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92ND NATIONAL CONVENTION 2019
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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1 NP WASHINGTON: This assembly will now
2 come to order. Shipmate Master-at-Arms, you
3 will invite the shipmates into the hall and,
4 into the convention hall, and close the doors.

5 Thank you, Shipmate Master-at-Arms.

6 Shipmate National Chaplain, would you
7 please open the Bible?

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

10 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmates, please join
11 me in saluting the colors. Hand salute: Two.

12 SPEAKER: Shipmate National President.

13 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

14 JrPNP STARKEY: Be it noted that the
15 Junior Past National President is in the proper
16 uniform of the day.

17 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, Shipmate.

18 JrPNP STARKEY: You're welcome.

19 NP WASHINGTON: I now declare the
20 second business session of the 92nd National
21 Convention convened. Is the credential
22 chairman ready to give his second credential
23 report? Here he comes.

24 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon,
25 shipmates. Did everybody wake up yet? I know

1 I'm not. All right.

2 This is the second credentials report
3 for the 92nd Fleet Reserve Association National
4 Convention.

5 Authorized voting strength has not
6 change, it is 1174. Number of branches
7 represented by delegates, 61. Number of votes
8 represented by delegates, 641. Number of
9 branches registered by proxy, 83. Number of
10 votes registered by proxy, 440. Number of
11 branches not registered, 25.

12 The three branches that we received
13 credentials for yesterday that you can check
14 off are branches 178, 244, and 281.

15 Number of delegates registered, 108.
16 Registered voting strength, 1081. Number of
17 votes not registered, 93. Two-thirds vote,
18 721. Majority vote is 541.

19 Now I know that we have at least five
20 shipmates that arrived today that have not yet
21 checked in with me, I will take care of those
22 between the third and fourth session or during
23 the pump bilges break later, and we will adjust
24 and give the third report right after the
25 break. My apologies for not having the books

1 down here during lunch; for some strange reason
2 I had a national committees report to type up.

3 Shipmates, I move that the second
4 report be received.

5 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Slawinski,
6 Delegate, Branch 181, second.

7 NP WASHINGTON: Okay, a motion has
8 been made and seconded that we receive the
9 second credential report. Any discussion?

10 RPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond,
11 Delegate, Branch 22. I just wanted to make
12 sure, you said 61 versus 50 in the first one,
13 correct?

14 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: That is correct.

15 RPSE RICHMOND: Okay.

16 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: There was
17 adjustments made, they are correct, and if you
18 add up everything, it equals --

19 RPSE RICHMOND: I was just wondering
20 because there was only like three less not
21 registered.

22 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: There has been some
23 corrections and adjustments.

24 RPSE RICHMOND: Okay. The numbers are
25 good for the second credential?

1 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: The numbers are
2 good. If there are specific questions, talk to
3 me later outside away from the meeting.

4 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. There is still
5 a motion on the floor. Are there any
6 discussion? There being none, all in favor
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Chorus of ayes.)

9 Opposed?

10 (Scattered noes.)

11 Received.

12 S/M ARTHUR: Shipmate National
13 President.

14 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

15 S/M ARTHUR: Arthur, Delegate,
16 Branch 46. This is a point of order. It might
17 seem funny or whatever to say nay when you
18 don't really mean it, but for the sake of the
19 recorder, if you mean nay, say it, if you
20 don't, shut up.

21 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. I have an
22 announcement to make. We have changed
23 recorders and now we have a Mr. Mark Letzo,
24 he's going to do the recording now.

25 (Applause.)

1 We will now commence receiving the
2 reports of the national convention committees.
3 First is the chairman's report of the National
4 Convention Committee on Constitution and
5 Bylaws. Shipmate Fred Bolz.

6 PRPSE BOLZ: I'm short, I've got to
7 have it down here.

8 Good afternoon, shipmates, National
9 President, Past National Presidents and
10 Regional Presidents. The National Convention
11 Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and
12 Resolutions met in the Grand Ballroom, Salon E
13 of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel,
14 Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, September 26,
15 2019, at 0900. Members present were the
16 chairman, myself, Fred Bolz, Branch 269;
17 members Past Regional President Southeast Fred
18 Hill, Branch 290; Past Regional President
19 Northeast Dave Munday, Branch 124; Junior Past
20 President Northeast/New England Albert
21 Davenport, Branch 013; Junior Past Regional
22 President Southwest Bruce Davis, Branch 70; and
23 Shipmate Nicole L. Talbot, Branch 159. The
24 advisor was absent. Visitors were Shipmate
25 Richard Bonnett, Branch 24, and Shipmate, and

1 I'm sorry if I mess this up, Lou
2 Transfiguracion of Branch 302.

3 All right, reading the resolved
4 portion of the resolutions, this will be
5 resolution number one, from Poway Valley Branch
6 79 -- 70, I stand corrected -- 70, for the
7 record. Okay.

8 Resolved: The Article 2, Section 201,
9 C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows: 201,
10 object of the Association. The object of this
11 Association is that we may take care of each
12 member and their families who may be in urgent
13 need of assistance, financial or otherwise, to
14 assist in recruiting for the United States
15 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, NJROTC --
16 excuse me, NROTC, U.S. Merchant Marine, to
17 assemble for social intercourse and keep
18 ourselves informed of the United States Naval,
19 Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine
20 matters, whereby we may continue to loyally
21 serve the nation and the United States Navy,
22 Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.
23 These, together with the preamble of the
24 constitution and bylaws, define the object of
25 the Fleet Reserve Association; and,

1 Resolved, Article 2, Section 202,
2 C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:
3 Section 202, Composition of Association. The
4 FRA is an organization of current and all
5 personnel that have many years of honorable
6 service in the United States Navy, Marine
7 Corps, Coast Guard, including reserve
8 components, U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen,
9 NROTC, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadets, U.S.
10 Merchant Marine midshipmen, Naval, Marine and
11 Coast Guard Reserve officers, and OCS personnel
12 who are now serving or have served, to be
13 eligible for the FRA membership. It is
14 composed of the national association and its
15 subordinate branches chartered under and
16 pursuant to its authority in the manner herein
17 provided.

18 Recommendation of the committee:
19 Reject.

20 Rationale: This has always been an
21 enlisted organization and previous resolutions
22 of this nature have been rejected.

23 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmates, you have
24 heard the report from the Constitution and
25 Bylaws chairman, their recommendation to

1 reject, and I would like to rule this
2 resolution not in order. The simple reason is
3 that people get confused. The Naval Academy is
4 a four-year accredited college, and when those
5 kids graduate they don't come into the enlisted
6 rank, they go into the officer rank, so
7 therefore I will rule this resolution out of
8 order.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmate National
10 President, there was a second resolution and
11 that should also be ruled out of order.

12 NP WASHINGTON: Resolution number two
13 is also out of order.

14 PRPSE BOLZ: The next one is
15 resolution number three, which is a Sierra
16 Tahoe Branch 137 submission.

17 Resolved: That Article 4, Section
18 405(a), C&BL, FRA be amended to add Section
19 405(a)(1) to read as follows: Section
20 405(a)(1), in the anniversary month, October,
21 of founding of the FRA, life membership fees
22 will be reduced by 50 percent. Fee must be
23 paid in full and received by the finance
24 officer no later than close of business on the
25 last day of the month.

1 Committee recommendation: Reject.

2 Rationale: Budget and finance
3 committee is going to recommend it be rejected
4 also.

5 NP WASHINGTON: Okay, shipmates, you
6 heard the chairman of the Constitution and
7 Bylaws recommendation to reject this
8 resolution. Are there any discussion? There
9 being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 Opposed?

12 (Scattered noes.)

13 Come again? I'm sorry.

14 S/M HANSEK (Phonetic): Shipmate
15 National President.

16 NP WASHINGTON: My apology.

17 S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, Branch
18 109. I sat in on Budget and Finance, and we
19 determined also that this is not in order
20 because the Fleet Reserve Association was not
21 founded in October, it was founded in November.

22 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: I concur with the last
24 statement. I was on Budget and Finance and the
25 reason it should be ruled out of order as

1 stated, the FRA was founded November 11th, not
2 in October. October is the Navy Birthday.

3 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch
4 161. We have been voting on the resolution,
5 not the recommendation, the past number of
6 conventions. Are we changing this time where
7 we vote on the recommendation as opposed to the
8 resolution itself?

9 UNIDENTIFIED: We're voting on the
10 recommendation like we should.

11 PRPNC COMBS: We're voting on the
12 recommendation, okay.

13 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

14 RPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond,
15 Delegate, Branch 22. I agree with the
16 rejection not only just for the date, which you
17 know, the date is reason enough, but I, in
18 October extending life membership at half the
19 price, as I've had a discussion with members
20 here, it would actually reduce our membership
21 because you'd only get your life membership 50
22 percent for X amount of years versus a regular
23 member, you get it forever, so I don't think
24 that would really increase any money. I think
25 that actually we would lose money in the long

1 run.

2 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. With that being
3 said, I'm going to rule this resolution not in
4 order.

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6 PRPSE BOLZ: Resolution number four,
7 this is from the National Board of Directors.

8 Resolved, that Article 7, Section 701
9 -- excuse me -- 702(h) be amended to read as
10 follows: Section 702(h), regional vice
11 presidents are not national officers; and be it
12 further,

13 Resolved, that Article 7, Section 202
14 be amended by adding Section 702(i) -- 702,
15 thank you -- when the regional president is
16 absent from the meeting of the National Board
17 of Directors for any reason other than vacancy
18 in office of the regional president, the
19 National Board of Directors is authorized by a
20 two-thirds vote to appoint the regional
21 president to represent the region with the same
22 authority as the regional president, regional
23 vice president, excuse me. Yeah, okay, I need
24 to repeat it. Two-thirds majority to approve
25 the appointment of the regional vice president

1 to represent the region with the same authority
2 as the regional president.

3 Resolved: That the amendment would
4 become effective 1 June, June 1, 2019. That
5 can't be right.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Read it.

7 PRPSE BOLZ: It's got 1 June 2019.

8 C&BL recommendation: Recommendation
9 is approval with change effective as of October
10 31st.

11 Rationale: Effective date on
12 resolution is out of date, so I don't know if
13 that's proper for us to do that, but we did it
14 and I'll let the National President rule on
15 that.

16 PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National
17 President.

18 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

19 PNP BLACKBURN: Blackburn, Delegate,
20 Branch 8, Vallejo. I make a motion we amend
21 this resolution to state the effective date as
22 of conclusion of this national convention.

23 S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National
24 President, Hansek, Delegate, 109. Second.

25 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has

1 been made and seconded that we amend this
2 resolution to make it for, that it will go into
3 effect at the end of this convention instead of
4 October of 2019. We will now take a vote on
5 the amendment, any discussion? There being
6 none, those in favor signify by saying aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 Opposed?

9 UNIDENTIFIED: No.

10 NP WASHINGTON: Now we will vote on
11 the recommendation as it is amended. Any
12 discussion? There being none, all in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 PRPSE BOLZ: Resolution number five,
18 again the National Board of Directors.

19 Resolved: Section 808(m) is added to
20 the duties and responsibilities of the National
21 Executive Director as approved by the National
22 Board of Directors. Section 808(m), the
23 National Executive Director shall review all
24 monthly bank credit card statements and
25 contract agreements for continuity. If there

1 are any questions to be, he will -- if there
2 are any questions, he will bring it to the
3 attention of the Finance Officer and if needed,
4 advise the National President for further
5 review, disposition and/or action.

6 Resolved: That this amendment become
7 effective January 1st, 2020.

8 C&BL Committee recommendation:
9 Recommend approval.

10 Rationale: It's better oversight for
11 our finances.

12 And I so move.

13 S/M FIELDS: Fields, Delegate, Branch
14 162. I'd like to amend that to at the end of
15 this convention also.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Not yet, we need a
17 second first.

18 NP WASHINGTON: We need a second
19 first.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: I'll second the motion.
21 (Inaudible) National President.

22 NP WASHINGTON: Okay, the motion has
23 been made and seconded that we approve Article
24 808(m) that will add a new responsibility for
25 the National Executive Director to review all

1 bank statements and credit card statements on a
2 monthly basis. Are there any discussion?

3 S/M HALL: Shipmate National
4 President, Shipmate Hall, 382. Not to point a
5 finger at anybody, but who holds the other card
6 to that account?

7 NP WASHINGTON: The credit card?

8 S/M HALL: Who holds the other card to
9 that account? If I'm not mistaken, that's the
10 NED.

11 NP WASHINGTON: Yes.

12 S/M HALL: I think we should have
13 someone other than a cardholder, like I say,
14 not pointing any fingers, just another clarity,
15 someone other than who holds a card to adjust
16 on that or look at those. Thank you, sir.

17 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

18 S/M HALE: Hale, Branch 162, Delegate.
19 I wanted to amend the recommendation too that
20 it be effective at the end of this convention.

21 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

22 S/M CLEVELAND: I'll second what the
23 gentleman just proposed.

24 NP WASHINGTON: Who are you?

25 S/M CLEVELAND: Cleveland, Branch 208.

1 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. Are there any
2 discussion on the amendment? Shipmate at the
3 mic.

4 RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Shipmate
5 National President, Zino, Delegate, Branch 23.
6 Just one concern. The NED is voted into office
7 and his responsibility is to run national
8 headquarters, as I understand it. He also does
9 the hiring, he also does supervising of the
10 personnel, so any oversight for any of the
11 employees should really fall under the realm
12 and scope of the National Executive Director,
13 and the National Executive Director in my
14 understanding works for the National President,
15 so that's how it should flow.

16 Shipmate National President, if I may,
17 just for clarification, what I'm trying to say
18 is the National Executive Director is in charge
19 of all the employees on your behalf as national
20 president, is that not true? So I don't really
21 think we should go in a special direction for
22 one member, because he already has that power
23 to do that.

24 NP WASHINGTON: It was not part of his
25 responsibility, but we're adding it to his

1 responsibility now.

2 RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Okay, I'm just
3 -- Shipmate National President, I think the
4 National Executive Director has the power to
5 have oversight of anybody that he hires to run
6 headquarters, and that should be under his
7 realm.

8 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

9 RPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, Delegate,
10 Branch 22. I think this, I think 808(m), other
11 than the amendment shipmates are making on
12 date, it's just a common sense thing. We dig
13 ourselves in the bush a lot when we don't have
14 to. It says the NED shall, which right now is
15 currently in the job description, they're just
16 adding it, that the NED is going to review all
17 the bank monthly credit card statements. It's
18 already that he does the hiring and firing and
19 supervising, he or she does it. If the NED is
20 going to use the charge card, the National
21 President has to sign off, the National
22 President signs all the checks, so it's already
23 in place that the National President will look
24 at these statements and give it the go ahead.
25 We're getting too deep into the bushes, I

1 think.

2 The amendment you want to make, do an
3 amendment effective after the convention,
4 that's fine, but I myself personally don't see
5 anything wrong with the resolution.

6 NP WASHINGTON: The National Executive
7 Director wants to make a statement.

8 NED SNEE: Shipmate National President
9 and shipmates, just for clarification, I
10 realize what the date is saying in the
11 resolution. However, this has already gone
12 into place in the reviews of all the credit
13 cards, the contracts and everything else, we
14 have taken the proactive approach by starting
15 now, and it started about a month ago, so it's
16 already in play, just for clarification, it's
17 not a matter of waiting for that date. I have
18 taken the initiative in starting to review,
19 initial everything as a matter of record.
20 Thank you.

21 NP WASHINGTON: We will vote on the
22 amendment to have the effective date of the
23 resolution at the end of the convention versus
24 1 January 2020. Any discussion? There being
25 none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

1 (Chorus of ayes.)

2 Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 Shipmate at the mic.

5 S/M CLEVELAND: Cleveland, Branch 208.

6 I believe we have a problem with the wording of
7 the amendment. We're just telling the National
8 Executive Director to check these accounts for
9 continuity, nothing about correctness, nothing
10 about proper authorization, so on. I think the
11 word continuity is not appropriate.

12 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. We will now
13 take a vote on the amendment, the
14 recommendation of the amendment, as amended.
15 Any discussion?

16 S/M CLEVELAND: I don't quite
17 understand what you're voting on. I'm
18 questioning the resolution and the wording of
19 the resolution. I believe that should be
20 addressed before any votes are taken. Now if
21 you want me to rewrite your resolution I can do
22 that, but I think the committee should take
23 into consideration the wording of the
24 resolution.

25 NP WASHINGTON: Okay, so you want to

1 amend it?

2 S/M CLEVELAND: It needs to be
3 amended, it's incorrect.

4 NP WASHINGTON: So I'm asking, you're
5 asking to amend it?

6 S/M CLEVELAND: I will make an
7 amendment that the word continuity be struck
8 and the words accuracy and correctness be put
9 in its place.

10 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

11 PNP COURNEYA: Shipmate National
12 President, Delegate Courneya, Branch 274. Just
13 a point of order. When voting on an amendment
14 to a resolution, the resolution number should
15 be included. We have passed two now, the last
16 four and five hasn't been mentioned what we're
17 passing, what amendment.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: We're voting on the
19 recommendation of the committee, that will show
20 up anyway.

21 NP WASHINGTON: We're going to now
22 vote on the amendment to strike the --

23 PNP COURNEYA: Shipmate National
24 President, Courneya, Branch 274. I second the
25 amendment.

1 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

2 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch
3 161. I am concerned with the word continuity,
4 does that mean appropriateness, or accuracy, or
5 what does that mean?

6 UNIDENTIFIED: There's an amendment on
7 the floor to strike it, or change it.

8 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. There's an
9 amendment on the floor, a motion on the floor
10 to strike the word continuity and replace it
11 with accuracy and correctness. Is there any
12 discussion? There being none, all in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 Opposed?

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Nay.

17 NP WASHINGTON: Now we need to take a
18 vote on the amendment, on the recommendation as
19 amended. Any discussion? There being none,
20 all in favor signify by saying aye.

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 PRPSE BOLZ: Continuing on, shipmates,
25 resolution number six, submitted by the Wyoming

1 Branch 59, and it is:

2 Resolved: That Article 211, section
3 1101(f), Constitution and Bylaws, Fleet Reserve
4 Association, shall be amended to read: Section
5 1101(f), West Coast Region: California north
6 of the east-west line drawn between Monterey,
7 Kings, Tulare and Inyo Counties to the north,
8 and San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino
9 Counties to the south; Nevada north of a line
10 running east-west from Arizona-Utah border;
11 Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

12 Resolved, Article 11, Section 1101(g),
13 Constitution and Bylaws, Fleet Reserve
14 Association, shall be amended to read, Section
15 1101(g), Northwest Region: Washington, Oregon,
16 Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii, and all
17 branches in the Pacific, including the Republic
18 of the Philippines.

19 Constitution and Bylaws Committee
20 recommendation: Approval.

21 Rationale is, come on -- I can
22 probably do it verbatim but I've got to read
23 it. Both regions and branch agree that the
24 distance between northwest region and west
25 coast region is 107 miles versus 700 miles, and

1 we move that it be adopted.

2 NP WASHINGTON: Can we get a second?

3 S/M JOHNSON: Shipmate National
4 President, Johnson, Delegate, 104, second.

5 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

6 S/M ARTHUR: Arthur, Delegate from
7 Branch 46 in the northwest region. I've had a
8 lot of dealings with Branch 59, they're a
9 really great bunch of guys and gals, but they
10 feel kind of isolated way out there, and they
11 feel sometimes like they're forgotten about,
12 because like it's been mentioned, they're over
13 700 miles away. They would have probably more
14 continuity, to use that word, if --

15 (Laughter.)

16 -- if they were more associated with
17 the west coast region which, I can't remember
18 the branch number, but it's in Colorado,
19 Denver, Colorado, which is why I rise to
20 support the resolution.

21 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, shipmate.
22 A motion has been made and seconded that we
23 vote on the resolution to move -- a motion to
24 move -- I'm sorry, let me start this all over
25 again.

1 We're going to vote on the
2 recommendation from the Constitution and Bylaws
3 Committee to approve of this resolution. Any
4 discussion? There being none, all in favor
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 PRPSE BOLZ: I've got two more to do,
10 shipmates, and we'll be done. Okay.
11 Resolution number 7, submitted by Low Country
12 Branch 269.

13 Resolved, Article 13, Section 1312(a)
14 be amended to read, Section 1312(a), the branch
15 shall have the authority to interpret and apply
16 the rules as it relates to the Fleet Reserve
17 Association policy, procedures, Constitution
18 and Bylaws, in stating rules in matters
19 pertaining to its auxiliary. The unit shall
20 submit bylaws and amendments to the branch for
21 ratification, and -- hang on. The committee
22 recommends that we adopt it, and I so move.

23 Rationale: Clarifying what the word
24 law means.

25 S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National

1 President.

2 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

3 S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109,
4 seconds.

5 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmates, I urge you
7 do adopt this resolution. Our Constitution and
8 Bylaws in 1312a), as Shipmate Fred just said,
9 right now it says that branch shall have the
10 authority to interpret and apply the law.
11 There are some branches that are going
12 overboard and using that word, the law, to
13 require the auxiliary to provide them with
14 federal income tax returns, you name it, that's
15 what they're doing. This was written this way
16 so that we can common sense say you, the
17 auxiliaries are only responsible to, or the
18 branch is going to interpret, have the
19 authority to apply the rules of the Fleet
20 Reserve Association, not the federal law, not
21 the state laws, the Fleet Reserve Association.
22 The auxiliaries have their own chain of
23 command, they have their own people that they
24 talk to. The only thing the branch has to do
25 is get the required reports we need, and that's

1 why it was written that way.

2 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

3 S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109. I
4 too stand and rise in favor of adoption. As a
5 regional parliamentarian for many years, I've
6 had to deal with this in my region, and I know
7 my region alone is not just the only one having
8 this issue. This definitely clarifies and puts
9 the branches on notice that they will cease and
10 desist overstepping their authority.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmates, the only
12 time really that a branch can interfere with
13 the auxiliary is if the auxiliary is in
14 violation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the
15 Fleet Reserve Association or their own.

16 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. You heard the
17 recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws
18 Committee to adopt this resolution. Any
19 discussion?

20 UNIDENTIFIED: We've already had it,
21 so call for the motion.

22 NP WASHINGTON: Hearing none, all in
23 favor signify by saying aye.

24 (Chorus of ayes.)

25 Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 PRPSE BOLZ: Okay, the last one is
3 resolution number one from the Veterans Service
4 Committee, and the whereas -- let's see.

5 Whereas, the at the 91st FRA National
6 Convention the committee recommended and
7 unanimously approved to name the award for the
8 Shipmate of the Year for Veterans Service
9 Affairs to Past Regional President North
10 Central Rosemary Posekany Memorial Award. Now
11 therefore, be it resolved that Standing Rule
12 5(g), Veterans Service, the National Committee
13 on Veterans shall select one outstanding member
14 recognized as Past Regional President North
15 Central Rosemary Posekany Memorial Award for
16 National Veterans Service, and I so move.

17 Rationale: That we have numerous
18 other awards that are named for other people.

19 PRPNC POSEKANY: Shipmate National
20 President.

21 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

22 PRPNC POSEKANY: Marty Posekany,
23 Delegate, Branch 298, Grand Rapids, Michigan,
24 seconds.

25 (Applause.)

1 NP WASHINGTON: You've heard the
2 recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws
3 Committee that an award be made in place for
4 Past Regional President North Central Rosemary
5 Posekany. Are there any discussion? There
6 being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 PRPSE BOLZ: This concludes the report
11 of the National Convention Committee on
12 Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions, and the
13 chairman asks the committee be dissolved.

14 NP WASHINGTON: The C&BL committee is
15 discharged, Shipmate Bolz.

16 (Applause.)

17 Next up, Americanism Patriotism.

18 JrPRPEC PHELPS: Good afternoon,
19 shipmates, Shipmate National President,
20 regional presidents and all shipmates. The
21 National Convention Committee on Americanism
22 and Patriotism did meet in the Grand Ballroom
23 Salon A of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel
24 in Memphis, Tennessee this Thursday,
25 September 26, 2019, at 0900. I was there

1 obviously as the chair and hopefully I don't
2 mess up anybody's names, here we go. Regional
3 Vice President North Central Jerry Lickteig;
4 Past Regional President Southeast Bobby Smith;
5 Past Regional President Northeast/New England
6 Jim, or James Brown; Past Regional President
7 Southwest, Donald Kelley; Junior Past Regional
8 President Northwest, Roger Christopher, was
9 excused; Shipmate Christopher J. Murray;
10 Shipmate Anthony, or Tony Quintero, and he was
11 excused. My advisor, thank you so much,
12 Shipmate Richard Ruiz, was also present. We
13 had a number of visitors, Regional President
14 Southwest John Quesnel; Regional President East
15 Coast Elect S.D. Martin; Past Regional
16 President East Coast Paul Gunther; Shipmate
17 Joan Delcogliano, hopefully we got it; Shipmate
18 Richard Thomas; and Shipmate Robert Oliveria.
19 Okay.

20 So our initial results that you're
21 waiting to hear of evaluating the committee
22 reports are as follows: First off, Group I,
23 first place, Branch 269. Group II, Branch 161.
24 Group III, Branch 293. Group IV, Branch 186.
25 And Group V, Branch 222.

1 Second place, Group I, not applicable.
2 Group II, Branch 22. Group III, Branch 89.
3 Group IV, Branch 17. And Group V, Branch 34.

4 Third place, Group I, not applicable.
5 Group II, not applicable. Group III, Branch
6 201. Group IV, not applicable. And finally,
7 Group V, Branch 85.

8 Okay. The Walter "Step" Rowell award
9 for the first place overall report goes to
10 Branch 186, and the Leonard "Swede" Nelson
11 award for shipmate of the year goes to Shipmate
12 Tennell C. Wright from Branch 293.

13 The committee would like to provide
14 the following recommendations: Hopefully we
15 don't confuse with you with what I'm getting
16 ready to say here. Each region, we would like
17 you to provide a breakdown of all grade levels
18 with their number of essays that was provided
19 to you, so then that could be passed to
20 National and now we would have a statistical
21 thing to continue forward.

22 We would like to include the member
23 number space under the signature space on those
24 reports, so when applicable when there's a
25 digital signature, the spot is there already to

1 put that member number and it won't get
2 forgotten.

3 The time spent needs to include the
4 total number of man hours. For example, we saw
5 this again, if 40 people attended an eight-hour
6 event, that's 320 man hours, not just eight.

7 Please insure that the essays are
8 completed on one page. Also, insure that the
9 rules that are provided when it comes to doing
10 the essay are followed. We're finding out that
11 some schools, et cetera, are trying to change
12 our rules. So when you go out and make the
13 presentation to them, make sure that you insure
14 that they have to follow the rules, they don't
15 get to make up their own. We would like cover
16 sheets to include the date of the essay.

17 And the last item we have, we've seen
18 this a number of occasions, please insure that
19 the writer of the essay does not include their
20 name in the essay, okay? You wouldn't believe,
21 they do make it to our level and that person's
22 name is still in there.

23 Shipmate National President, this does
24 conclude my report, and on behalf of the
25 members of this committee, we thank you for

1 asking us to serve. I would move to adopt the
2 report and the recommendations contained
3 therein.

4 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch
5 161, second.

6 I have a question. Was there a
7 Dougherty Award given?

8 JrPRPEC PHELPS: No, there was not.

9 PRPNC COMBS: Okay.

10 JrPRPEC PHELPS: No, the third award,
11 I apologize, we did not award that.

12 NP WASHINGTON: So you heard the
13 report from the Americanism Patriotism
14 Committee. A motion has been made and seconded
15 that we accept the adoption of the report and
16 its recommendation.

17 I apologize, at the mic?

18 S/M NELSON: Shipmate Nelson, Branch
19 130, Delegate. If you're going to recommend
20 all those rules, I think they need to be
21 written when we put this out. Those rules that
22 you just stated are really a good idea, but you
23 need to make those in the official rules. And
24 also, there are some spots on the sign-up sheet
25 that are not big enough to put all the branch

1 name in there. I would go with your
2 recommendations on the rules, but you need to
3 write those in the stated rules that are put
4 out.

5 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. Shipmate at the
6 mic.

7 S/M COGLIANO (phonetic): Gail
8 Cogliano, 290. Also make sure they're double
9 spaced. It's easier to read and when you say
10 essay, that's the way they teach you.

11 NP WASHINGTON: Speaker at the mic.

12 RPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, Delegate,
13 Branch 22. My shipmate here, the chairman of
14 Americanism Patriotism Committee, I think
15 you're going to see a lot of the committee
16 chairs again pretty much saying the same thing,
17 he's just asking that at the regional levels,
18 because they're that's where you get everything
19 from your region, you're going to get the
20 first, second, third, fourth, you know, you're
21 going to get a ton of papers. We want to have
22 an accurate number that says, you know, because
23 if you just go with what's turned in and we
24 keep the man hours down, you're talking about
25 first place winners only, your branch had

1 seconds, thirds, fourths, fifths, people that
2 didn't place. We need those numbers on a cover
3 sheet. It doesn't even have to be, it can be
4 just on a cover sheet, the total amount of
5 hours expended in the region, the total amount
6 of dollars, the total amount of miles that you
7 drove, and that way we can take all those and
8 get an accurate number and a real picture of
9 what we're doing on a national level instead of
10 just the first place winners that are being
11 provided to us. That's all he's saying, we're
12 just trying to get a better number.

13 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. Shipmate at the
14 mic.

15 PRPSE THOMAS: Shipmate, J.J. Thomas,
16 Branch 126 Delegate. If we go to a double
17 space we will not be able to keep it on one
18 page. If they, if people, if the students will
19 use a computer or a printer, we will have no
20 problem in reading it. It's reading the lines
21 that are handwritten that causes the problem.
22 When I was the regional southeast chairman, I
23 stated in my output to the branches that they
24 try to get everyone to use a computer to submit
25 their essays, but I think the rules that are

1 being recommended will be put into the national
2 sheets coming out, and therefore, we will have
3 the information out there. Thank you, National
4 President.

5 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. Okay, a
6 motion has been made and seconded that we
7 receive the report from the Americanism
8 Patriotism Committee. Any discussion? There
9 being none, all those in favor please signify
10 by saying aye.

11 (Chorus of ayes.)

12 Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 Do you want to take about a 15-minute
15 break? I saw the floodgates sitting out there
16 so I figured I'd better do it.

17 Shipmate Chaplain, will you please
18 close the Bible?

19 NCHAP TOULOTTE: Shipmate National
20 President, the Bible is closed.

21 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. We will
22 recess until 2:15.

23 (Recess.)

24 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate
25 Master-at-Arms, please invite the shipmates in

1 the hall and close the door.

2 Shipmate National Chaplain, will you
3 please open the Bible?

4 NCHAP TOULOTTE: Shipmate National
5 President, the Bible is open.

6 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you.

7 JrPNP STARKEY: Shipmate National
8 President?

9 NP WASHINGTON: Yes.

10 JrPNP STARKEY: Starkey, Delegate,
11 Branch 57, Junior Past National President.
12 Please let it be noted that the Junior Past
13 National President is proud to be in the
14 uniform of the day.

15 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, Shipmate.
16 The next committee to report is the
17 Veterans Service Committee.

18 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Good afternoon,
19 shipmates. The National Convention Committee
20 on Veterans Service met in Poplar One of the
21 Crowne Plaza Memphis East, Memphis, Tennessee
22 on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900, in
23 other words today at nine o'clock over there.
24 In attendance were myself, National Service
25 Director Chris Slawinski, Branch 181; members

1 of the committee, Past Regional President New
2 England Paul Loveless, Jr., from Branch 156;
3 Past Regional President Southwest James
4 Katzenberger, from Branch 163; our advisor,
5 Past Regional President East Coast Paul
6 Gunther, from Branch 182. We had visitors,
7 Shipmate Allen Hayes from Branch 44, and
8 Shipmate Rich Brune, from Branch 181, and also
9 Regional Vice President West Coast Bill Hanzel,
10 from Branch 230.

11 The committee reviewed and graded the
12 reports submitted by the regions. The
13 committee voted and the following were selected
14 first, second and third place winners in
15 Groups I through V.

16 First place, Group I, Branch 269.
17 First place, Group II, Branch 181. First
18 place, Group III, Branch 163. First place,
19 Group IV, Branch 388. First place, Group V,
20 Branch 309.

21 Second place, Group I, Branch 99.
22 Group II, Branch 22. Group III, Branch 156.
23 Group IV, Branch 186. And Group V, Branch 214.

24 Third place, Group I, there was no
25 third place winner. Group II, Branch 161.

1 Group III, Branch 14. Group IV, Branch 298.
2 And Group V, Branch 098.

3 There were three submissions for
4 Shipmate of the Year, the committee selected
5 Shipmate Stella Reyes, of Branch 163 from the
6 Southeast Region, as the Shipmate of the Year
7 for Veterans Service.

8 The committee had a brief discussion
9 on the creation of a Regional Committee Report
10 to provide the Association with a more accurate
11 picture of the work being done in the veterans'
12 community. We will begin working on that as
13 soon as the convention is concluded.

14 I would like to thank the committee
15 members for their dedication, commitment and
16 their inputs throughout this past year. Thank
17 you, Shipmate National President for the
18 opportunity to serve the shipmates and also for
19 your counsel and guidance through the past
20 year.

21 I move that my report be accepted.

22 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

23 PRPEC GUNTHER: Shipmate National
24 President, Gunther, Delegate, 182, seconds.

25 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has

1 been made and seconded that we accept the
2 Veterans Service Committee's report. Any
3 discussion? There being none, all in favor
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 Unanimous.

9 Shipmate at the mic.

10 S/M MIGLIONICO: Shipmate National
11 President, a question on the Branch -- I'm
12 sorry, Miglionico, Branch 177 delegate. You
13 had a Group IV winner, first place 388. I
14 don't see a 388 on our list.

15 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: I'll double
16 check and make sure, there may be a typo. I'll
17 double check.

18 S/M MIGLIONICO: Thank you.

19 NP WASHINGTON: We will now have the
20 report of the Membership and Retention
21 Committee.

22 PRPEC COLLINS: Can you see me?

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, stand up.

24 PRPEC COLLINS: I'm standing up. The
25 report of the chairman for the National

1 Committee on Membership and Retention, I am
2 Past Regional President East Coast Penny
3 Collins, representing the almighty Branch 24 in
4 Annapolis, Maryland. The National Convention
5 Committee on Membership and Retention convened
6 at the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel in the
7 Perkins One and Two meeting rooms on
8 September 26 at 0915. In attendance were
9 myself as the chairman; members present were
10 Regional President West Coast Steve Matthews,
11 Branch 197; Regional President North Central
12 Barry White, Branch 161; Past Regional
13 President Northwest Marcia Cunningham, Branch
14 14; Past Regional President South Central Jerry
15 D. Pugh, Branch 371; and our advisor, Director
16 or Membership Development Christina Hitchcock.
17 Visitors to this committee meeting were as
18 follows: Regional President Northwest Bill
19 Hall, from Branch 382; Regional Vice President
20 Danny Hunt, from Branch 382, that's Northwest
21 Region; Shipmate Patricia Kirchner, Branch 309;
22 Regional Vice President West Coast Bill Hanzel,
23 Branch 230; Regional Vice President East Coast
24 Brian Jones, Branch 93; Director of Legislative
25 Programs John Davis, Branch 181; Shipmate Troy

1 Lane, Branch 94; Past National President Donald
2 Larson, Branch 94; Shipmate Gene Reed, Branch
3 298; Shipmate David Herndon, I hope I
4 pronounced that correctly, Branch 364; Past
5 Regional President East Coast Donald Hoover,
6 Branch 24; Past National President George
7 Hyland, Branch 30; and Shipmate Claudio Pedery,
8 Branch 4.

9 The 2018-2019 membership marketing
10 plan was discussed. The committee plans to do
11 the following or makes the following
12 recommendations: Continue overall recruiting
13 and retention programs to stabilize membership,
14 including the calls program. And when I say
15 calls program, I'm not only talking about at
16 the national level, we're also talking about at
17 the branch level as well.

18 Conduct active duty membership
19 seminars where invited. Conduct retiree and
20 veteran membership seminars where invited.

21 Identify and continue to participate
22 in major outreach events to conduct awareness
23 of the FRA to prospective members.

24 Revise and reprint recruiting
25 literature as needed.

1 Create a new annual branch membership
2 and retention report to include information on
3 recruiting and outreach programs developed by
4 the branch, which includes the nominee for the
5 Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award in accordance
6 with the FRA Standing Rule 5(c)(4). The reason
7 why we discussed that to bring that up is the
8 Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award is one that
9 is awarded to a shipmate who does outstanding
10 work in promoting not only the branch and
11 recruiting, but also overall FRA.

12 Unfortunately we never get, at least in my
13 experience, at least one nominee from each of
14 the regions. I've never received eight
15 nominees from the regions for the Frank J,
16 McPherson Memorial Award and I am sure, I'm
17 confident, or we are sure, we're confident that
18 at least there's one person, one shipmate in
19 each of the regions that's promoted the FRA
20 through outreach, recruiting, so forth and so
21 on. So with this new report that we're
22 recommending to be created, you'll get more
23 information from what the branches are doing
24 for recruiting and outreach.

25 Okay. The next one is develop

1 improvements to the recruiting awards program
2 for the period April 1st, 2020 through
3 March 31st, 2021, which includes a new pin
4 design. Continue the 100 percent branch award
5 recognition program. Continue the recruiting
6 32 members program. Continue the recruiting
7 incentive awards program for recruit five and
8 retain ten. Continue the recruiting incentive
9 awards program to bring back previous FRA
10 members. Promote the life membership program
11 to increase life members to 10,000, and I'm
12 happy to say that as of the end of March we had
13 9,788 life members, so we're not far from that
14 goal of 10,000 life members.

15 Provide the current regional
16 presidents access to the member at large
17 information by state in their respective
18 regions so letters can be sent to the MALs in
19 their regions to consider joining local
20 branches.

21 Support FRA's Project Outreach
22 programs.

23 Continue complimentary memberships for
24 active duty enlisted Sea Service personnel on a
25 national and branch level, and follow up with

1 these members to encourage renewal. Our
2 National President, Bob Washington, did that at
3 our opening ceremony with Captain Ross, he
4 offered him a complimentary two-year membership
5 as I recall, right? Oh, I'm sorry, PNP
6 Courneya beat him to it so, anyway.

7 Continue bimonthly conference calls
8 with the National Committee on Membership and
9 Retention.

10 Promote the FRA Student Veteran
11 Program, which was developed to attract next
12 generation of FRA members.

13 Now this was a new one, which I found
14 is not so new. Either at the national level or
15 at the branch level, to send a survey, because
16 we talked about what's of value to younger
17 members, and I think we focused on members age
18 20 to 30. Send a nation, or even at a branch
19 level, survey to your members in your branch or
20 national, either way, between the ages of
21 20-30, 20-40, 20-50, whatever, because our
22 average age of members is around 75, so if you
23 send it between 20 and 50, that's still younger
24 members, okay? Send a survey, letter, whatever
25 you want to do, and ask them to give us ideas

1 about what they would like for programs or
2 projects, or what they think is of value to
3 them. We can guess as much as we want but we
4 may have some others that we're missing because
5 we're not asking the right questions to our
6 younger members.

7 Having completed all of the business,
8 the committee proceeded to review the
9 statistics for individual and branch membership
10 awards. The committee recommends the following
11 shipmates and branches as reward recipients for
12 the 2018-2019 membership year. I will read off
13 some of them that are in your delegate kit
14 under Tab Z, pages WIN-1. The rest of the
15 awardees, because of time frame here, are in
16 Tab I as in indigo, pages FRA T-12-16, okay?

17 So I will now proceed to read the
18 Charles E. Laughlin (phonetic) Membership Award
19 for branches. Group I, Branch 24, Annapolis,
20 Maryland, with a 1.23 percent gain of 24
21 members; Group II, Branch 181, Arlington,
22 Virginia, 13.64 percent, a gain of 42 members;
23 Group III, Branch 103, Yokosuka, Japan, with a
24 6.57 percent gain, 13 members. Group IV,
25 Branch 294, Crossville, Tennessee, a gain of

1 8.47 percent of five members. Group V, Branch
2 197, Modesto, California, percent gain 15.69
3 percent, a gain of eight members.

4 Now I will read the awardees for the
5 Charles E. Laughlin Membership Awards for
6 individuals. Group I, Shipmate Chris Erickson,
7 Branch 24, recruited 48 members. Group II, NED
8 Thomas J. Snee, Branch 181, recruited 71
9 members. Group III, Past Regional President
10 Northwest Pete Lazzaretti, Branch 18, recruited
11 14 members. Group IV, Roberta G. Macaragi
12 (phonetic), I'm sorry if I mispronounced your
13 name, Branch 247 in the Philippines, 18 members
14 recruited. Group V, William S. Matthews, Steve
15 Matthews, Regional President North, West Coast,
16 Branch 197, recruited seven members.

17 Okay. The Abraham M. Rosenberg
18 Membership Award, from the branches winning the
19 Charles E. Laughlin award, one branch is
20 selected for its achievements in outstanding
21 membership promotion. Shipmate Abraham M.
22 Rosenberg served as National President in 1934
23 to '35. He was a member of Cleveland Branch 17
24 and is credited with establishing the
25 Association's financial stability in the late

1 1930. Alexandria, Virginia Branch 181, with
2 13.64 percent, was selected as the Abraham M.
3 Rosenberg recipient. Congratulations to the
4 leadership and membership of Branch 181 for
5 their exemplary manner in promoting membership.
6 Let's give them a hand.

7 (Applause.)

8 There are a number of branches that
9 had gains, some of them I've read for the
10 Groups I through V. There are others in
11 Group V which you can find in the pages I
12 referenced before.

13 All right. Last but not least, the
14 Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award. Again, we
15 had three nominees for this award from three of
16 the regions, East Coast Region, Northeast/New
17 England Region, Southeast. From the East Coast
18 we had Chris Erickson, Branch 24, from
19 Annapolis, Maryland. For the Northeast/New
20 England Region we had Shipmate Past Regional
21 President Northeast/New England Albert
22 Davenport, Branch 13, Atlantic City, New
23 Jersey. Southeast Region, Shipmate Robert
24 Hersher (phonetic), Branch 186, Hernando,
25 Florida.

1 After reviewing the nominations, the
2 National Committee on Membership and Retention
3 selected the winner as Shipmate Christopher
4 Erickson from Annapolis Branch 24. Let's give
5 him a round of applause.

6 (Applause.)

7 All right. Shipmate National
8 President, we concluded our meeting at 1100.
9 This concludes our report and on behalf of all
10 the members of the committee, we thank you for
11 asking us to serve. I move to accept this
12 report and the recommendations contained
13 herein.

14 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Past Regional
15 President North Central Cunningham, second.

16 NP WASHINGTON: What did I say,
17 Northwest? South Central. Thank you. Get me
18 straight.

19 You heard the membership and retention
20 committee report, and I ask that the report be
21 received. Any discussion?

22 Shipmate at the mic.

23 RPSW QUESNEL: Shipmate National
24 President, Quesnel, Regional President
25 Southwest. Just two comments concerning what

1 was discussed as far as plan of action going
2 forward. You mentioned active duty services
3 and retiree services where invited. Instead of
4 waiting until you're invited, I think you
5 should be pushing to be included in those
6 seminars to bring up info about the FRA. If
7 you wait until you're invited, you'll probably
8 never get there.

9 PRPEC COLLINS: All right.

10 RPSW CORNELL: And the other one on
11 the survey of what's of value to the 20-30,
12 20-40 or 20-50 age range of branch members, if
13 we already have them in the branch, I'm sure
14 they know what's of value. We need to push
15 that survey for the prospective members as
16 well.

17 PRPEC COLLINS: Okay, understood.
18 Thank you.

19 NP WASHINGTON: All right, there's a
20 motion on the floor. Any discussion? There
21 being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

22 (Chorus of ayes.)

23 Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 Unanimous.

1 PRPEC COLLINS: I forgot to mention
2 that all of the awardees, if you are here in
3 the assembly, to pick up your awards.
4 Christina, over in the office or here, or how
5 are you going to handle it?

6 DMD HITCHCOCK: I have everything at a
7 table outside the back.

8 PRPEC COLLINS: Okay, so for those of
9 you whose names were called, or if the shipmate
10 is not here, a regional president or
11 representative from that branch, please stop at
12 the table outside after the session today and
13 pick up the award. We also have the ribbons
14 for the first, second and third place for the
15 membership awards, okay?

16 RPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond,
17 Delegate from Branch 22. May I just add on to
18 that, no big mad rush to that table there.
19 Last year everybody and their brother was
20 grabbing ribbons. The chairman of the
21 committee should be the one there making sure
22 that the right people get them because as you
23 know, last year it took me two days to get you
24 yours because someone else grabbed it, so
25 chairmen only.

1 PRPEC COLLINS: Okay. Thank you.

2 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate
3 National President?

4 NP WASHINGTON: Yes.

5 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Delegate and
6 Chairman of the Veterans Service Committee,
7 Branch 181. I have my corrections on the
8 report. Thank you to the shipmate who pointed
9 out that I had misidentified a branch. The
10 first place winner for Group IV is Branch 382,
11 vice 388. And I also misidentified Regional
12 Vice President Southeast, Bill Hanzel of Branch
13 230. Thank you.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: He's west coast.

15 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: He is West
16 Coast, I'm sorry.

17 RVPWC HANZEL: Shipmate President.

18 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

19 RVPWC HANZEL: Shipmate Hanzel, Branch
20 230, West Coast. So you did correct it? Boy,
21 I thought I got moved.

22 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon
23 shipmates, again. This is the third
24 credentials report for the 92nd FRA National
25 Convention. Authorized voting strength has not

1 changed, 1174. Number of branches represented
2 by delegates, 64. Number of votes represented
3 by delegates, 656. Number of branches
4 registered by proxy, 80. Number of votes
5 registered by proxy, 425. Number of delegates
6 registered for this convention, 100 --

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Not registered.

8 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Number of branches
9 not registered has not changed, 25. Number of
10 delegates registered, 114. Registered voting
11 strength, 1081. Number of votes not
12 registered, 93. Two-thirds vote, 721.

13 Majority vote, 541. I ask this be accepted.

14 PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National
15 President.

16 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

17 PNP BLACKBURN: Delegate Blackburn,
18 Branch 8, Vallejo. Should not the credentials
19 report also state the timeframe for this
20 report, because they are both from the same
21 day?

22 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Today's time is
23 1418. Time of this report, September 26, 2019
24 at 1418 hours. I move that this report be
25 accepted.

1 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate
2 National President.

3 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

4 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Slawinski,
5 Delegate, Branch 181, seconds.

6 NP WASHINGTON: A motion has been made
7 and seconded that we receive the third
8 credential report. Any discussion? There
9 being none, all in favor, signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Chorus of ayes.)

12 Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 Unanimous.

15 The next report is Public Relations
16 Committee.

17 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon,
18 shipmates. This is the National Convention
19 Report For Public Relations. The National
20 Committee on Public Relations met in the Grand
21 Ballroom Salon C of the Crowne Plaza Memphis
22 East Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee at 0900 on
23 Thursday, September 26, 2019. In attendance
24 were myself as chairman, Past Regional
25 President Northwest Pete Lazzaretti, Seattle

1 Branch 18. Members included my cochair, Past
2 Regional President East Coast Claire Purdy,
3 Past Regional President Southeast J.J. Thomas,
4 Past Regional President Northeast Floyd Hunt,
5 Shipmate Edward Blind, Shipmate Leonard
6 Churilla, Shipmate Stephen Miglionico, pardon
7 me, and Shipmate Ricardo Hankerson. We also
8 had four additional guests that cycled through.

9 Items for action this year. With the
10 upcoming national elections in our country, the
11 Chairman would like to remind all branches with
12 a social media or Internet presence that they
13 as a branch or as a member of the FRA wearing
14 the Association symbols or branch names cannot
15 be seen to be endorsing a candidate, party or
16 electoral race. This poses a potential
17 conflict with our congressional charter. If
18 any branch has questions or concerns, please
19 feel free to contact me either through my email
20 or via my cell phone.

21 This upcoming quarter, the National
22 Committee will revamping the National Report
23 Form as well as work on the National Committee
24 Public Relations Manual. It is our hope that
25 the new form will available for use with next

1 year's reports. We will be taking the forms
2 for approval by the National Board at the
3 midyear National Board of Directors meeting in
4 April.

5 The following branches' Public
6 Relations Reports were judged and placed for
7 this year's convention. I will be going
8 through and leading off the first place in
9 group order, then the second place awards, and
10 then the third place awards.

11 First place, Group I, Branch 24. First
12 place, Group II, Branch 94. First place,
13 Group III, Branch 126. First place,
14 Branch 4 -- I mean Unit 4 -- excuse me,
15 Group IV, 188. Group V, first place, Branch
16 222.

17 Second place, Group I, Branch 289.
18 Group II, second place, Branch 166. Group III,
19 second place, Branch 163. Group IV, second
20 place, Branch 207. Group V, second place,
21 Branch 37.

22 Third place, Group I, Branch 269.
23 Third place, Group II, Branch 22. Third place,
24 Group III, Branch 124. Third place, Group IV,
25 Branch 13. Third place, Group V, Branch 214.

1 The following shipmate is awarded the
2 Public Relations Shipmate of the Year, Shipmate
3 Laura Bush, Elizabeth City Branch 293.

4 Additionally, I would like to
5 specifically recognize National Vice President
6 Donna Jansky for her continued support in the
7 social media and the distribution of veterans
8 and FRA information on Facebook.

9 (Applause.)

10 S/M MIGLIONICO: Mr. National
11 President, Miglionico, Branch 177, Delegate.
12 He had reported first place, Group IV, 188. It
13 looks like they have been suspended. Is that
14 in order?

15 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: I said 186,
16 Shipmate.

17 (Chorus of noes.)

18 Correction, shipmates. Branch 186 is
19 first place, Group IV. Thank you, Shipmate
20 Miglionico.

21 Lastly, I would like to thank the
22 National President for this opportunity to
23 serve the Association as the committee chair.
24 I would also like to thank the committee and
25 the National Headquarters staff for the

1 continued support. I move that this report be
2 received.

3 NP WASHINGTON: Speaker at the mic.

4 RPSW QUESNEL: Shipmate National
5 President, Quesnel, Southwest Regional
6 President, seconds.

7 NP WASHINGTON: A motion has been made
8 and seconded that we receive the report from
9 the Public Relations Committee. Any
10 discussion? There being none, all in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Chorus of ayes.)

13 Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 Unanimous.

16 All right. I'm going after the
17 infamous Budget and Finance Committee. Did you
18 hear, the infamous Budget and Finance.

19 PNP COURNEYA: Can you see me? Good
20 afternoon, shipmates. The National Convention
21 Committee on Budget and Finance met in the
22 Governor's Boardroom of the Crowne Plaza
23 Memphis East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on
24 Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900. The
25 following members were present: The chair,

1 Past National President Virgil Courneya, High
2 Sierra Branch 274. Members, Past National
3 President Marvin W. "John" Johnson, Mt. Rainier
4 Branch 104; Past Regional President Southwest
5 Michael F. "Mick" Fulton, Imperial Branch 289;
6 Past Regional President Southeast Dave W.
7 Davis, Mayport Branch 290, was absent; Past
8 Regional President East Coast James W.
9 Campbell, Chesapeake Branch 40, was excused;
10 and Past Regional President North Central,
11 Marcy L. Cunningham, Milwaukee Branch 14, was
12 present. Advisors, Past National President
13 Gary Blackburn, Vallejo Branch 8; National
14 Executive Director Thomas J. Snee, Navy
15 Department Branch 181; and the Finance Officer,
16 Brian M. Campbell, Proctor. Visitors, National
17 President Robert Washington, Branch 181;
18 National Vice President Donna Jansky, Branch
19 31; Junior Past National President William
20 Stakey, Branch 57; Past Regional President West
21 Coast Peter McNamara, Branch 274; Shipmate
22 George Cleveland, Branch 208; Past National
23 President George Hyland, Branch 20; Past
24 Regional President West Coast Richard Fetro,
25 Branch 101; and Past Regional President West

1 Coast, Charles McIntire, Branch 101.

2 The next part of the report will be
3 the same as you heard with our recommendations
4 we had to review from the C&BL Committee. The
5 Committee reviewed C&BL Resolutions 1, 2 and 3,
6 and recommends the National President rule
7 Resolution 1 and Resolution 2 not in order, as
8 Merchant Marines are not a component of the
9 Department of Defense and further, the Naval
10 Academy and Coast Guard Academy are basically
11 four-year college institutions whose graduates
12 are required to serve in an officer capacity.

13 The Committee received C&BL
14 Resolution 3 and recommends the National
15 President rule that Resolution 3 is not in
16 order, due to the FRA founding by signed
17 charter being November vice October, as the
18 resolution states.

19 The committee recommends Future
20 Planning Committee take the Finance Officer's
21 recommendation to sell the National
22 Headquarters Building to shore up the
23 organization's reserves.

24 Line item review of proposed 2020
25 budget was conducted and the following pen and

1 ink are recommended, please annotate in your
2 delegate kit, Tab K.

3 Shipmate at the mic.

4 S/M KIRCHNER: Branch 207, Kirchner.
5 Why don't you lease the building while you've
6 got longevity?

7 PNP COURNEYA: Shipmate, the reason
8 that was recommended is due to our financial
9 situation right now. With our investments and
10 everything, if we don't have more income coming
11 in, okay, that's our problem right now, we
12 don't have enough income, okay, financial
13 income to support or sustain us. So with that
14 said, and just the expenses to run the building
15 and run the organization, we only have like a
16 three-year window. So we want to start -- it
17 ain't like we're going to go out and sell the
18 building tomorrow. We want to look at it and
19 start seeing what we could get for the building
20 if it comes to a point within a year or two.
21 Does that answer your question?

22 S/M KIRCHNER: Yes.

23 PNP COURNEYA: Thank you. I'll
24 continue on. Line item review of the proposed
25 2020 budget was conducted and the following pen

1 and ink changes are recommended, please
2 annotate in your delegate kits in Tab K.

3 Line item 5410-0040-M, convention seed
4 money, this is what we added, convention seed
5 money be set at \$10 as a placeholder. And the
6 reason it's a placeholder, because for 2020,
7 the upcoming convention has requested no money
8 yet, so we have to have a placeholder for next
9 year's budget for them to come in and request
10 funds. If the 2020 Convention Committee
11 requires any funds, it will be via letter to
12 the National President to be acted on by the
13 National Board of Directors, okay? So,
14 everybody understand that, do I have any
15 questions on that?

16 Line item 5660-0060, 2019 budget,
17 amended: For the newly elected NED, three
18 months salary be added, should read 137,891.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Would you repeat that?

20 PNP COURNEYA: Okay. The line item
21 was 5660-0060 for the 2019 line item. And that
22 amount should be changed to 137,891, and the
23 reason for that change, we'll have a changeover
24 since we had elections for NED and the present
25 and sitting NED, NED Snee will still be there

1 until December, so we've got a three-month
2 period where you'll have to continue to pay him
3 also with the turnover. This hasn't happened
4 in the past -- it happened during the
5 changeover with him and Joe Barnes. Any
6 questions on that?

7 The total for 2019 changes from
8 \$3,512,770.17 cents, should read \$3,540,308.17.
9 That's at the end of your report. Do I need to
10 read that again?

11 (Chorus of yeses.)

12 All right. The total for 2019 changes
13 from \$3,512,770.17 to read \$3,540,308.17.
14 Everybody got that? Any questions? Okay.

15 The total for 2020 changes from
16 \$3,417,885.00, to read \$3,407,895.

17 Line item 5552-0050 reflects an
18 unrelated business tax reduction due to credits
19 carried over from the 2017 overpayment of tax
20 liability for funds taken out of the reserves.
21 That's why when you look at that report, you
22 have a lower tax credit that we paid out
23 because of that payment. Any questions?

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Can you go over that
25 line one more time?

1 PNP COURNEYA: That was line item
2 5552-0050, and that reflects an unrelated
3 business tax reduction due to a tax credit
4 carried over from 2017 from overpayment of tax
5 liability for funds taken out of the reserves.
6 Everybody got that? Do you want the amount
7 again? It's right there in -- okay, hold on.

8 We had an overpayment, so this year we
9 put down in our budget that we had 1,115,000,
10 okay? And because of the overpayment that we
11 were credited back in 2017, that brought our
12 tax liability for 2020 to 55,000. Now in 2021,
13 you'll probably see that go up again. Where's
14 the Finance Officer at? Am I saying that
15 correctly?

16 FO CAMPBELL: Well, actually we'll
17 have quite a few problems the next two or three
18 years.

19 PNP COURNEYA: Okay.

20 FO CAMPBELL: What happened was we
21 paid taxes on the amount of money that was
22 taken out of our reserve account. Usually if
23 you take out of your reserve account you borrow
24 or simply take out, it's a principal amount you
25 have to pay taxes on. In 2017 we saw a major

1 increase on the investment amount and that's
2 what we were actually taking money out against.
3 You don't pay taxes on your capital that you
4 gain, so that left us paying taxes on a large
5 amount of money that we shouldn't have paid
6 taxes on. We didn't find that out until
7 actually we had already paid the taxes, so that
8 left us with a credit that we can apply over
9 the next three years. They don't allow you to
10 apply it on just one year because then you'll
11 just not be paying taxes, and we can't do that.
12 So next year I think we're going to have about
13 another 30K credit and the year after that will
14 probably be around 20K, so we'll be under six
15 figures for the next two years.

16 PNP COURNEYA: Okay. Did that clear
17 it up? Do I have any other questions? If
18 there are no other questions, I want to thank
19 that Budget Committee for the job they did this
20 year and their due diligence in getting the
21 budget out and going over it as many times as
22 we did over the past year. And I want to thank
23 you again, and I appreciate all your hard work,
24 and I'm sure PNP Johnson will do a fine job
25 next year.

1 (Applause.)

2 And I request that my report be
3 received, be adopted.

4 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch
5 161, seconds.

6 I have a question. Did you say we
7 have three years before we have to sell the
8 building, or is that, or do we have a little
9 bit longer than that?

10 PNP COURNEYA: Right now with our
11 finances and going over all of our reserves and
12 everything we have, we have approximately, in
13 the area three, maybe four years at the most if
14 we don't bring more revenue in, bring
15 membership up.

16 PRPNC COMBS: It's obvious that the
17 Fleet Reserve Association needs a better
18 business plan, then, doesn't it?

19 PNP COURNEYA: Yes, sir, Shipmate.

20 NP WASHINGTON: Speaker at the mic.

21 S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109,
22 point of information. Past National President
23 Virgil, I was a visitor.

24 PNP COURNEYA: Didn't I have you on
25 there?

1 PRPNC COMBS: No.

2 PNP COURNEYA: You're right. Shipmate
3 John Hansek was also a visitor here. Did you
4 sign in on our roster?

5 PRPNC COMBS: I signed in.

6 PNP COURNEYA: I apologize for the
7 oversight.

8 NP WASHINGTON: All right. You heard
9 the Budget and Finance Committee report, there
10 has been a motion, and seconded, that we adopt
11 the report, the budget report, I'm sorry, that
12 we adopt the budget. Any discussion? There
13 being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 Unanimous. Are we ready for another
18 break? No? No break, okay.

19 Marty, do you want to come and give
20 your report?

21 PRPNC POSEKANY: Good afternoon,
22 shipmates. This is the report of the Chairman
23 of the 92nd National Convention, FRA National
24 Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and
25 Rehabilitation. The National Convention

1 Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and
2 Rehabilitation met in Grand Ballroom Salon B of
3 the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel in Memphis,
4 Tennessee today, Thursday, September 26, 2019
5 at 0900. The chair is myself, Past Regional
6 President North Central Marty Posekany, from
7 Wolverine Branch 298. The members sitting
8 today were Regional President Northeast/New
9 England Joyce Harris, from Groton Branch 20;
10 Regional President Southwest John Quesnel, Jr.,
11 Imperial Beach Branch 289; Regional President
12 North Central Elect Donald Watkins, Jr.,
13 Omaha-Council Bluffs Branch 276; and Shipmate
14 Garland W. Odell from Birmingham Branch 112.
15 The advisor with us today was Regional
16 President East Coast Elect S.D. Martin,
17 Virginia Beach Branch 166. We had one visitor,
18 Shipmate Roger Oliveira, Branch 293.

19 The next set of numbers I'm going to
20 read was an attempt to capture as many hours,
21 shipmates and numbers as we could. I provided
22 a report to the National Board of Directors at
23 the midyear Board of Directors Meeting, asking
24 them to pass the information to their chairmen
25 of the respective regions so we could get a

1 full count rather than just counts of the
2 numbers. I received those reports back from
3 six of the regions.

4 Data contained in this report is based
5 on the following Fleet Reserve Association
6 regions. The numbers contained here are for
7 the reports present. These do not reflect the
8 entire FRA hospital, welfare and rehabilitation
9 effort; they do for probably 80-plus percent.

10 The hours spent visiting, assisting
11 elderly or incapacitated members was 4,916
12 hours. Miles driven visiting the, or assisting
13 elderly or incapacitated members was 24,148.
14 Hours spent assisting needy families of
15 shipmates 1,118 hours. Miles driven assisting
16 needy families of shipmates was 5,371. Hours
17 of volunteer work performed by our hospitals,
18 by shipmates at hospitals was 14,153. Widows
19 assisted were 430 widows and 2,520 hours.
20 Number of shipmates donating blood, 135 for a
21 total of 353 pints. Number of rituals
22 performed by shipmates, 990.

23 Contributions made to the FRA Disaster
24 Relief Fund, branches contributed \$5,600,
25 members contributed \$2,371.

1 Disaster Relief and Welfare and
2 Rehabilitation Fund. The National President
3 and National Board of Directors approved zero
4 requests for disaster relief expenditures. The
5 National President and National Board approved
6 two requests for welfare and rehabilitation
7 fund expenditures totalling \$5,000; both those
8 were for the maximum of \$2,500.

9 National Committee for 2019 Report
10 Contest Winners. The committee deliberated,
11 graded, judged, and the following were selected
12 as first, second, third place winners in
13 Groups I through V.

14 Group I, first place, Branch 269.
15 Group II, first place, Branch 161. Group III,
16 first place, 126. Group IV, first place,
17 Branch 298. Group V, first place, Branch 98.

18 Second place, Group I, Branch 61.
19 Second place, Group II, Branch 166. Second
20 place, Group III, Branch 162. Second place,
21 Group IV, 186. Second place, Group V, Branch
22 15.

23 Third place, Group I, Branch 99.
24 Third place, Group II, Branch 94. Third place,
25 Group III, Branch 163. Third place, Group IV,

1 Branch 104. Third place, Group V, Branch 197.

2 The committee has selected the
3 following shipmate as the National Shipmate of
4 the Year, Shipmate Past National President
5 George Hyland, Branch 20, Groton.

6 Recommendations. Regional presidents
7 need to insure that first place winners in each
8 membership group in each region are forwarded
9 to the National Committee HWR chair immediately
10 following each regional convention. Do not
11 hand carry the reports to the National
12 Convention.

13 And branches and regions need to
14 adhere to the Hospital, Welfare and Regulations
15 Manual.

16 I thank the National President for
17 allowing me to chair this committee and serve
18 on this committee for the last two years. This
19 concludes the report from the National
20 Convention Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and
21 Rehabilitations. You have now received it and
22 I move my report be accepted.

23 S/M LYON: Lyon, Branch 17, Cleveland,
24 second.

25 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has

1 been made and seconded that we accept the
2 Hospital Welfare Committee report. Are there
3 any discussion? There being none, all in favor
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 Unanimous.

9 PRPNC POSEKANY: I will get the
10 streamers from Christina.

11 NP WASHINGTON: Let's do future
12 planning, Shipmate Past Regional President
13 South Central Bruce Talbot.

14 PRPSC TALBOT: The National Convention
15 Committee on Future Planning met in the
16 Thousand Oaks Ballroom (Upper) in the Crowne
17 Plaza Memphis East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee on
18 Thursday, 26 September, 2019 at 0900. Chairman
19 was Regional President Northeast/New England
20 Elect Abe Zino, Branch 23. Members present,
21 Past Regional President South Central Bruce
22 Talbot, Branch 159, Regional Vice President
23 South Central C. Ursula Gruetzner, Branch 201;
24 Shipmate Charles Chapman, Branch 289; and
25 Shipmate Shawn Carboni, Branch 31. Our advisor

1 was Past Regional President North Central Norm
2 Combs, Branch 161. Visitors were Cynthia
3 Banks.

4 The Future Planning Committee Annual
5 Report was prepared by Past Regional President
6 East Coast Phil Hanna and was presented and
7 accepted by Acting Chair Regional Vice
8 President Northeast/New England Abe Zino.

9 The 2019-2020 Future Planning
10 Committee is seeking forward thinking
11 representatives in each region. Please submit
12 your desire to participate to myself or the
13 National President. The committee will meet
14 via teleconference about four times over the
15 course of the year.

16 The committee will commence working on
17 the following items immediately: Planning for
18 the 100-year anniversary; evaluate region
19 rebalancing for the future; and enhancing the
20 veteran experience. Additionally, just added,
21 we will investigate the disposition and
22 relocation of the National Headquarters.

23 The committee encourages input and
24 ideas from all members and is looking forward
25 to being an integral part of the Fleet

1 Reserve's next 100 years. I move that this
2 report be accepted.

3 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch
4 161, seconds, and I have a comment.

5 It's becoming clear since it looks
6 like we're going down the tubes that this
7 committee needs to be changed from Future
8 Planning to Planning and Execution Committee.

9 (Laughter.)

10 NP WASHINGTON: All right, a motion
11 has been made and seconded that we accept the
12 Future Planning Committee report. Are there
13 any discussion? There being none, all in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 Unanimous.

19 S.D., S.D. Martin. One more, let me
20 do the Honorary Membership Committee.

21 RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Shipmate
22 National President, national officers, regional
23 officers, shipmates, the National Convention
24 Committee on Honorary Membership and
25 Certificate of Merit met in the Thousand Oaks

1 Ballroom (Lower) of the Crowne Plaza Memphis
2 East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday,
3 September 26, 2019 at 0900. Chairman, myself,
4 Regional President Elect Northeast/New England,
5 Branch 23, Abe Zino. Members included as
6 follows: Past Regional President South Central
7 Bruce Talbot, Branch 159; Past Regional
8 President East Coast -- let's see, I think it's
9 Southeast -- I'm sorry, there's a typo there,
10 Chris Chapman. What's your -- okay. Regional
11 Vice President South Central Ursula -- I'm
12 sorry, got it. My apologies, okay? Past
13 Regional President East Coast Paul Gunther;
14 Regional President Northeast/New England Joyce
15 Harris; and Shawn Carboni, Branch 21.
16 Advisors, or one advisor in this case, Past
17 Regional President North Central Norman Combs.
18 And a visitor, Cynthia Banks.

19 I'll read the resolves.

20 That Shipmates of the FRA Branch 293
21 at a regularly scheduled meeting held 3 October
22 2018 with a quorum being present, did
23 unanimously and without reservation vote to
24 recommend Daniel M. Serik for honorary
25 membership in the FRA, and be it further

1 resolved that all branches of the FRA earnestly
2 solicit to support the nomination of Daniel M.
3 Serik for honorary membership of the Fleet
4 Reserve Association.

5 The second one, again I'll read the
6 resolves. Resolved, on January 9, 2019, at a
7 regular business meeting of the Fleet Reserve
8 Association Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137, shipmates
9 voted unanimously to place the name Jeff
10 Watkins in nomination of honorary membership in
11 the Fleet Reserve Association with affiliation
12 to the Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137. Resolved, that
13 shipmates of the Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137 do
14 earnestly solicit the support of the West Coast
15 Region in recommending approval for the
16 resolution for the Association Board of
17 Directors.

18 Okay. Let's see, then I have one
19 more. Certificate of Merit, okay. I move the
20 two honorary memberships that I read be
21 approved.

22 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

23 RVPSC GRUETZNER: Ursula Gruetzner,
24 Vice President South Central, second.

25 NP WASHINGTON: Okay, a motion has

1 been made and seconded. A motion has been made
2 and seconded that we receive the two honorary
3 members for approval. Any discussion? There
4 being none, all in favor, signify by saying
5 aye.

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 Unanimous.

10 RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Okay,
11 Shipmates, this third one is a little bit
12 different, it's a Certificate of Merit
13 resolution, I only have one. It's my
14 understanding that if approved, the person will
15 get a plaque, so I will read the resolves.

16 That the shipmates of the Navy
17 Department Branch 181 on May 11th, 2019, with a
18 quorum being present, placed the name of James
19 D. Short in nomination for the coveted
20 Certificate of Merit Award. Resolved, the
21 shipmates of Branch 181 solicit that all other
22 shipmates earnestly support the nomination for
23 this outstanding candidate to insure the award
24 ward of this prestigious award.

25 I move that this nomination be

1 accepted.

2 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate
3 National President.

4 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

5 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Slawinski,
6 Delegate, Branch 181, strongly seconds.

7 NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has
8 been made and seconded that we receive the
9 nomination for Certificate of Merit for
10 shipmate Jimmy Short. Are there any
11 discussion? There being none, all in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 (Applause.)

17 I would just like to say that
18 throughout my 20 years working at National
19 Headquarters and three years as running for
20 office, Jimmy and I have been together, like I
21 said, he's been working at headquarters for 47
22 years.

23 (Applause.)

24 And he will retire at the end of
25 October, and I know his wife will really

1 appreciate that, but him and his wife are
2 staying in another hotel, but we plan to
3 present it to him at the banquet when his wife
4 is with him.

5 (Applause.)

6 Other than that, Shipmate Chaplain,
7 will you please close -- hold on. I'll do you
8 tomorrow.

9 S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National
10 President.

11 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

12 S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109. I
13 spoke to Jimmy earlier today. I've not met
14 anybody in a very long time who has worked for
15 one employer for 47 consecutive years, and I
16 would ask that when he is presented his plaque
17 at the banquet and photos are taken, that it's
18 published in our magazine as soon as
19 practicable.

20 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, sure will.

21 (Applause.)

22 All right, Jim, you twisted my arm.
23 Come on. Shipmate at the mic.

24 RPSE RICHMOND: Good afternoon,
25 shipmates. The National Convention Committee

1 on Youth Activities met in Grand Ballroom Salon
2 D of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel on
3 Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900. The
4 following members were present: Chairperson,
5 myself, Regional President Southeast James
6 Richmond; members, Past Regional President
7 Southeast Dave W. Davis; Past Regional
8 President Southwest Michael K. Frontz; and
9 Shipmate Roy D. Warner. My advisor on this
10 committee was Regional President East Coast
11 Randy Phillipp. Visitors were Shipmate Sharon
12 Munday, Shipmate Wayne Bortner, and Shipmate
13 Joanne Boyll.

14 The Committee reviewed the reports
15 submitted from each region of each group and we
16 recommend the following, get ready to write.

17 First place, Group I, Branch 290.
18 Group II, Branch 161. Group III, Branch 126.
19 Group IV, 137. Group V, 245.

20 Second place awards, Group I, Branch
21 24. Group II, Branch 166. Group III, Branch
22 293. Group IV, Branch 294. And Group V,
23 Branch 274.

24 The third place awards, first place,
25 I'm sorry, third place awards, Group I, Branch

1 70. Group II, Branch 94. Group III, Branch
2 276. Group IV, Branch 17. Group V, Branch 34.

3 The Shipmate of the Year, and I would
4 ask the branch to make sure that the spelling
5 is correct when we make the plaque, Shipmate of
6 the Year is Russell H. Beaty, Jr., Branch 293,
7 East Coast. Anybody here from 293? No one
8 here from 293?

9 UNIDENTIFIED: They're in the back.

10 RPSE RICHMOND: All right. We've got
11 his name spelled as, on the report it says
12 B-E-A-T-Y. Is there just one T or two?

13 UNIDENTIFIED: One.

14 RPSE RICHMOND: One T, thank you.

15 Shipmates, under comments, we only had
16 30 submissions for youth activities on a
17 national level. On the bright side, there were
18 eight shipmates, one from each region this year
19 nominated for Shipmate of the Year. I'm not
20 going to go over my recommendations for the
21 next chairman because we've already talked
22 about those quite a few times, about keeping
23 the numbers from the regions, but I would like
24 to thank the members of the Youth Activities
25 Committee for their outstanding performance,

1 and National President Washington for allowing
2 me to be the chairman, my third year, and my
3 last year as chairman of this committee.

4 I would ask that -- before I ask, I'm
5 sorry -- once this is over, not during the
6 meeting, but once this is over, I have the
7 ribbons and streamers, I will pass them out
8 here on my desk. And if you submitted a
9 notebook with your report, you can have your
10 notebook, your binders. If you just gave me
11 the paper, they're already destroyed, you've
12 already got copies of those at your branch
13 level, so I just have the notebooks on my desk
14 and the streamers.

15 At this point, I move that my report
16 be received.

17 S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National
18 President, Hansek, Delegate, 109, seconds.

19 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, Shipmate.
20 You heard the Youth Activities Report and a
21 motion has been made and seconded that we
22 receive the report. Are there any discussion?
23 There being none, all in favor signify by
24 saying aye.

25 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 Unanimous. Shipmate at the mic.

4 JrPRPEC PHELPS: Shipmate National
5 President, Delegate Paul Phelps from Branch 40.
6 I also have the streamers for Americanism and
7 Patriotism sitting over here against this wall
8 over here. And the same thing, I also have any
9 of the booklets, presentations that you had
10 submitted for your branches. Thank you.

11 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. Shipmate
12 Larry.

13 PNP BOUDREAUX: Shipmate National
14 President, Boudreaux, Delegate, 275, Convention
15 Chairman. I have one cancellation for the
16 football game.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: I'll take it. How
18 much?

19 PNP BOUDREAUX: \$50.

20 PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National
21 President.

22 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

23 PNP BLACKBURN: Blackburn, Delegate,
24 Branch 8. For those of you who are members and
25 those of you who are not, we invite you in. I

1 have an important announcement this evening,
2 that if you are not going to the football game,
3 and I understand there are only 15 tickets for
4 that available, the rest of you are invited to
5 the hospitality room at 1800 this evening. We
6 will have the West Coast Region Beer Club. If
7 you are a member, please show up and pay your
8 dues, and also bring a prospective new member
9 with a bright shiny \$20 bill. Thank you very
10 much.

11 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmate National
13 President, the only thing I have, everyone who
14 has ordered a tuxedo, please, I've got them in
15 my room. Please bring, meet me at the elevator
16 after this meeting, I'll go up and bring them
17 all down and distribute them out. Thank you.

18 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you.

19 PRPEC PURDY: Those people that had,
20 got awards for the -- excuse me. Past Regional
21 President Claire Purdy, Branch 24. If those
22 people who, you got an award for Public
23 Relations, the books are in the back, and I
24 will be there.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmate National

1 President.

2 NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: This is for the Past
4 National Presidents. After the meeting is
5 adjourned, recessed, could we have all the past
6 PNPs over in the corner please?

7 NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate
8 National President, two items. If you received
9 an award for Veterans Service -- this is
10 Slawinski, Chairman for the Veterans Service
11 Committee, Branch 181 -- come over to the table
12 by the front door over here and I will have
13 your award. Make sure you bring a proper ID so
14 I give it to the right person.

15 (Laughter.)

16 And then also, there will be a
17 workshop on public relations. Director of
18 Membership Development Christina Hitchcock is
19 going to share ideas for public relations.

20 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you.

21 PNP BOUDREAUX: Shipmate National
22 President, Boudreaux, 275, Convention Chairman.
23 I forgot to mention, the bus will be here at
24 four but will depart at seven for the game
25 through the side door.

1 NP WASHINGTON: At four?

2 PNP BOUDREAUX: Make sure you're there
3 at 1700. The game starts at seven.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: You said the bus will
5 leave at seven.

6 PNP BOUDREAUX: At least I thought.
7 The bus will be here at 1600, leave at 1700.

8 NP WASHINGTON: All right, we got you.
9 Shipmate Chaplain, please?

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

12 NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, shipmates.
13 We will stand in recess until 0900 tomorrow
14 morning.

15 (Meeting recessed.)
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