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95th Fleet Reserve Association

National Convention

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Nugget Casino Resort

Sparks, Nevada

1 NP ROBBINS: This assembly will now come
2 to order. Shipmate Master at Arms, will you
3 invite the shipmates to enter the hall and close
4 the doors? Thank you, Shipmate Master at Arms.

5 Shipmate National Chaplain, would you
6 please give the opening prayer? Open the Bible,
7 I'm sorry.

8 NCHAP BAILEY: Shipmate National
9 President, the Bible is open.

10 NP ROBBINS: Thank you. You all can
11 pray privately. Salute the colors. Two.

12 I'm sorry. Now, I was told I have a
13 very sensitive mic up here, so I've got to not
14 kill the podium. Shipmate Junior Past?

15 JPNP CAMPBELL: Shipmate National
16 President, the junior past president is present
17 in the uniform of the day.

18 NP ROBBINS: The only reason why you're
19 smiling is because you ain't wearing a top.

20 I now declare the third business session
21 of the 95th convention regular convened.

1 I need to finish one thing from
2 yesterday that I did before I get to you. It was
3 the youth activity, right? No, hospital and
4 welfare. We had a motion on the floor and we had
5 a second on hospital and welfare, and we never
6 voted on it. So, that's my fault.

7 So, is there any discussion, if you
8 remembered the report? Any discussion to accept
9 the report and all of his representations that
10 went with it? Being that there's no further
11 discussion, all in favor say aye.

12 (Chorus of ayes.)

13 All those opposed? Thank you. That
14 one's good.

15 The chair requests that the credential
16 committee provide the third report if there have
17 been any changes. Shaking your head don't work
18 in the microphone.

19 S/M HATLIFF: Shipmate National
20 President, Shipmate Hatliff, Branch 49, chairman.
21 The credentials committee presents the

1 credentials report dated 28 September 2023 at
2 0900. The convention worksheet is located at
3 Tab F Yankee.

4 Authorized voting strength, 876.
5 Branches represented by delegates, 48. Votes
6 represented by delegates, 455. Branches
7 represent by proxies, 70. Votes registered by
8 proxy, 323. Branches not registered, 29. Number
9 of registered delegates, 89. Registered voting
10 strength, 778. Votes not registered, 98.
11 Two-thirds voting strength, 519. Majority vote,
12 390.

13 On behalf of the committee, I move that
14 the role of the delegates hereby submitted be the
15 official role of the voting members of this
16 committee.

17 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, delegate, 126,
18 seconds.

19 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
20 floor and I have a second. Any discussion? Any
21 discussion? No further discussion? All in favor

1 say aye.

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 Any opposed? Thank you, Shipmate.

4 Okay, shipmates, I have to do a little
5 operation. I have to let a committee go first
6 because they're going to have to leave the
7 meeting hall, s I'd rather get him out of the way
8 and when he's got to leave, I'll let him leave.

9 Veterans service, Shipmate Paul Phelps.

10 S/M PHELPS: Thank you, Shipmate
11 National President. Shipmate National President,
12 shipmates and guests. Okay. So I'm going to
13 commence going through veterans services.

14 First I need to do a little bit of
15 explaining, so when I get ready to announce the
16 winners, it will make sense to you. If you go to
17 the last page in your book, flip over and go to
18 where it says veterans services for me. What I
19 want you to do above where it says group one,
20 group two, group three, group four and groups
21 five, draw a line down the middle of each one of

1 those so you have two columns please. The first
2 one will be for VABS, the second one will be for
3 VSO for each of the groups, and then you'll line
4 up for your first, second and third when I tell
5 you who it is. Does everybody understand? All
6 right, thank you so much.

7 Okay. The national convention committee
8 on veterans services met Red Room 8 of the Nugget
9 Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada, on Wednesday,
10 September 27th, 2023 at 0900. Present was myself
11 as the chair. My members were Past Regional West
12 Coast William Matthews, Modesto Branch 197. My
13 advisor was ADLT Theo Lawson from the Navy
14 Department Branch 181. And then my visitor was
15 Past Regional President Northeast/New England
16 James Brown, Branch 226, and then Shipmate Chuck
17 Jameson from Branch 230, Shipmate Claude Smiley
18 from Branch 99 and Shipmate Eugene Gonzalez from
19 Branch 93.

20 I helped educate the new members first
21 time being to something of this nature about what

1 we were getting ready to do, and I needed one
2 more shipmate to help grade all the different
3 reports that I had, and Shipmate Chuck Jameson,
4 first time, jumped right in and said hey, I'm
5 here to help, and he became one of my -- yeah, I
6 lost it -- ratings, right, to get the grading.
7 Because as you know now, in our committee, we
8 actually have grading sheets, and so this new
9 person including Theo, myself and Matthews, we
10 all got to see it work its wonders again as we
11 worked through. You heard another committee talk
12 about how long they were in session; we were in
13 session for two-and-a-half hours until we got
14 through everything and if it wasn't for the
15 grading sheets, it would have been longer than
16 that.

17 So we of course continue to oversee the
18 veterans service office and the various volunteer
19 service programs providing education outreach to
20 the members of the association, including the
21 policies and regulations associated with these

1 programs. We report on the number and activities
2 of the accredited VSO and representatives in the
3 VABS program in each region. We solicit branches
4 and shipmates to become involved in Department of
5 Veterans Affairs services on the state, local and
6 national level, including VA regional offices,
7 medical facilities, state and national veteran
8 cemeteries or veterans homes.

9 And we annually recognize an outstanding
10 service by a shipmate in service to veterans. We
11 then proceeded to review and grade the reports
12 submitted by the regions. They are as follows:

13 First place, group one, Branch number
14 99, Kempsville, east coast. First place, group
15 two, Branch number 161, MO-KAN, east coast -- and
16 I think that's wrong, thank you. I knew you'd
17 correct me. Hey, I had the second letter right,
18 C, I just put the second letter wrong and then I
19 read it wrong. I apologize. Yeah, I was running
20 trying to get this done. I don't know if you
21 caught it yesterday, but I come in at the last

1 moment, I was one of the last ones.

2 NP ROBBINS: Shipmates, please be
3 respectful to the speaker at the podium.

4 S/M PHELPS: Shipmate at the mic.

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate. Is this
6 VSO first, or VABS?

7 S/M PHELPS: I thought I said it's VABS.
8 It's okay, VABS is first, so I'll go back.

9 Group one, Branch 99, Kempsville, East
10 Coast. Group two, first place, Branch 161,
11 MO-KAN, north central. Group three, first place,
12 Branch number 181, Navy Department, east coast.
13 Group four, Branch number 382, Gem state,
14 northwest. And group five, first place, Branch
15 number 274, High Sierra, west coast.

16 Second place, still VABS, group one, we
17 didn't have any. Group two, Branch number 97,
18 Whidbey Island, northwest. Group three, we
19 didn't have one. Group four, Branch number 23,
20 Buffalo, Northeast/New England. Group five,
21 Branch number 32, Lake of the Ozarks, north

1 central.

2 Third place. Group one, not applicable.

3 Group two, not applicable. Group three, not

4 applicable. Group four, Branch number 197,

5 Modesto, west coast. And group five, Branch

6 number 309, Diamond state, east coast.

7 Now we'll move on to VSO. First place,

8 group one, not applicable. Group two, Branch

9 number 97, Whidbey Island, northwest. Group

10 three, Branch number 181, Navy Department, east

11 coast. Group four, Branch number 382, Gem state,

12 northwest. Group five, Branch number 38,

13 Spokane, northwest.

14 Second place, not applicable for group

15 one. Group two, Branch number 302, Carson,

16 southwest. Group three, not applicable. Group

17 four, Branch number 23, Buffalo, Northeast/New

18 England. Group five, Branch number 41, Roanoke,

19 east coast.

20 And finally, third place, group one, not

21 applicable. Group two, not applicable. Group

1 three, not applicable. Group four, Branch number
2 197, Modesto, west coast. And group five, Branch
3 number 178, Monterey, west coast.

4 For the first time since I've been
5 involved with veterans services and what, we've
6 been around four or five years now, maybe six at
7 the most, there were four submissions for ship
8 mate of the year, okay? Yeah, we were ecstatic,
9 it was like unheard of, but guess what, right?
10 We had to go on even longer because we now had
11 to, we're not right there at the end yet. But
12 after much deliberation and going through the
13 four, the committee did select Shipmate Laurie
14 Cody, this is personal, from Branch 40, east
15 coast region, as the shipmate of the year for
16 veterans services.

17 Anybody that knows me knows that
18 Shipmate Laurie is my mentor. And you see the
19 passion that I have; multiply it by 20 or plus.
20 She doesn't come to these things because she's
21 out there helping the shipmates, okay, and that's

1 Branch 40 out of Chesapeake, Virginia.

2 So I want to thank the committee members
3 for the dedication, commitment and their input
4 throughout the past year. Those of you that
5 attended my meeting, you probably saw things a
6 little differently, I hope you took it to light
7 and that we all had a good time and there was
8 information that got passed out. I once again
9 apologize for the confusion that happened about
10 trying to produce the grading sheets that we
11 used.

12 But I think now that we've been through
13 the national convention and it's coming to the
14 end, you know, we got through the committee
15 reports. I'm already starting to get additional
16 positive feedback about that having been in
17 place, and I highly recommend that the other
18 committees, if you don't understand what I'm
19 talking about, please come and see me. I am
20 leaving after this session, but I will not get on
21 the bus until noon.

1 So the last thing I'll leave you with is
2 I do have the ribbons, so please come and see wee
3 when we get to the appropriate time. Thank you,
4 Shipmate National President, for the opportunity
5 to serve our shipmates, and I move that my report
6 be accepted.

7 NP ROBBINS: Thank you.

8 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, second.

9 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
10 floor, I have a second. Any discussion? Any
11 discussion? Being as there's no more discussion,
12 all in favor say aye.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 All opposed? So be it.

15 The next one will be future planning,
16 Bruce Talbot. Shipmate?

17 RVPSC TALBOT: Before I start, how many
18 people read Tab L? Okay. I'm going to read it
19 to you pretty much with some revisions, and so if
20 you didn't read it, no need to look at it now.
21 Opening, I asked everybody to stop by and see us.

1 We had five people come in, which I thought was
2 really good, and they offered us some real input.

3 All of our meeting are open and all
4 visitors have privilege of the floor, we don't
5 shut any conversation down there. Our monthly
6 meetings are via Zoom, we try to keep to an hour,
7 so we do move along but everybody gets a voice.

8 The national committee on future
9 planning met in the Central Pacific A Room of the
10 Nugget Casino, Sparks, Nevada, Wednesday,
11 September 27 at 0900. Present were myself, Bruce
12 Talbot, Junior Past Regional President William
13 Hanzel, Regional President North Central Marcia
14 Cunningham, Junior Past Regional President
15 Southwest Roger Bacud, Regional Vice President
16 Southeast Carl Kurtly. Guests in attendance were
17 Past Regional President West Coast Charles
18 McIntire, Johnny Odom, Regional President South
19 Central Emmett Smith, and Jim Davis, our director
20 of legislative affairs. And I really appreciate
21 you guys coming and giving us some input. I wish

1 we would have had more input, and we are always
2 open for input. And also attending was the
3 national parliamentarian, Marty Posekany.

4 The committee's direction as stated in
5 Article 8, 819.C, the committee shall review all
6 aspects of the association, receive and review
7 suggestions submitted and make recommendations to
8 insure the association's growth and efficient
9 operation in the future.

10 Summary of progress on the projects
11 we're working:

12 Region realignment. North Central and
13 South Central regions agreed to realign and
14 become one region and will be ready to function
15 as one region following the 2024 national
16 convention. Official realignment will require
17 many bylaw revisions and will best be
18 incorporated into the 2025 constitutional
19 convention.

20 West Coast and Southwest regions are
21 discussing voluntary realignment, possibly

1 including the Northwest Region, and are currently
2 waiting on lessons learned from the North
3 Central-South Central merger or realignment.

4 Regions have been a longstanding
5 tradition within our organization, as regional
6 presidents comprise the majority of the national
7 board of directors. Modern communication has all
8 but eliminated the need for an RP to relay
9 communications, and an out-of-the-box solution
10 would be to abolish regions and fill the national
11 board of director positions by elected committee
12 chairmen. The closest chairman could be
13 dispatched to assist a troubled branch in an
14 emergency.

15 And again, we take all ideas and we
16 share them and we pick the ones that we act on.

17 Our action, future planning committee
18 will work with the C&BL committee and
19 parliamentarian to prepare for the bylaws changes
20 for the region realignment.

21 Future planning committee recommends the

1 FRA develop a strategic business plan to guide
2 the future of the organization. We had one in
3 about 2010 or so which, one of the outcomes was
4 establishing the future planning committee. We
5 don't track that; anybody seen our strategic
6 business plan recently? No? Okay. Action:
7 Recommend the NP appoint a committee to develop a
8 strategic business plan for the FRA.

9 The committee worked with the
10 parliamentarian to codify the security of assets
11 for voluntary or involuntary branch closure until
12 a majority of the branch members can decide asset
13 disposition. Our bylaws are very vague with
14 regard to this. Action: The future planning
15 committee recommends the national president with
16 the approval of the financial officer issue a
17 letter recommending how to control and disburse
18 these assets.

19 Realizing with current membership
20 trends, a qualified NED candidate may not exist
21 within our membership, the FPC or future planning

1 committee submitted a bylaws resolution that
2 would allow the board of directors to conduct a
3 search for a qualified NED candidate from within
4 the organization or external to the organization,
5 and in case of similarly qualified candidates,
6 the FRA member would be given preference.

7 Action: Future planning will modify and resubmit
8 the resolution ruled out of order and will
9 resubmit its companion resolution at the next
10 convention.

11 The committee welcomes input and ideas
12 on how to make our convention flow smoothly and
13 at a respectful pace, so members are not
14 scurrying from one meeting to another, or
15 simultaneously required to be in two locations at
16 once. Additionally, the convention dates should
17 be listed as the opening ceremony-installation
18 day with the information provided on the pre and
19 post board meetings and room reservation
20 information. For example, this convention would
21 have been listed as 26 to 29 September, vice 23rd

1 or whenever it was originally listed, so members
2 aren't initially shocked by how long the
3 convention is, because those of us that have to
4 be here for pre board and post board know we've
5 got to add those days on there. First timers
6 wouldn't realize that.

7 The future planning committee meeting
8 for this convention was conducted as an open door
9 session for members to drop by and share their
10 concerns and ideas. Monthly meetings are also
11 conducted as open sessions. Action: The future
12 planning committee recommends standing committees
13 meet regularly to conduct business throughout the
14 year. This would preclude having to do all the
15 committee's work at the meeting during the
16 national convention.

17 And expand Zoom access to committee
18 chairs so they could start their own meetings and
19 don't have to have a member of the FRA staff
20 start the meeting for them or bump them off if
21 there's a competing meeting. For example,

1 yesterday I had to be in three paces at once, or
2 I needed to be at the future planning committee
3 meeting, I wanted to be at the budget and finance
4 committee meeting because I think that's
5 important, and it ties in with the future
6 planning committee, and I wanted to be at the
7 constitution and bylaws committee because I had a
8 resolution that turned out to be ruled out of
9 order, and had I known that in advance, I could
10 have prepared an amendment to do on the floor and
11 we could have passed it this year. We chose not
12 to scurry through that because we have an
13 executive director now and next year will be
14 plenty of time to get it in there, so you will
15 see that resolution again.

16 Also, future planning committee will
17 coordinate with the centennial committee to
18 improve convention flow. Committee meetings are
19 organized throughout the week rather than all at
20 once, we won't hold meetings at the same time,
21 and will conduct workshops during convention

1 hours so members who would gain the most value
2 would attend.

3 And I go back to my friend Ralph Smith
4 who when I showed up at the first convention, he
5 said you've got a yellow hat, you're going to
6 that workshop and learn how to do this, and I
7 went to that workshop. So that was the way I was
8 taught and that's what we should be doing
9 tomorrow, our new people, to train them up on how
10 to do things.

11 Then when I became regional president he
12 told me, you've got a gray hat, you need to go
13 there and make sure they're doing things right.

14 Committee chairs forward recommended
15 changes to committee reports to the Past Regional
16 President Bill Hansel before the close of the
17 convention. So Bill has agreed to take on as
18 part of the future planning committee the changes
19 to those reports. So the committee chairs, if
20 you have a recommendation for a change to the
21 report, send it to Bill.

1 Committee chairs determine how much time
2 they need for convention meetings and forward to
3 Bill by close of convention. So while it's fresh
4 in your mind how long you took, send how long
5 that meeting should be to Bill so we can work
6 that in to the next convention as we start to
7 gear up towards it. And stakeholders should
8 forward input for branch officer report revisions
9 to Bill as well by the end of the year. We'd ask
10 you to do it by the convention but the branches
11 may have some input to that, so talk with them
12 and submit any recommendations for changes to
13 Bill, Bill has agreed to handle all that.

14 The constitutional convention is clearly
15 scheduled for 2025, and much preparation needs to
16 occur to insure its success. Action: The future
17 planning committee recommends standing up a
18 constitution convention committee focused on
19 bylaws revision to coordinate with the
20 constitution and bylaws committee now.

21 Ideas for members. And this is why it's

1 important that members come to our meetings or
2 submit their input and ideas, because we share it
3 in this forum. So special thanks to Johnny Odom
4 for the idea to place the QR codes on our banners
5 in a parade. It's on our membership application,
6 I never thought of putting it on the banner.
7 That way someone along the parade route could
8 scan the QR code rather than trying type in
9 www.fra.org, which isn't that hard, but it's a
10 lot easier to scan the QR code, and younger
11 people, that's their mode of operation, they're
12 used to it.

13 Our national board of directors midyear
14 must storm the Hill. If they don't, it's a
15 wasted trip to Washington D.C. And I add into
16 that from our John Davis' perspective, we must
17 storm the Hill every year, it's pretty much a
18 requirement. They miss us if we don't, they note
19 it, the note that we don't storm the Hill. So
20 our presence is not only requested but required
21 to be noticed.

1 Okay. Future -- yeah, those are ideas
2 for members. Future considerations. We
3 recommend and we're working on developing a
4 sponsorship revenue stream which is currently
5 being done by the national executive director,
6 and we will support as necessary. Branches
7 benefiting from the use of the FRA trademark, our
8 name, should be required to renew annually. This
9 would include items for sale by branches in club
10 rooms. Additionally, headquarters should turn
11 over the inventory and sale of all items to a
12 branch or branches.

13 Partnerships and coordination with other
14 veterans organizations and engaging our active
15 duty advisory council and reserve advisory
16 council. We got one letter from the master chief
17 petty officer of the Navy about our convention.

18 Consideration should be given to taking
19 the organization cloud based with the best
20 qualified employees working anywhere from home
21 with the exception of the NED and those whose

1 presence is required on Capitol Hill be in the
2 D.C. area, who could work from a small office
3 possibly shared with other veterans
4 organizations, and this is in progress with the
5 building committee.

6 Based on current trends, decommissioning
7 the FRA may become a reality. Current income
8 sources including proceeds from a sale of the
9 building are dismal, providing a budget forecast
10 for only a few years. Pending a miracle or an
11 alternative source of income, consideration
12 should be given to merging with other appropriate
13 organizations, and exiting with dignity, grace
14 and pride if necessary. Future planning
15 committee recommends preparing an exit plan and a
16 timeline in the case a proper decommissioning is
17 required, and it could take up to two to three
18 years.

19 I wish to express my thanks for the
20 opportunity to serve as chairman of the national
21 standing committee for future planning. This

1 concludes my report and I move that it be
2 received.

3 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, delegate, 126,
4 second.

5 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
6 floor and I have a second.

7 That was a very good report and I
8 appreciate that. And he did hit a point that
9 comes to heart. We all need to try harder, we
10 need to get out there and recruit. I know you're
11 tired of hearing that word recruit, but we need
12 members. I'm not throwing in the anchor yet.
13 I'm not going to let this ship go afloat. So,
14 I'll get off my soapbox.

15 Being that it's been seconded and
16 everything, is there any other discussion besides
17 mine?

18 NVP HANDZUK: Shipmate National
19 President.

20 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate NVP.

21 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, delegate, 126,

1 national vice president. I've been at many many
2 national conventions and I have to give Shipmate
3 Talbot an outstanding, a bravo zulu, a 5.0. This
4 is one of the most sober thinking and most blunt
5 realistic future planning reports I've ever seen
6 and heard. He deserved that applause from you
7 all.

8 I've been so impressed with him, and I'm
9 saying this even though you all are going to
10 latch, assuming I become your national president,
11 he has accepted chairmanship of that committee
12 for next year.

13 NP ROBBINS: Good. All right. Moving
14 on, our next -- thank you. Hey, I'm in a hurry.

15 All those in favor, say aye.

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 All those opposed?

18 Now, I get thinking about too many
19 things and going down the list.

20 Legislative service, Shipmate Davis.

21 Yes, you have to come up here.

1 And shipmates, I'm going to ask again,
2 when somebody is giving their reports, please do
3 not side bar.

4 S/M DAVIS: Good morning, shipmates.
5 The national committee on legislative service met
6 yesterday at 0730. Those in attendance received
7 a legislative briefing and they approved the
8 legislative agenda and the Pinnacle Award
9 recipients, and that's all in your kit and I ask
10 that that be approved.

11 NP ROBBINS: So, you move that it be
12 approved?

13 S/M DAVIS: Yes, and I wanted to talk to
14 them about what's going on on the Hill.

15 NP ROBBINS: Okay.

16 S/M DAVIS: Before we get to that, I
17 just wanted to let you know what's going on on
18 Capitol Hill. The House and Senate are unable to
19 come to an agreement regarding provisions of a
20 continuing resolution which would temporarily
21 keep the government open, so in all likelihood,

1 the government will shut down at midnight this
2 Saturday. Both chambers, the House and Senate
3 are both moving forward with continuing
4 resolutions, I guess that's the good news. The
5 bad news is the other chamber says we're not
6 going to act on it, it's unacceptable. So the
7 big differences are funding levels, Ukraine aid,
8 and also border security.

9 Back in the day, a continuing
10 resolution, basically all they did was keep the
11 government open at the current levels, spending
12 levels. And more and more as we do more of these
13 every year because they can't pass all the
14 appropriation bills on time, they've been adding
15 things to them, which is okay, but what now is
16 the situation where they don't agree on the
17 add-ons pretty much, so that's been a problem.

18 So as a result federal workers,
19 including active duty military, will not be paid
20 until the agreement is finalized. During past
21 government shutdowns, I think I told you last

1 time, legislation was passed to continue to pay
2 the Armed Forces, and there have been legislative
3 proposals just introduced yesterday in both the
4 House and the Senate, but you know how fast
5 Congress works, so it will be very very difficult
6 for those proposals to get passed on time and
7 get, basically what they do is say they would pay
8 the military while there's a shutdown, but I
9 think it very tough to see how those are going to
10 pass on time. So that's where we are, I just
11 wanted you to be aware of that.

12 Just some background information. We've
13 had 22 shutdowns since 1976. Ten of them were,
14 government employees didn't get paid on time.
15 And the longest shutdown was in 2018, that lasted
16 35 days. Everybody remember that one? So
17 anyway, I just wanted to give you that update.
18 Thank you.

19 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
20 floor -- sorry, I've got to have somebody at the
21 mic.

1 PRPNC LICKTEIG: Shipmate Lickteig,
2 Branch 161. I second.

3 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion and I have
4 a second. Is there any discussion? Any
5 discussion? Being as there is no further
6 discussion, all in favor say aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 All opposed? So be it.

9 Shipmates, I do need you to come to the
10 mic for recording purposes. That's why I'm
11 trying to be more gentle with the mic, because
12 the gentleman over there will blow his ear drums
13 out. Okay. Moving on.

14 Membership and retention, Shipmate John
15 Handzuk, VP.

16 NVP HANDZUK: Good morning, shipmates.
17 The national convention committee on membership
18 retention met in Southern Pacific C at 0900, 27
19 September, 0800. Those in attendance were
20 myself, chairman; Regional Vice President
21 Southeast Carl Kurtly, Branch 22; Regional Vice

1 President Southwest Ed Lebeau, Branch 302;
2 Regional Vice President Northeast/New England Ray
3 Rizzo, Branch 124; Regional Vice President East
4 Coast Robert Olivera, Branch 193; and Regional
5 Vice President Bruce Talbot, Branch 159. Our
6 advisor, Director of Membership and Development
7 Christina Hitchcock was also in attendance.
8 Visitors were Kurt Baker, Branch 14; Jerry
9 Miranda, Branch 70; Robert Porter, Branch 185;
10 First Vice President Cheryl Kloskey, Branch 59;
11 Regional President Northwest Rex Faubion, Branch
12 104; Past Regional President South Central C.
13 Ursula Gruetzner, Branch 201; Regional Vice
14 President West Coast Robert Huffman, Branch 197;
15 President Paul Rogers of Branch 179; and honorary
16 member Cynthia Banks, Branch 201.

17 I'm not going to go into the primary
18 duties, you all know what our job is, and we
19 tried very very hard to work on that. We did
20 meet monthly via Zoom, the meetings were open to
21 the membership. Shipmates in attendance were

1 asked to review the chairman's report as
2 submitted in your delegate kit in Section O,
3 which I went over earlier in the convention. And
4 you also saw the director of membership
5 development staff report in Section H. At the
6 end of the DMD's report you will find the fourth
7 quarter voting strengths, and the report
8 summarizes information not included in the
9 delegate kit and information that pertains to
10 national awards prepared by the committee.

11 We discussed throughout the year and
12 again yesterday initiative to engage younger
13 members and empower them to use social media and
14 to help identify younger members. And one of the
15 biggest things was the code thingy, QR code,
16 there you go. Hey, I was close. Hey, got to
17 have some humor here, but perhaps that will get
18 us some more engagement because that's what the
19 younger generation does, that's what they do, the
20 QR code, they don't like paper.

21 Many of the things we talked about in

1 the PR, parades, public engagement in the
2 community, getting our name out there and
3 everybody ran a gamut. More people need to try
4 that, more branches. The 23-24 marketing plan
5 was discussed. As noted, the application has
6 been revised for the centennial marketing
7 campaign, and updated to reflect that special
8 offer, which is \$64 for new members, it's 24 for
9 the first year, 40 for the second.

10 There were other offers but we could
11 only have one discount, if you will, in the
12 course of a year according to the constitution
13 and bylaws, and the one that actually came to me,
14 and that shipmate beat me up, he made a phone
15 call trying to convince me to give away,
16 literally give away membership, and I said we
17 can't afford to do it. He considered it an
18 investment. I said we're already operating at a
19 deficit and what guarantee statistically do we
20 have that we're going to get those folks to stay?
21 So as you noted, it was ruled out of order.

1 Anyway, moving on. One branch was
2 awarded the outstanding membership promotion for
3 the Abraham Rosenberg award and that went to
4 Wilmington, North Carolina Branch because their
5 overall recruiting gain was 76 percent.
6 Congratulations to them. That was Branch 299.
7 And as a point of information, they surrendered
8 their branch charter back in 2018, and all the
9 members went MAL. The former members reorganized
10 and requested reorganization, were granted a
11 charter on March 16th, 2022, and since that time
12 they have grown from 25 members as of March 31st,
13 2022, to 48 members as of August 31st of this
14 year.

15 Now, the Frank J. McPherson award,
16 that's one I didn't have information on in the
17 initial report the other day. The committee is
18 pleased to announce we had three total
19 nominations. The winner Shipmate Lawrence
20 Beirola, Branch 72, Fall River, Mass.

21 Larry has an enormous yet quiet impact

1 on a branch by leading a reinvigorating
2 generation of the shipmates. He is a tireless
3 advocate of the FRA, attends events and wherever
4 possible actively participates by staffing a
5 table or actively participating in the events.
6 Whether working with the FRA or external veterans
7 groups, he looks to find the best outcome for all
8 involved and truly exemplifies the core values of
9 the FRA, loyalty, protection and service.

10 He lives the FRA cardinal principles
11 through the buddy system. He's taken it on to
12 insure two of the shipmates attend all of their
13 medical appointments. He has also up daily
14 breakfast meetings at a local diner for shipmates
15 to drop in.

16 Shipmate Larry brings a considered and
17 thoughtful approach to leadership but equally a
18 willingness to learn. His honesty, friendliness
19 and considerate nature are qualities that make
20 him a natural leader. Larry has time for
21 everyone who comes to him. In the year since

1 Larry has assumed the position of branch vice
2 president, his affable nature, clear insight and
3 guiding vision has garnered the respect and
4 admiration of those shipmates, as well as the
5 other veterans organizations in Bristol County
6 Veterans Council. He tirelessly promotes the FRA
7 at every opportunity and during last year's
8 Veterans Day events he took it upon himself to
9 attend not just one, but all veterans events in
10 the Fall River area to promote the Fleet Reserve
11 Association and its program offerings.

12 He leads by example, doesn't shy away
13 from tough challenges, and has worked tirelessly
14 to both raise his and his fellow shipmates' level
15 of knowledge of the association. The committee
16 is honored to recognize Larry Beirola for the
17 Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award.

18 All right, spelling on Shipmate Larry's
19 last name, B-E-I-R-O-L-A. That's his last name,
20 first name Larry or Lawrence, Branch 72.

21 Having completed all other business, we

1 proceeded to review statistics for branch
2 membership awards. Again, they were promulgated
3 the other day. We opened the committee to a
4 roundtable discussion of what to do to try to
5 reinvigorate recruiting and retention. We
6 discussed the resolutions that were submitted,
7 that's finished business. The gold banners for a
8 hundred percent were passed out to the RPs, and
9 we opened it up also to the visitors.

10 If you recall earlier this year, the
11 committee will back me up on this because I kind
12 of harp on it at every meeting, I like to use the
13 word sponsor vice recruit, because when you go to
14 a military installation and say you want to
15 recruit members, they lock the door and throw the
16 key away. What you're trying to do is pass out
17 information, and have applications.

18 It goes back to the old days when we
19 were in the military. You got PCS orders. In
20 short order you got greetings from your
21 prospective new command and were assigned a

1 sponsor to help that transition. Well, that's
2 what you're doing when you're recruiting, and
3 once you recruit that member and they get on the
4 rolls and they got their card, it's not finished
5 business, shipmates. Part of your job is to
6 continue or begin the process of mentoring.
7 They're our reliefs, and I'm not going to stand
8 here and give you examples for how I mentored my
9 subordinates in the Navy.

10 What I can say to you, and I'm not going
11 to use their names, I've been in the organization
12 a little over 40 years. I rejoined in 1983 when
13 I was pushing boots through Orlando. There were
14 three shipmates in that branch that mentored me,
15 and they were brother shipmates, and the biggest
16 thing they drove home to me, do what's best for
17 the organization, loyalty, protection and
18 service, and that's what I've tried to do thus
19 far.

20 So I challenge you, don't forget that
21 new member, engage them, bring them to the

1 meeting, a shipmate comes to you with a question
2 about why do you do this or why do you do that,
3 explain the purpose behind it, get them educated.
4 They will be more willing to become engaged.

5 Shipmate National President, that
6 concludes my report. I move that it be accepted.

7 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate
8 (inaudible) second.

9 NP ROBBINS: I didn't hear you. I have
10 a motion on the floor and I have a second. Is
11 there any discussion? Any discussion? Being as
12 there is no further discussion, all in favor say
13 aye.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 All opposed? So be it.

16 Moving down the road, public relations.
17 Shipmate Robert Beeme. Come on, somebody help
18 him up. Shipmate Bob is a good shipmate.

19 S/M BEEEME: I am shipmate Robert Beeme,
20 Branch 32, Lake of the Ozarks. The national
21 convention committee on public relations met in

1 the Pacific Conference Room D of the Nugget Hotel
2 and Casino at 0900 hours on Wednesday,
3 September 27th, 2023. In attendance were myself;
4 Joyce Harris, Branch 20; Pete Lazzaretti, Branch
5 18; Lou Transfiguracion, Branch 302; and Ed
6 Blein, Branch 17.

7 Items for action. The committee would
8 like to remind shipmates that with the midterm
9 elections, that as a nonpartisan organization,
10 members and branches cannot endorse any one
11 political candidate, party or initiative on
12 either the local or national ballots while
13 exhibiting the FRA logo. This includes posts on
14 any social media platform.

15 The national committee on public
16 relations' primary duty is to promulgate to the
17 membership methods of development and fostering
18 good public relations for the Fleet Reserve
19 Association and to assist branches in
20 establishing well organized public relation
21 programs consistent with the aims and principles

1 of the preamble of the C&BL. The committee
2 recognizes FRA branches annually for their
3 activities and programs.

4 The following branches' public relations
5 report were judged and placed for this year's
6 convention. While first place reports were
7 submitted by several regions, some reports did
8 not contain significant criteria to warrant an
9 award.

10 First place, group one, Branch 269,
11 southeast. Group two, Branch 302, southwest.
12 Group three, Branch 293, east coast. Group four,
13 Branch 268, north central. Group five, Branch
14 32, north central.

15 Let's see. Second place, group one,
16 Branch 289, southwest. Group two, 161, north
17 central. Group three, 163, southwest. Group
18 four, 197, west coast. Sorry, you can't hear?
19 I'm too fast? I'm sorry. I'm really not. Group
20 three, second place, 163, southwest. Groups
21 four, 197, west coast. Group five, Branch 98,

1 south central.

2 Third place, there was no third place in
3 group one. Group two, Branch 22, southeast.

4 There was no third place in group three. Group
5 four, Branch 182, east coast. Group five, Branch
6 13, Northeast/New England.

7 The following shipmate is awarded
8 shipmate of the year for the public relations:
9 Shipmate John Thorpe of Goose Greek, Branch 269.

10 During the committee we talked about an
11 attempt to be made within the upcoming year to
12 revise the PR manual. We would like to make it a
13 little bit more user friendly for the branches.
14 It was written in 2008. A lot of things have
15 happened since 2008, social media, all the
16 Internet things that we currently use, all those
17 social media platforms. The PR committee will
18 attempt to meet monthly via Zoom and we invite
19 everybody to attend who is interested in public
20 relations.

21 I would like to thank the national

1 president for the opportunity to serve as the
2 acting public relations national committee
3 chairman. I would also like to thank my
4 committee members and the national headquarters
5 staff for their continued support, and I move
6 that this report be submitted.

7 NP ROBBINS: Thank you very much.

8 PRPNC LICKTEIG: Shipmate Lickteig,
9 delegate, Branch 161, second.

10 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
11 floor, I do have a second. Any discussion? Any
12 discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 All those opposed? So be it.

15 Youth activity, Shipmate the too rot.

16 Did I get that right this time?

17 PNCHAP TULOTTE: Hi, I'm Shipmate Past
18 National Chaplain Valerie Tulotte. The national
19 convention committee on youth activities met in
20 the Cascade Room of the Nugget Casino Resort,
21 Sparks, Nevada on Wednesday, September 27, 2023

1 at 0900. I was the chair. Visitors were Past
2 Regional President East Coast Chris Murray;
3 Shipmate Rich Blanchette; Shipmate Marcus Pena;
4 Shipmate Nate Smiley.

5 We had 50 submissions for youth
6 activities and four shipmates nominated for
7 shipmate of the year.

8 Group one, first place, Branch 269, Low
9 Country, southeast. Group two, first place,
10 Branch 161, MO-KAN, north central. Group three,
11 first place, Branch 293, Elizabeth City, east
12 coast. Group four, first place, Branch 182,
13 Triangle, east coast. Group five, Branch 294,
14 Crossville, southeast.

15 Group one, second place, Branch 61,
16 Chula Vista, southwest. Group two, second place,
17 Branch 261, Lenoir, west coast. Group three,
18 second place, Branch 163, Valley of the Sun,
19 southwest. Group four, Branch 090, Fabulous
20 Las Vegas, southwest. Group five, second place,
21 Branch 281, Shasta Lake City, west coast.

1 Third place, group one, no submission.
2 Group two, Branch 302, Carson, southwest. Group
3 three, Branch 8, Vallejo, west coast. Group
4 four, Branch 124, Lakehurst, New
5 England/Northeast. Group five, Branch 223, West
6 Kentucky, north central.

7 Shipmate of the year is Rob Burroughs
8 from Branch 281, Shasta Lake City, group five.

9 I would like to thank the members of the
10 youth activities committee for their outstanding
11 performance. I move that this report be
12 received.

13 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate of the year?

14 PNCHAP TULOTTE: Rob Burroughs, Shasta
15 Lake City, California, group five, Branch 281.
16 B-U-R-R-O-U-G-H-S. Thank you.

17 NP ROBBINS: Thank you very much. I
18 appreciate you doing this. She moved it, who
19 seconded?

20 SPEAKER: Second.

21 NP ROBBINS: Thank you. Any discussion?

1 I have one thing to say, which I always do. I
2 want to thank Valerie, Shipmate Valerie, I'm
3 sorry, but my committee chair called me at the
4 last moment and said I can't do it, and emailed
5 me a whole bunch of stuff, and I asked her and I
6 just gave everything to her. She sorted it out
7 and I feel that she did an outstanding job for me
8 and I want to thank you, Valerie.

9 You know, we have to do this, when we
10 come to convention, committee people that don't
11 show up, we have to ask, can you do it for me.
12 Some say yes, some say no. So remember, if you
13 take a committee, make sure you're coming or if
14 you can't, communicate with the national
15 president and say I can't be there, find another
16 chairman, so we can take appropriate action.

17 Now, being as I have a motion and a
18 second, is there any other discussion? Okay.
19 Any other discussion? So being no discussion,
20 all in favor say aye.

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 Any opposed? All right.

2 Okay. The next one is time and place.

3 This one should be very simple. Jerry, you
4 better stand up to the mic.

5 PRPNC LICKTEIG: Shipmate Lickteig,
6 delegate, Branch 161. In discussion with Branch
7 32, Branch 32 and Branch 161 will be hosting with
8 everybody's agreement, the 2025 national
9 convention. It will be held in the
10 Branson-Springfield area in the state of
11 Missouri, which is nice and center, so I'm hoping
12 a lot of people can make the center of the United
13 States. Thank you.

14 NP ROBBINS: Okay. In accordance with
15 the bylaws, you have to do it two years out. He
16 just made a proposal, so that is a motion. So
17 what follows a motion?

18 SPEAKER: Seconds.

19 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate at the mic. Come
20 on.

21 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 201, Texas.

1 I second it.

2 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion and about
3 two or three seconds. Is there any discussion?
4 Does anybody else want to take it? I didn't
5 think so. Anymore discussion? All those in
6 favor, say aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 Anybody opposed? Jerry, you have it.

9 Okay. My next committee is a special
10 committee, Donna Jansky. I need to know the
11 results of your meeting so, see how quick we
12 forget, Past National President.

13 PNP JANSKY: Good morning. All right.
14 So we had a breakfast meeting, we all had
15 breakfast. We are taking, our meeting was very
16 informal. It was to go over ideas coming out of
17 this convention of how we can do better for next
18 year. No disrespect to this convention, but
19 everything is a learning experience, and that was
20 about it.

21 We do meet monthly, it is an open

1 meeting, it's Zoom. If anyone is interested in
2 being part of it, just let me know, I'm sure that
3 you all have my number. Oh, do you want it?
4 Well, I guess I should tell you where the
5 convention is, I guess, that's what my members
6 are telling me. All right.

7 The convention next year is
8 November 11th through the 16th, it is in
9 Annapolis, Maryland, it is a Doubletree Hilton
10 Hotel. The cost is only \$102 a night, pretty
11 good. We are going on GSA rates, meals are GSA
12 rates, so costs will be a little lower. It is a
13 hotel with free parking. Animals are accepted
14 there, so if you have dogs, you can bring them.
15 We are selling kindly the pins, the centennial
16 opinions for five dollars and each of the
17 committee members do have them available for you,
18 so if you haven't been approached yet, you will
19 be. What else?

20 Do I have anybody that has a question
21 for the committee?

1 NP ROBBINS: Shipmates, I have a speaker
2 at the podium, please. Shipmate at the mic.

3 S/M COURNEYA: Courneya, delegate,
4 Branch 274. When will your newsletter come out.

5 PNP JANSKY: I believe it is the January
6 timeframe that the first one always comes out.
7 Anything else?

8 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate at the mic.
9 Somebody help her there.

10 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 269,
11 delegate. I am on the committee and we have a
12 flier on all the tables. Please take these home
13 to your branches, give them out there, if you
14 have a million of them, put them on every door
15 you can, because we are really planning a special
16 convention and also during the following year,
17 you will have special events, and we're going to
18 be asking the regions to put together some kind
19 of thing in their area like a baseball game for
20 the FRA or some other kind of event, so we need
21 your help in doing that to celebrate the whole

1 year.

2 It will start on November 11th with the
3 Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington. We are
4 sponsoring it, so that's the one you see on TV
5 all the time and it's a big deal, it really is,
6 do please come up for it. You will get to go to
7 Arlington and I think they're even going to have
8 some kind of reception afterwards in the building
9 that houses the ceremony, the Tomb of the Unknown
10 Soldier is right there, and it's going to be a
11 really special ceremony. And then we're going to
12 have other things set up.

13 I am the entertainment and tourism
14 director to I will have some really cool things
15 for you all to do and also bring the family, this
16 is a family thing too. And I'm going to try to
17 set up things at the hotel for the families to
18 do, maybe, you know, some kind of game area for
19 the kids or something like that. So we've got
20 everybody to be engaged and love coming to
21 Annapolis for that, and also during the year be

1 excited about that, it's our hundred year
2 anniversary.

3 I've been in this organization for 25
4 years and I feel like this is my family, and this
5 is absolutely the best group of people, and I've
6 been in other places, you know, organizations,
7 and they don't have this, they don't have the
8 camaraderie that we do, and we just need this,
9 and let's get excited people, okay? Thank you.

10 PNP JANSKY: Our national president will
11 be hosting, he will be the emcee at the Arlington
12 Cemetery on November 11th. It's a big deal. He
13 will be introducing either the President, our
14 Vice President, you know, come out and support
15 your national president, if he's elected.
16 Shipmate at the mic.

17 S/M BILL: Shipmate Bill, 182, I'm also
18 on the committee. To let everybody know, I have
19 a connection with the Nationals baseball team,
20 I've already contacted them, I'm going to meet
21 again in the springtime. We will have a game

1 during the summer and I will let everybody know
2 that's on the past regional presidents, the past
3 national presidents, the present staff and the
4 elected staff that's coming in, I will let you
5 know when it's going to be and we all are going
6 to have a good time. Now what they do, they
7 won't put our names up but they'll put the Fleet
8 Reserve Association up, okay? And we're going to
9 have a whole section and it will probably be in
10 the outfield but it will be a good section where
11 you see the whole thing. So I will let you know,
12 it will be during the summer and it will be on a
13 Sunday afternoon or a Saturday afternoon, I'm
14 sorry, either Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and
15 we'll have a good time. I am working with it and
16 we're going to have everybody there, so let's
17 have fun.

18 PNP JANSKY: Shipmate at the mic.

19 S/M KELLY: Kelly, 289, delegate, just a
20 couple questions. When can we start calling for
21 reservations?

1 PNP JANSKY: I will get back to you on
2 that.

3 S/M KELLY: The other couple things is,
4 I'm also on the committee. We're taking all and
5 any input, and PNP Jansky is a great listener.

6 PNP JANSKY: Shipmate at the mic.

7 S/M BRIGGS: Shipmate Briggs, Branch 24.
8 I am the east coast regional chairman for the
9 committee. I live in Annapolis, Maryland. I've
10 actually been a private docent for tours for the
11 Naval Academy and I've passed that to Past
12 National President Jansky, to try to get the U.S.
13 Naval Academy to perform.

14 I am also very active with Annapolis
15 High School NJROTC, they have a great corps of
16 cadets and actually the lead cadet for the NJROTC
17 was the third place essay winner. So I think we
18 have a great team and I'm not on the team
19 actually, but --

20 PNP JANSKY: What was that?

21 S/M BRIGGS: But I do work with a lot of

1 organizations, and if I can help you, let me
2 know.

3 PNP JANSKY: I will take the help.
4 Shipmate at the mic.

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, 98, I'm
6 on the committee. It seems all about going to
7 Arlington. We are looking at getting buses to
8 transport everybody to Arlington know that wants
9 to go. That being said, we could use some help
10 from the branches. I asked every branch in my
11 region to donate a hundred dollars, ear mark it
12 for the centennial, I challenge everyone to do
13 the same, and I see Branch 201 sent \$201, so
14 please help me.

15 NP ROBBINS: Make the challenge.

16 SPEAKER: But at least a hundred
17 dollars.

18 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate at the mic.

19 SPEAKER: Shipmates, just a
20 clarification. Is it the 2024 or the 2025 that's
21 the constitutional.

1 PNP JANSKY: The 2025 is the
2 constitutional. 2024 is not.

3 SPEAKER: It's the hundred.

4 PNP JANSKY: Yes, okay.

5 NP ROBBINS: Thank you very much.

6 PNP JANSKY: I move to accept my report.

7 NVP HANDZUK: Handzuk, delegate, 126,
8 seconds.

9 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion on the
10 floor, I have a second.

11 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) 14. At one of our
12 recent meetings, everybody at the table threw in
13 a hundred dollars and we donated a thousand
14 dollars to the centennial committee, so if you're
15 having a branch meeting, if your branch doesn't
16 have any money, just collect from the members.

17 NP ROBBINS: I have a motion, I had a
18 second. Is there any more discussion? All in
19 favor, say aye.

20 (Chorus of ayes.)

21 All opposed? So be it.

1 I knew there was something about
2 Marines.

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. 15 minutes.

9 (Recess.)

10 NP ROBBINS: Shipmate Master at Arms,
11 invite the shipmates in the meeting hall and
12 close the doors, and I know there will be
13 stragglers.

14 Shipmate Bob Huffman, the master at arms
15 needs you at the door.

16 Shipmate National Chaplain, would you
17 please open the Bible?

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

20 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
21 National Chaplain.

1 Shipmate at the mic.

2 S/M SMITH: Smith, 98, delegate.

3 NP ROBBINS: All right, shipmates, come
4 on. Calm down.

5 S/M SMITH: Submit since I spoke last
6 about donating money, we have an individual from
7 Branch 8, Ernie Hunt, who has donated a hundred
8 dollars, and I have passed that money on to the
9 NED.

10 NP ROBBINS: Thank you very much,
11 Shipmate. The national executive director will
12 read any greetings, if there's any.

13 NED REID: Good morning, shipmates. I
14 wanted to hold on to this one until this time in
15 the program. This is from the U.S. House of
16 Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs.

17 Dear Fleet Reserve Association: On
18 behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives
19 Committee on Veterans Affairs, congratulations on
20 your convention.

21 Please accept also our heartfelt

1 condolences for the tragic loss of your National
2 Executive Director Christopher Slawinski. Not
3 only is this a loss for his family and the Fleet
4 Reserve Association, but for the entire veterans
5 community. Chris was a strong outspoken voice in
6 the veteran space and made great strides in
7 improving the lives of his brothers and sisters
8 in arms.

9 We're grateful for his 20 years of
10 honorable service in the U.S. Navy and over 19
11 years of service with FRA, advocating on behalf
12 of veterans numerous times before Congress.
13 During his time, both with the Navy and the FRA,
14 Chris changed the lives of many veterans and
15 Americans for the better. He embodied what it
16 means to be a sailor for life by putting service
17 above self.

18 May his memory be an eternal blessing,
19 and congratulations on having a successful
20 convention. Mike Bost, Chairman.

21 And I thought this was appropriate

1 because Chris worked so hard to get the
2 centennial up and running last year, and
3 appointing probably the right person to do it,
4 PNP Jansky, so thank you.

5 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate Reid.
6 We all do miss Chris, okay? It's very touching.
7 And he's with us in this room right now in
8 spirit, I know he is.

9 Shipmate National Convention Chairman,
10 Shipmate Patcliff, do you have any announcements?

11 Shipmate Virgil Courneya, PNP, on the
12 convention, do you have anything you would like
13 to say? I knew you couldn't turn down the
14 chance. Do you want to come up here or do it
15 there? Everybody else does it up here.

16 PNP COURNEYA: I have some dinner
17 tickets that haven't been picked up yet for
18 Manicella Sanchez. No, no takers? Nancy
19 Osemple. And Diane Mendoza. Are they all from
20 your -- all right. That takes care of that.

21 Other than that, glad everyone is having

1 a good time. I hope you had a good time the
2 other night at the welcome aboard. And just a
3 reminder, I'll do it now, that tomorrow is the
4 banquet.

5 That person that didn't like his prize
6 didn't read the wheel that when you come around
7 and it was blank you didn't get nothing, so we
8 gave him a magnet. That's all, National
9 President.

10 NP ROBBINS: It's true, I didn't read
11 the directions. You know, and out of, hey, ten
12 dollars, and I got a magnet? Come on. And then
13 Virgil goes did you read the directions, and I'm
14 going no, so it was my fault. You all are
15 waiting for this one. Anybody else have anything
16 else they want to say? Okay.

17 The third business session of the 95th
18 National Convention will now be recessed. The
19 fourth business session will commence promptly at
20 1300 this afternoon in this room.

21 Shipmate National Chaplain, would you

1 please close the Bible?

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

4 NP ROBBINS: Thank you, Shipmate
5 National Chaplain.

6 This convention stands in recess until
7 the fourth business session at 1300 this
8 afternoon.

9 Everybody turn. Hand salute. Ready,
10 two.

11 (Whereupon, the third business session
12 adjourned.)

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