committee recommends that the theme
13 for the -- excuse me, I've got to do a pen and
14 ink change here, I didn't catch that on the
15 blank. The committee recommends that the theme
16 for the 2024-2025 Americanism essay be What Would
17 Service to Our Country Mean to Me, and I made
18 that in my report yesterday, so you might
19 remember that from yesterday.

20 In addition, the subcommittee discussed
21 the following: We recommend that a revenue

1 source for the essay contest other than the FRA
2 accounts such as defense contractors be
3 established.

4 If successful, establish a 501C3
5 corporation for those funds.

6 Given -- recommendation number three,
7 give students the option of cash or a
8 scholarship.

9 Number four, add certify that the
10 artificial intelligence was not used in any
11 fashion in the composition of this essay, so that
12 would need to be added on to the rules. Or
13 parent, yes.

14 Shipmate President, this concludes our
15 report and on behalf of the members of this
16 committee, we thank you for asking us to serve.
17 I move to adopt this report and recommendations
18 contained here. Signed, Jerry Lickteig, MO-KAN,
19 past regional president north central.

20 NP ROBBINS: Thank you.

21 PRPNC LICKTEIG: You're welcome.

1 NP ROBBINS: Any questions? Awesome.

2 Repeat the theme.

3 PRPNC LICKTEIG: Theme, the theme for
4 2024-25 will be What Would Service to Our Country
5 Mean to Me. I'm sorry?

6 SPEAKER: Explain the legal signature.

7 RPNC LICKTEIG: Oh, the other thing, I
8 apologize because it was not in the report. For
9 the branches when you're filling out your report,
10 and this would be for any committee report, if
11 you're submitting them electronically, you need
12 to put double hashmarks on either side of your
13 membership number in order for that to be
14 official. So now if you sign it with your
15 regular signature, you do not need that, but if
16 you're doing it with just an electronic signature
17 with your name on there, it needs to have the
18 double hashmark or back slash on either side --
19 forward slash, excuse me, on either side of your
20 membership number in order to authenticate that
21 that is actually the electronic signature. Yes?

1 NP ROBBINS: Do I have a motion to
2 accept? Oh, he already -- do I have a second?
3 Come on.

4 SPEAKER: Delegate, Branch 31 delegate,
5 second.

6 NP ROBBINS: Thank you. I have a motion
7 and a second. Any discussion? Any discussion?
8 Being there is no discussion, all in favor say
9 aye.

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 All opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 Shipmate at the mic.

14 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) with the slash
15 marks for the part, I reviewed all the report
16 forms last year, and I was able to take that into
17 consideration on the new forms, and I will put
18 those out there already and all they've got to do
19 is type the number in there. I'll make it easy
20 for everybody.

21 So if you want, I can also delete the

1 Social Security number that's on there.

2 I'll fix that up for next year's forms.

3 NP ROBBINS: Okay.

4 I'm just going down the list. All
5 right, I'm sorry. The next one will be hospital
6 welfare. I said the next one, hospital and
7 welfare. Oh.

8 SPEAKER: Shipmates, national officers,
9 past national officers, regional officers, past
10 regional officers and guests, I got this laid on
11 me yesterday to chair this committee, we didn't
12 have a chairman, so anyway, I did it.

13 The national convention committee on
14 hospitals, welfare and rehabilitation met in the
15 Southern Pacific Room F as in Frank at 0900 this
16 morning. In the room were myself, Past Regional
17 President Southwest Don Kelly, Imperial Beach
18 Branch 289; Past National Chaplain Pat LeClaire,
19 Branch 192. We didn't have an advisor. We had
20 visitors, the following visitors, Michelle Davis,
21 Past Regional President Northwest, Branch 38;

1 Cynthia Banks, an honorary member; Shipmate John
2 Fox, Branch 137; Shipmate Paul Rogers, Branch
3 174; and Shipmate Robert Olivera, Regional
4 President Elect, 293.

5 Of the eight regions, we only had two
6 reports for hospital, welfare and rehabilitation,
7 from the branches, or those regions rather.

8 Hours spent visiting, assisting ill or
9 incapacitated members, 555 hours. Miles driven
10 visiting, assisting ill or incapacitated members,
11 3,780.5 miles. Hours spent assisting needy
12 families or shipmates, 70 hours. Miles driven
13 assisting needy families of shipmates, 179 hours,
14 excuse me, 179 miles. Hours of volunteer work
15 performed at hospitals by shipmates, 76.5 hours.
16 Widows assisted, 12. Number of shipmates
17 donating blood, 21. Number of rituals performed
18 by shipmates, 110. There was a lot of discussion
19 about rituals and we'll get into that a little
20 bit later.

21 Contributions made to the FRA disaster

1 relief fund from branches, \$2,750 and from
2 members there was none. The national president
3 and national board approved zero requests for
4 disaster relief expenditures.

5 That's the reports I got, there were
6 none, from two regions. The other six, where's
7 the other six, and they're the areas that got
8 disaster relief, right? Okay.

9 And the national president, national
10 board approved zero requests for welfare and
11 rehabilitation expenditures, totaling zero.
12 Okay.

13 Moving on to the last page of the book:
14 First place. Group one, Branch 91.
15 Group two, first place, 302. Group three, Branch
16 293. Group four, Branch 17. Group five, Branch
17 34.

18 Second place. Group one, 289. Group
19 two, Branch 22. Group three, 163. Group four,
20 382. Group five, 251.

21 Third place. Group one, Branch 60.

1 Third place, group two, 97. Third place, group
2 three, Branch 89. Group four, third place,
3 Branch 112. Group five, third place, Branch 62.

4 The committee selected the following
5 shipmate for national shipmate of the year,
6 Shipmate Joseph Bland, Branch 163, Valley of the
7 Sun. Okay.

8 The following recommendations from the
9 committee: Regional presidents need to insure
10 that first place winners in each -- excuse me.
11 First place winners in each membership group in
12 each region are forwarded to the national
13 committee on hospital, welfare and rehabilitation
14 immediately following the regional conventions.
15 Do not hand carry the reports to the national
16 convention, although there were some that were
17 hand carried.

18 Other things we found, right when you're
19 writing up the reports -- wait a minute, excuse
20 me. Write up, when you're recommending a
21 shipmate it's for what they've done that year,

1 not what they've done for the last ten years,
2 okay? It's for every year that they're doing
3 things, all right? If you write somebody up for
4 shipmate of the year, make sure it's for the
5 year.

6 Regional total mileage for all branches,
7 we've already discussed that, we've only got two
8 regions out of eight that submitted reports.

9 Branch chairmen need to fill in all the
10 blanks on the paper. Even if it's a zero, fill
11 it in.

12 Recommend updating of the manual for
13 hospital, welfare and rehabilitation. The names
14 and the numbers on the top of the form, otherwise
15 they get disqualified. There was one branch that
16 didn't put their group number in.

17 Lastly, proper documentation,
18 photographs, that kind of thing can be submitted.
19 Okay.

20 Shipmate National President, this
21 concludes my report, and I move that it be

1 accepted.

2 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Paul.

3 S/M RESLER: Resler, Branch 201, second.

4 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
5 floor and a second. Any discussion? I do.

6 This committee, I called this individual
7 several times in the day before, because I drove
8 across country from Florida. The day before I
9 got here they called me, said I haven't been home
10 and I've been hurt. And I was quite upset, why
11 didn't you pick the phone up and call me and tell
12 me so I could get another chairman? I had four
13 chairmen out of all of my committees that I feel
14 let us down. If you're going to do a committee
15 and you commit to it, do it.

16 I mean, I hated to do this to the four
17 people that I did today, but I had no choice. I
18 had to get somebody to pick the ball up and
19 finish the job. And I thank you, Paul, because
20 yours was the hardest. I burned off 180 pages on
21 my computer in the room. So I want to thank you

1 again, okay?

2 Why don't you make the announcement and
3 then we'll adjourn, or recess until tomorrow.

4 Shipmate NED, would you come up and please make
5 your remarks?

6 NED REID: Shipmates, I just didn't want
7 anyone to miss this opportunity. The individuals
8 from VA have been set up. If you recall
9 yesterday we talked about actually having
10 one-on-one conversations. If you are in a
11 situation where you think you need to make a
12 claim, so those individuals are already set up.
13 At 1630 we will be having a session about the
14 entire then, but if anybody in here has not done
15 their claim and wants to speak to someone from VA
16 on a one-on-one basis, they are available now.
17 So I just wanted to let everyone know and as I
18 said, at 1630 we will have a special session down
19 in Redwood 6 or 7 from them, but if you have a
20 situation one on one that you wanted to speak to
21 someone with, now's the time to go down to

1 Redwood 7.

2 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate NED.

3 Shipmate Chaplain, would you please
4 close the Bible?

5 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
6 President, the Bible is closed.

7 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
8 Chaplain.

9 We are going to stand in recess until
10 tomorrow morning, so we'll render the hand
11 salute. Two.

12 (Whereupon, the second business session
13 adjourned.)

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