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OF THE
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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution Numbered 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the session of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved, September 18, 1941.

LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART,
NATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., December 1, 1941.

HON. SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is transmitted herewith the minutes of the Ninth National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, held at Atlanta, Ga., August 3 to 5, inclusive, to be published under authority of House Joint Resolution 196, Public Law 249, of the Seventy-seventh Congress.

I have the honor to be,
Most respectfully,

WILLIAM B. EATON,
National Adjutant.

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NATIONAL OFFICERS

1941-1942

National Commander

Maj. HARRY B. WEINBURGH, M. D., Lansing, Mich.

National Senior Vice Commander

WILLIAM THOMAS, New Rochelle, N. Y.

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First Zone:

ANDREW N. SEGAL, Baltimore, Md.

Second Zone:

JOHN E. HOPKINS, Evansville, Ind.

Third Zone:

FRED O. JOHNSON, Duluth, Minn.

Fourth Zone:

EUGENE H. EMERY, West Los Angeles, Calif.

Fifth Zone:

FABIAN MINTON, Atlanta, Ga.

National Finance Officer

GEORGE L. MCWILLIAMS, Chicago, Ill.

National Adjutant

WILLIAM B. EATON, Lansing, Mich.

National Judge Advocate

ADELBERT J. BEYER, Wauwatosa, Wis.

National Chaplain

PERCY SCHELL, River Rouge, Mich.

National Historian

LUDWIG J. NACHTMANN, St. Augustine, Fla.

National Inspector

HAROLD H. HAMILTON, Lancaster, Pa.

National Publicity Director

HAROLD A. VAN DUSEN, Gary, Ind.

National Americanism Officer

FRANK J. SCHNELLER, Chicago, Ill.

National Legislative Chairman

DR. R. EMERSON BUCKLEY, Hazelton, Pa.

National Sergeant at Arms

JOHN F. CARROL, Newburgh, N. Y.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart opened its meeting August 4, 1941, 10:30 a. m., Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Patriot Fabian Minton opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Fred Barrow who, in turn, introduced Governor Talmadge.

Governor Talmadge thanked the assembly for inviting him to speak, and considered it an honor to have the privilege of speaking. He mentioned catching a muskallunge in Wisconsin and was told that there wasn't another place to catch one, and he came back and went fishing at Toccoa and had the good fortune of catching a muskallunge. "You can ride 60 miles from Atlanta and sleep under blankets and then come down to Macon, Columbus, and Albany and it is hotter than Cuba. Georgia is a great State. We keep our politics on the front page. I am satisfied that our State and city is with me when I say that the war is in the near future. I have a boy in the Navy, my only son." He also stated that it was bad to try to appeal to people through hysteria; that hysteria affected more the educated people than the uneducated ones. "It is going to challenge all the courage of us Americans to keep the democracy that George Washington gave us, going."

"I am satisfied that your order would have perished long ago if it had not been for the Ladies Auxiliary. Man cannot live alone and it takes the women of our country to keep the light burning. Look at Lot. What would he have been if it had not been for his wife? Caesar would not have done his great deeds without Calpurnia; Napoleon without his Josephine. Solomon was a law giver, wrote proverbs, and look what a married man he was. Bluebeard performed great operations; he was a woman killer. Henry VIII was wise and made great laws, but look at the wives he beheaded."

Mrs. B. W. Himelright, president of Old Hickory, Chapter 98, was introduced, and she in turn introduced National President Mrs. Irene Buck, and she asked that the ladies be excused for their meeting at 10:30 at the roof.

Mr. Faber Bollinger extended to the officers and patriots a hearty welcome, stating that he was glad that they selected Atlanta for their 1941 meeting. He suggested that they visit the Wrens Nest, the home of Joel Chandler Harris; the Cyclorama, which is 400 feet in circumference and 50 feet high; Stone Mountain, which will soon be a completed project, with a park of 2,800 acres; Bobby Jones' golf course; and mentioned also that this city is the home of the famous Margaret Mitchell, who wrote *Gone With the Wind*. He mentioned the ball club, which has won 17 games and were ahead in the Southern League. "We feel proud of the fact that you chose Atlanta for your convention."

He thanked the local committee for their efforts to please the members of the 1941 convention.

It was announced that they would have a luncheon at 1 o'clock at Post No. 1 Legion Club, bus leaving at 12:45, and that there would also be a tour of the city.

National Adjutant William B. Eaton was introduced and he, in turn, introduced the national commander, Patriot Herbert A. Church.

Invocation was rendered by Rev. Gustav Stearns. Rev. Dr. Stearns stressed the fact that we should show love, mercy, and do justice.

Sergeant at arms advanced and presented the colors.

The meeting then was turned over to National Commander Herbert A. Church.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following national officers were present:

Herbert A. Church, national commander.
 Dr. Harry B. Weinburgh, national senior vice commander.
 Francis D. Gildea, national junior vice commander, third zone.
 Eugene H. Emery, national junior vice commander, fourth zone.
 George L. McWilliams, national finance officer.
 Rev. Gustav Stearns, national chaplain.
 William B. Eaton, national adjutant.
 Adelbert J. Beyer, national judge advocate.
 Harold H. Hamilton, national inspector.
 Frank J. Schneller, national Americanism officer.
 William Thomas, national sergeant at arms.

The following national executive committeemen were present:

William McKennie, Idaho.
 George F. Bradfield, Illinois.
 R. E. Daniels, Florida.
 Sigfréd Hanson, Minnesota, alternate for Harley Weich.
 Charles H. McMahan, Indiana, alternate for Clive J. Dellar.
 Charles Ceas, Michigan, alternate for Elmer Brackett.
 John Wims, New York.
 Joseph W. McAvoy, Maryland.
 Francis J. Gothie, Pennsylvania.

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE BY PATRIOT SCHNELLER, CHAIRMAN

Patriot Schneller moved that they adopt the rules as submitted. Seconded by Bradfield (No. 50). Motion carried.

Patriot Baldwin (No. 96, of Milwaukee) did not hear Nos. 3 and 12, which he wanted to hear. Patriot Schneller reread these passages for him.

Patriot BALDWIN (No. 96, Milwaukee). Am I to understand that a delegate can come here and cast a vote by proxy without paying any fee whatsoever?

Patriot SCHNELLER (No. 50). Those men who were honored, even if they can't pay, should be allowed to vote.

National Commander Church gave the following report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER CHURCH

I wish to call your attention to a serious lack of interest on the part of the national executive committeemen, because therein hangs the efficiency of the national executive committee.

As my term of office reaches its close I desire to submit my report of the significant events during my administration. A summation of days away from

headquarters and miles traveled will furnish the organization with a fair picture of the work involved in serving as national commander.

I have been away from Washington for a total of 2 months and 29 days and have traveled more than 22,000 miles by auto, bus, train, and airplane. This mileage is equivalent to more than seven trips across the continent, and, if stretched out in a straight line, would extend nearly around the world.

The national commander has borne about one-half of the expenses of this travel. It is regretted that time and the necessary funds were both lacking to permit the national commander to reach at least some of the chapters in the third and fourth zones. He was fortunate, however, in being able to contact the men in Los Angeles and vicinity.

On August 23, 1940, a long-distance-telephone message from Past National Commander Charles Carlston indicated that a proposition which might be of financial benefit to the organization was awaiting my presence for discussion in Los Angeles.

In view of the fact that the Veterans of Foreign Wars were holding their national encampment at this time, it was necessary for me to travel by plane in order to be present at this encampment.

During this stay in Los Angeles I appeared at two meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was recognized in an appropriate manner as the national commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The outcome of this airplane trip was the initiation of the machinery perfected later in the form of a contract with a Chicago publishing company. My return from Los Angeles was punctuated by a stop-off at Chicago, Ill., and Lansing, Mich. The latter stop was for the purpose of discussing internal affairs with the newly elected senior vice commander.

An invitation to attend the commanders' dinner in Boston in connection with the American Legion convention was accepted. Accordingly I proceeded to Boston, where I was a guest of Marcus Diffenderfer, past national junior vice commander of the first zone. The dinner was given on September 24.

The first meeting of the national executive committee was held in Indiana, immediately after the adjournment of the convention.

The second meeting was held in Lansing, Mich., October 5 and 6, and was attended by 13 members of the committee. At this meeting two prospects, by which contracts would be effected through the sale of books, were advanced. A committee, consisting of Dr. Weinburgh, National Judge Advocate Beyer, Patriot Holland, Finance Officer George McWilliams, and Harold Van Dusen, was appointed to deal with the problem and, when a suitable agreement should be reached in the case of either of the propositions, an executive committee meeting would be called to act upon the recommendation. Full details of the proposition, together with the matter considered at this meeting, are available in the form of a stenographic report in the files.

Dr. Weinburgh presented a very complete statement concerning the historical features of the beginning of the Purple Heart decoration. In order to obtain this information it was necessary for him to travel extensively throughout the East. Emphasis was placed on the need for the reorganization of the constitution, bylaws, rules, and regulations preparatory to a reprint. Accordingly, Colonel Schneller was appointed chairman of a subcommittee to make the necessary changes. Colonel Schneller sat up most of Saturday night making the provisions and presented them to the full committee at the Sunday morning session. He deserves the thanks of the organization for whom he discharged this duty.

It was decided also to institute a supply department, consisting of a committee of Dr. Weinburgh, George McWilliams (national finance officer), and William B. Eaton (national adjutant), who would be responsible for its operation. The purchase of materials, such as caps, neckties, flags, lapel buttons, and similar articles, would be handled by this committee. The committee was authorized to sell these articles to the members of the organization and the national organization is to derive a small profit from these transactions. A price list for the above-mentioned articles may be obtained from the national adjutant.

The national commander stated that a recommendation of \$10 be paid to all men that were actually wounded by the enemy. This bill was introduced in 1937 and went through the House; later it ran up against a brick wall.

At the close of its work the committee voted that the regular January executive committee meeting should be held in Lansing, Mich., on January 11 and 12. This was to be the third meeting of the national executive committee.

The Department of New York extended an invitation to the national commander to attend the exercises to be held on Navy Day, October 27, 1940, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y. Several members of the Mount Vernon Chapter accompanied the national commander and participated with him in the demonstration.

On November 8, the national commander, with a delegation from Mount Vernon Chapter, attended a meeting in Baltimore, Md., for the purpose of instituting a new chapter in that city. There is now a thriving chapter located there, with the prospect that a department may be organized during the next year.

On the 10th of November several of the members of Mount Vernon Chapter accompanied the national commander to a demonstration held in Lancaster, Pa., which took the form of a very colorful parade. We were fortunate in meeting there another portion of the Pennsylvania department from Philadelphia and other sections of the State. A very imposing demonstration was made by all of the members from Pennsylvania joining in a parade which was held in the afternoon of November 10. Very favorable comments were elicited on the appearance of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Mr. Harold Hamilton, national inspector, who was largely responsible for the arrangements, should be highly commended for the perfect arrangements that were carried out.

On November 15 the national commander paid a visit to chapter No. 4, located in Philadelphia. The department commander, Dr. Buckley, and the national commander joined in the matter of installing officers for the coming year.

The national commander announced that he occupied a prominent position in the parade which was held in Washington on Army Day.

It was voted that he not take the time to read his entire report, and he gave the following recommendations:

"1. I wish to call your attention to a serious lack of interest on the part of the national executive committeemen because thereby hangs the efficiency of the national executive committee."

Out of 15 national executive committeemen, the records of the meetings of the national executive committee will show that 2 national executive committeemen have been most attentive and faithful in attending these meetings; a third man has, by being present at one meeting and writing concerning questions, shown his interest in what is being accomplished by the committee. We have, then, 12 men who have failed to meet the requirements imposed upon them by the acceptance of the office and have in so doing reduced the efficiency of the national executive committee.

I wish however to state that in the matter of answering letters which circularized the executive committeemen, most of them assumed this responsibility. In order that the executive committee shall function by accepting its direct responsibility, I am forced to offer the suggestion that the office of national executive committeeman be abolished. This will be, in comparison with a doctor's measure, a major operation and, under the present conditions relative to the lack of attention on the part of this officer, it would match well with the removal of the appendix.

"2. My suggestion with regard to the make-up of the national executive committee would be that of the national commander, national senior vice commander, the immediate past national commander, the five national junior vice commanders, and the judge advocate. The finance officer would be a member of the executive committee without the right to vote.

"3. That the national adjutant should receive compensation for the service he renders in addition to the money now paid to him as rental for a room located in his home. I also recommend that the finance officer should receive a small recompense for his services.

"4. I recommend that a finance committee, consisting of four members, be appointed by the national commander, he acting as a member ex-officio.

"5. When funds become available, I would recommend that a national organizer be appointed by the national commander as a paid officer, to operate under the direction of the national adjutant.

"6. I would recommend that the national organization adopt a principle placed in such portion of the rules and regulations as may be fitting; that the approval of a candidacy for national office must serve as a requirement for a patriot seeking such office. I will also offer this as a recommendation to the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary."

Patriot Wims (New York) wished to accept with thanks the national commander's report.

Patriot Duncan (Florida) wanted to have only that part of the report that was read passed.

The report was accepted.

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS

Patriot Segal (Baltimore) wanted to know the number of votes each chapter could have.

Patriot Webster (Florida) requested the roll call.

Patriot Ceas (No. 75) wanted to know if he was to answer the roll call.

Patriot Wims (New York) introduced a distinguished visitor, first sergeant at arms.

Patriot Weinburgh gave the following report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER WEINBURGH

August 1940: Following the convention at Indianapolis on 16, attended meeting for the purpose of taking final step in organizing a chapter at Pontiac, Mich.

August 22: Drove to Detroit to attend a Military Order of the Purple Heart business meeting, and arrange some details in reference to next national adjutant for National Commander Church.

September 21: Attended a New York Department meeting at Flushing, N. Y., then started for Boston to attend the American Legion Convention, but stopped in Hartford, Conn., to obtain information regarding the burial place of Elijah Churchill from the librarian. I did receive some historical information, but was unsuccessful in my quest for the burial place. I then went to Massachusetts, where I was informed by Mr. Johnson, the great-grandson of Elijah Churchill, and from whom I received the original Badge of Merit, where his great-grandfather was buried. After a search through three cemeteries, two in Chester and one, where I was successful in locating the grave, in Middlefield, Mass., it was then too late for the Legion convention at Boston, so I went to Newburgh, N. Y., and spent a day with Reverend Corning and learned a good deal about the last encampment of the Revolutionary Army, and about Temple Hill, where the order creating the Badge of Merit was written.

It was while at Newburgh that I was convinced a chapter must be formed there, as all our historical and traditional background originates there. Last June Temple Hill Chapter, No. 1782, was installed, and we hope they will act as our host for the one hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the creation of the Badge of Merit, or Purple Heart Medal, and the tenth anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization at Newburgh in 1942.

October 5: Attended the executive meeting of the national executive body.

October 18: Attended a meeting of the Canadian Legion at Detroit, who put on a special demonstration of their ritual for the benefit of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

November 2: Traveled to Detroit to attend a meeting of the Burl Post as representative at the Military Order of the Purple Heart, when they honored their past commanders.

November 17: Installed Chapter 75 at Dearborn, Mich.

November 24: Attended the installation of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at Gary, Ind.

December: Attended a meeting of the Flint Chapter.

Dec. 27: Attended a meeting of Chapter 75, Dearborn, Mich.

Dec. 29: Attended a veterans' meeting at the Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jan. 11 and 12, 1941: Executive committee meeting at Lansing, Mich.

January 28: Guest speaker at Ray Workman Chapter, Chicago, Ill.

February 1: Commander's dinner, Detroit, Mich.

February 15: Duboise, Chapter No. 37, held their Washington's Birthday dinner, Lansing, Mich.

February 19: Veterans' dinner, attended as Military Order of the Purple Heart representative.

February 22: Guest speaker at Flint, Mich., at Washington's Birthday dinner, then drove to Detroit, 65 miles, to attend the Washington ball of Chapter 75.

February 23: Made final arrangements for chapter at Wyandotte, Mich.

March 2 and 3: Visited St. Petersburg, Fla.

March 14 and 15: Went to Atlanta to assist with convention plans.

March 21, 22, and 23: Went to Washington, spent first day at the Congressional Library in search of historical facts relating to our organization, next 2 days attended executive meeting.

April 5: Attended Army Day exercises at Washington, D. C.

April 6: Addressed meeting Military Order of the Purple Heart at Lancaster, Pa.

April 7: Visited cemetery, which I had located earlier in the winter, containing burial place of Daniel Bissell and his wife, in Canandaigua, N. Y.

April 20: Installed Chapter No. 127, at Wyandotte, Mich.

April 27: Attended Department of Michigan spring conference at Detroit, Mich.

May 9: Spoke at dinner meeting of Luncheon Club, in Lansing, Mich., on Americanism and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

May 30: Attended Decoration Day ceremonies at Lansing, Mich., in morning. Attended services held at Fitchburg, Mich., in afternoon, at the grave of the Revolutionary soldier, Martin Dubois, after whom Chapter No. 37 of Lansing, Mich., is named.

June 20: Attended Department of Pennsylvania State convention.

June 22: Attended New York Department State convention.

July 6: Met with Commander Church, finance officer, and Adjutant Eaton at Lansing, Mich.

July 14: Installed department officers of Department of Michigan at Detroit.

During the past year have located the burial places of the three Revolutionary soldiers who were decorated with the Badge of Merit by Gen. George Washington, namely, Daniel Bissell, Elijah Churchill, and William Brown.

Have accumulated data including the finding of the descendants of all three of the Revolutionary soldiers from whom I have obtained genealogies, all of which will add materially to the publication of the Purple Heart History.

Have had the charter bill, which the President vetoed, redrawn by my own attorney, at no expense to the organization, because Commander Church was anxious to have it immediately, removing all that the President had objected to, and as soon as it is possible the bill will be reconsidered.

Carried on negotiations with the Edugraphic Co. for a considerable period, and endeavored to make a deal for the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization, but was unable to procure a contract that was satisfactory.

My correspondence has run into hundreds of letters and last, but not least, have given much time to assist both Commander Church and Adjutant Eaton at all times.

Patriot Weinburgh also mentioned the program for youth physical education.

Patriot Baldwin (No. 96) moved that this reported be adopted. The motion carried.

Patriot Daniels (Miami) wanted to know if Dr. Weinburgh was ashamed of Miami.

Patriot Weinburgh answered in the negative.

Patriot Webster (Florida) then wanted the report of the credentials committee and then asked that a specified time be given for the reading of same.

Patriot Schneller (Illinois) added that this report be given first consideration in the morning.

Patriot Webster (Florida) said it would have to be the first order of business tomorrow morning.

Schneller (Illinois) seconded.

Patriot Segal (Baltimore) then asked for more respect from the Chair.

Patriot Weinburgh, senior vice commander, then called for the report of junior vice commanders. No zone could give a report.

National Adjutant Eaton then gave a full report.

(The report follows at the end of day's session.)

Patriot Cummings (Florida) made the motion that the balance of the national adjutant's report be omitted.

Duncan (Florida) seconded the motion.

National adjutant stated that national headquarters had taken out a blanket bond and the fee is \$2.50 per \$1,000 for each officer bonded, but it is not necessary to be bonded through national headquarters.

Patriot Bradfield (Chicago) asked National Adjutant Eaton if he had received or had a record of their payment.

Patriot Eaton replied in the negative.

Patriot Segal (Baltimore) then made a motion that the meeting would come to order August 5 at 9 o'clock sharp to finish the business.

Patriot Baldwin (96 Milwaukee) seconded the motion.

National Commander Church then stressed the time, "9 eastern standard time."

Meeting adjourned 12:30.

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL ADJUTANT EATON TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1940-41, AUGUST 4, 1941

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our national commander, Herbert A. Church, for the honor bestowed upon me by appointing me to the office of national adjutant of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

I also wish to state I have sincerely tried to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my ability, although probably I have made a number of mistakes.

I wish to thank all officers and members for their cooperation with me, especially our national senior vice commander, Dr. Weinburgh, who has always been at hand to give advice and help when needed. When a mistake was made the officers and members were not too exacting, with the exception of a very few.

Having to work for a living, I was not able to attend functions of the order as I would like to have done, but I did get around in our own State as follows:

Attended the national executive committee meeting in Lansing, October 5 and 6, 1940.

October 18, 1940, went to Detroit and attended a Canadian Legion and Purple Heart joint meeting, where the Canadian Legion put on parts of their ritual for the benefit of us Purple Heart men.

November 17, 1940, attended the installation of officers of Chapter No. 75 in Detroit. I was also installing officer at the installation of officers of Chapter No. 68 in Detroit.

January 11 and 12, 1941, attended the national executive committee meeting in Lansing.

Attended the Washington's Birthday dinner of Chapter No. 37, February 15, and the Washington's Birthday dinner of Chapter No. 90, February 22.

Attended the installation of officers of our new chapter, No. 127, in Wyandotte, April 20.

Attended the Department of Michigan mid-year meeting in Detroit, April 27. National Commander Church called a meeting of himself, Finance Officer McWilliams, National Senior Vice Commander Dr. Weinburgh, and myself at my office, July 6.

Attended the installation of officers of the Department of Michigan, July 13; also the national executive committee meeting yesterday, August 4.

I would like to stress the importance of membership, which you will see later in this report. Chapters are lax in securing their renewals each year, and it is very hard to organize new chapters unless you have a real active man in the locality where your new chapter is to be organized.

It is extremely hard to interest prospective members by correspondence, as I have found out this year. For instance: San Antonio, Tex., has an eligible list of 91 members. I have written to 7 different ones at different times and never received an answer. Houston and El Paso also have eligibles for a good chapter. I have written prospective members in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Oklahoma City and cannot get an answer. They are just not interested through correspondence.

New York State received the honor of having the largest percentage of new and renewals for their department, which is 14 percent. They have organized 5 new chapters and reorganized Corporal Arthur Willi Chapter No. 17, having a total 6 of new chapters, out of a total of 17 new or reorganized chapters for the year. The first zone also receives the honor with a total of 7 new chapters and 1 reorganized, or a total of 8 chapters or 126 percent.

	<i>Percent</i>
Zone 1-----	126
Zone 3-----	123
Zone 5-----	107
Zone 4-----	85
Zone 2-----	69
New chapters:	
Zone 1-----	8
Zone 2-----	4
Zone 3-----	3
Zone 4-----	0
Zone 5-----	1

The increase of members by zones is in the following order: Zones 1, 3, 5, 4, and 2.

We have a total membership as of July 31, 1941, of 3,351 members, compared to 3,633 as of July 31, 1940, or 90 percent. This compares with a grand total, for 1940, of 3,729.

I wish to point out the loss in percentage of membership this year against that of last year is largely due to the increase of dues from \$1 to \$3 for membership at large. Last year, or 1940, we had a total of 308 members at large compared to 50 members at large as of July 31, 1941, a percentage of 16 percent, or a loss of 258 members.

We have a total of 1,274 delinquent members for 1941; 1,539 are dropped that are delinquent more than 1 year, or a total of 2,813. Therefore, you can readily see why I stress that all chapter commanders' first duty should be the securing of renewal of their members before the first of the year. It is easy to secure new members directly after the national convention because after October 1 they receive a paid-up card for the next fiscal year and receive 3 months, or a fraction thereof, gratis.

I wish to request all chapters and department adjutants and finance officers to send in their reports to national headquarters as is outlined in the adjutant's manual, which should be in the chapter and department files for each adjutant and finance officer to go by. These manuals were made up and distributed by the last administration, and I must say, if they are followed, the work at national headquarters would be much more simple.

PART 2. THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

National Adjutant Eaton.

PART 3.—THE REPORT OF NEW CHAPTERS

Corporal Arthur Willi (No. 17), Troy, N. Y.
 Rockland County (No. 120), Rockland County, N. Y.
 Nassau County (No. 124), Long Island, N. Y.
 Patrick J. McCarron (No. 126), New York City, N. Y.
 Temple Hill Chapter (No. 1782), Newburgh, N. Y.
 General Herkimer (No. 130), Herkimer, N. Y.
 Argonne Chapter (No. 129), Scranton, Pa.
 Baltimore Chapter (No. 122), Baltimore, Md.
 Valley of the Fox (No. 131), Aurora, Ill.
 Stephen Decatur (No. 132), Decatur, Ill.
 Ethan Allen (No. 134), Chicago, Ill.
 Down River (No. 127), Wyandotte, Mich.

Sunflower (No. 123), Kansas City, Mo.
 Gen. Daniel R. Bissell (No. 125), St. Louis, Mo.
 Sioux Falls (No. 133), Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 Joseph F. Newitt (No. 121), New Orleans, La.

PART 4. REPORT OF CHARTERS

Corporal Arthur Willi (No. 17), Troy, N. Y., was left open by the last national convention, but has been reorganized by the Department of New York.

Harrison DePew Chapter (No. 29), Fort Wayne, Ind., was left open. Referred to the Department of Indiana.

Molly Pitcher Chapter (No. 36), Monmouth County, N. J., charter ordered canceled but we received a letter from Patriot William Hanratty, 1124 Sewall Avenue, Asbury Park, N. J., stating our reorganization is in progress.

Champaign Chapter (No. 40), Toledo, Ohio, referred to Walter A. Forgý for study.

Scheffler Draper Chapter (No. 55), Port Huron, Mich., referred to Dr. Weinburg, commander of Michigan, for study.

Daniel Bissell Chapter (No. 57), Los Angeles, Calif., referred to Jerry Richards for study.

Received word through Commander Church that national junior vice commander, Eugene Emery, of the fourth zone recommended cancelation and picking up of the charter.

Courtney F. Soule (No. 65), Hayward, Wis., referred to the Duluth Chapter (No. 56), Duluth, Minn., for investigation.

General Joshua L. Chamberlain (No. 68), Portland, Maine, referred to Antone Mello to be investigated.

The Indiana Chapter (No. 70), Indiana County, Pa., referred to the Department of Pennsylvania.

Valley Forge Chapter (No. 76), Narberth, Pa., referred to the Department of Pennsylvania.

PART 5. REPORT ON BONDING

At the 1940 national convention the following resolution relative to the bonding of officers, presented by Luther G. Smith, national junior vice commander of the first zone, was adopted:

RESOLUTION

"That it be compulsory that the national adjutant and every department and chapter finance officer be bonded to the satisfaction of the national convention, also each department adjutant and the national finance officer. That no chapter will be recognized by their department or by the national organization and no department will be recognized by the national organization unless payment of bond fee is certified by the national adjutant. Submitted by Luther Smith, first zone commander."

National headquarters has taken out a blanket bond and the fee is \$2.50 per \$1,000 for each officer bonded; but it is not necessary to be bonded through national headquarters.

The following officers are bonded:

National adjutant.

National finance officer.

Department of New York, adjutant and finance officer.

Department of Minnesota, adjutant and finance officer.

Department of California, adjutant and finance officer.

Department of Michigan, adjutant and finance officer.

Department of New Jersey, finance officer.

Lake County Chapter (No. 80), finance officer.

Du Page County Chapter (No. 60), finance officer.

Woodrow Wilson Chapter (No. 15), finance officer.

Badger State Chapter (No. 96), finance officer.

Los Angeles Chapter (No. 2), finance officer.

Martin Du Bois Chapter (No. 37), finance officer.

Lancaster County Chapter (No. 107), finance officer.

Duluth Chapter (No. 56), finance officer.

Palm Beach Chapter (No. 74), finance officer.

Fall River Chapter (No. 7), finance officer.

Elijah Churchill Chapter (No. 90), finance officer.

Mount Vernon Chapter (No. 22), finance officer.

Ford Motor Chapter (No. 75), finance officer.
 Veterans' Administration Facility Chapter (No. 52), finance officer.
 General Mercer Chapter (No. 33), finance officer.
 Grand Rapids Chapter (No. 91), finance officer.
 New Rochelle Chapter (No. 21), finance officer.

Our national judge advocate, Beyers, has ruled that as long as the above resolution was not generally published no chapter would lose recognition for failure to pay said bond fee.

I wish to point out at this time that this resolution was contained in the abstract of the minutes of the 1940 national convention and a copy sent to all national officers, national executive committeemen, department adjutants and chapter adjutants. Therefore, all departments and chapters, except some of the new ones organized this year, were notified.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. EATON,
National Adjutant.

REPORT OF CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, ATLANTA, 1941

The members of the 1941 national convention rules committee, Military Order of the Purple Heart, met at Atlanta in national headquarters room, at 8:30 a. m., and with unanimous agreement submit the following report with recommendations for adoption:

1. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, be adopted for the convention proceedings with the following modifications:

2. Only duly accredited members of the national convention (art. XL, sec. 2), or chapter alternates taking the place of absent duly accredited delegates, shall participate directly or indirectly in discussions or "viva voce" vote, on any subject before the convention. The Chair may grant the floor to any visitor with the consent of a majority of the convention, except that this privilege shall not be extended on the business or point in order.

3. When a convention member desires to make a motion, or address the convention, he will rise, address the Chair as "patriot commander," state his name, chapter number, and location or office, before proceeding.

4. Debate will be limited to 5 minutes to each speaker, not more than two delegates from any one chapter, and the floor be permitted but once on any one subject, except by the consent of two-third vote of the convention. Convention committee chairmen may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the report of their committee.

5. Voting shall be by acclamation except when roll call is demanded by the chairman or acting chairman of at least five chapters, and also except in the election of national officers and in the vote for the place of the next convention. On roll call the chairman or acting chairman of a chapter delegation shall poll his delegation on the floor and, on call, shall announce the vote of the delegation of his chapter.

6. One or more delegates of a chapter only partially represented may vote the full accredited delegate strength, upon unanimous agreement of those present. Chapters not having any delegates or alternates present may vote through a department officer, provided the commander of such chapter has sent to the national adjutant a written request, in duplicate, for the information of the credential committee. Questions of power and right to vote will be vested in the credential committee only.

7. Discussion of personal grievances, or charges against an individual, shall not be in order before the convention, but must be presented in writing to the national adjutant for reference to the proper committee.

8. Recommendations for consideration and action of the convention shall be in the form of resolutions, in duplicate, dated and signed, and preferably sent to the national adjutant in advance of the opening of the convention. All resolutions offered on the floor at the convention, or otherwise, shall automatically, and without reading, be referred to the proper convention committee for study, consideration, and recommendation. All convention-committee meetings will be announced and posted, and any convention member is authorized to appear before the committee to present his views.

9. Voting on committee reports may be on the report as a whole, or items considered individually upon majority vote. Any part or all of the report may be referred back to, for consideration or amendment, by a majority vote of the convention. A motion to recommit must state the reason for the action.

10. Nomination and seconding speeches for national officers shall be from the floor by roll call of chapters. Nominating speeches will not exceed 3 minutes each, and seconding speeches limited to two for each candidate, of not more than 2 minutes each. Chapters not wishing to nominate or second a candidate will report "no candidate."

11. In the event that more than one candidate is nominated for any office, the balloting by roll call of chapters shall continue until one candidate shall have received a majority of all votes cast by convention members and absent accredited delegates whose chapter commander has properly delegated their vote.

12. A patriot holding two or more offices, national and/or departmental, which qualify a vote in the national convention, shall be eligible to cast but one vote.

13. Unit rule may be permitted in all roll-call voting, but shall not be mandatory.

H. E. KIRK,

Commander, Palm Beach (No. 74), Florida.

CHARLES E. CEAS,

No. 75, Department Commander.

FRANK J. SCHNELER,

RAY WORKMAN,

(No. 50) Illinois Department Commander, Chairman.

TUESDAY MORNING (AUGUST 5, 1941)

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—The following is copied from notes transcribed by a stenographer who took notes prior to the arrival of the reporter.)

Commander CHURCH. Most of you men know my residence is with those lacking in the necessary upper-story content.

FROM THE FLOOR (a gentleman from Indiana). I move that we give a rising vote of thanks for a most interesting address from General Hershey this morning.

FROM THE SPEAKER'S TABLE. All those in favor of this vote of thanks please rise and give your applause.

(Entire body rises with applause.)

GENTLEMAN FROM STEVEN (Decatur, Ill.). I would like to ask the general a question. I have been told by several draft boards the Army does not want or have a place for our Negroes. Do you want them or not?

General HERSHEY. I have a comment about this question I would like to make, but I make it purely off the record.

(General Hershey continues and finally ends his talk with "Are there any more questions?")

Commander CHURCH. Again I want to express our sincere appreciation for the visit of General Hershey and we hope or rather offer to him the full, unhindered cooperation of all our men who wear the Purple Heart.

(As General Hershey leaves the room the entire body rises.)

Commander CHURCH. The old expression "It is always fair weather when good fellows get together" was certainly emphasized this morning when General Hershey was greeted by the police force, in their endeavor to make a contact with the national police force, the F. B. I. inspector, who is here this morning. I am glad to introduce him as a friend and wearer of the Purple Heart. We feel most fortunate in

having him with us. Will the sergeant at arms please escort Lee Pennington, inspector of the F. B. I., up to the front?

(Entire body arises until he has reached speaker's platform.)

Commander CHURCH. Without further ado I will now present Lee Pennington, wearer of the Purple Heart and inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

LEE PENNINGTON. Commander Church, national officers, guests, and members of the Purple Heart, I am very glad to have this opportunity to be with you this morning, and take this opportunity of extending greetings from J. Edgar Hoover, and give you some of the activities of the national-defense work.

The conditions in the United States of America are parallel with those existing in 1915. A few days ago I read an excerpt of an article written by Woodrow Wilson:

My fellow countrymen, many circumstances which prevail not be an influence that will threaten to divide us. There is strife within and without, the action on which we have been so proud. Of course, you realize that conditions exist in the United States of America today, and it behooves us to get together today as in 1914.

We have misery, want, death, and destruction in all of those countries because of an unjustified ambition of one dictator.

President Roosevelt has requested the F. B. I. to investigate all leads on sabotage, espionage, and so forth, and we have called upon police agencies to aid with that program. It was realized that we must cooperate with mutual agencies in the State, Federal, and municipal origin, and 500 regional conferences were held, with 8,000 police officials attending. Those conferences are continuing quarterly. We are in a position to carry out our program, assisting in matters of state under the ramifications of the F. B. I. It is impossible to properly evaluate the scope of this work; 2,300 special agents working out of 55 field offices in the United States of America, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and these agents are of much material assistance.

Mr. Hoover, chairman, has been holding weekly conferences with the Military Intelligence, Navy Intelligence, and the bureaus in Washington. All matters are thoroughly discussed, and we are able to keep other agencies informed who in turn enlighten us on many angles themselves. From these conferences it was decided, from the experiences of 1915 and 1916, the Black Tom and Kingston incidents, it was mandatory that we prevent such recurrences, and that such a step was just as important as the Army in the field. The F. B. I. has developed some key plants from which surveys are being made; 1,600 plants were set up for inspection. We found many interesting developments.

There was much lack of care in the handling of these plants and there were absolutely no safeguards. One of our men removed all identification, found out from the foreman the amount of production, and left the plant without being questioned in the least. We called this to the attention of the executives, who made changes and remedied the situation.

A New York plant executive said a watchman, who was stationed at one of the gates and who requested full identification from everyone entering, happened to receive a visit from the executive's wife. The guard politely forbade her to enter the plant as she had noth-

ing to show who she was. The lady went home to await the return of her husband. The watchman secured a promotion. The junior executives are not sure yet whether the promotion was received for obeying orders or for not letting the boss' wife in.

We found in many instances where officials in charge did not have the proper facilities for safeguarding Army plans. When asked to see the vault where they were kept, a young man took us to it and, when we inquired how long this young man had been in charge, we were told 3 weeks. However, upon investigating further about his background, and so forth, it fortunately proved to be all right and it was found he was a good man. But this is simply another precaution we take.

A very laughable instance: An agent asked the custodian to open up the vault, thinking the man had memorized the combination. The employee walked over to the door and looked on the wall where he had scribbled the combination down to keep from forgetting it.

Another instance, we found the vault which was intended to be burglar-proof had a window with a wooden sash opening out onto a porch.

We found a burglar-proof, fire-proof door with the roof and walls of wood, where it would take about 30 seconds to get in. These things were told to the plant officials and corrected at once.

We also keep our eyes open for fire hazards. Recently we came upon some steel pilings used to keep from heating up oil. We, of course, had this remedied.

In a plant where gas masks were being made, in watching a young lady work on a face piece, in using the scissors the tip would go into the mask, which was deliberate carelessness. Suppose you and I, on the other side were in that mask. Pretty soon we would not know what was going on. We watch such things as this and see to it that such gross negligence on the part of the worker is forestalled.

Many times it would be possible for the F. B. I. agents to make an arrest of a party supposedly guilty of sabotage or espionage, but we do not hastily pursue this method for the reason that, while we may take an individual into custody, we are not interested in doing so because we would prefer ensnaring the entire ring or follow the entire group until we get to the ring leaders, thus cutting off the head of the octopus.

Just recently we rounded up a gang of 33, with most of them pleading guilty of the charges made.

We secured from Europe plans for sabotage of plants—one from the Nazis, the other from the Communists—and everything from a comma on down was identical, so you see they were working very much together. We set about to nip this in the bud. We found also there had been plans made to put fruit labels and vegetables labels on cans of explosives, and so forth, which when opened would cause the loss of many lives. Also, additional baggage was attemptedly planted along with other baggage of foreign officials on their way back to their posts, with time bombs set to go off after the ship had gotten away from our land.

Keep your eyes open for anything which might prove valuable. The F. B. I. does not want vigilante groups. You have already been

invaluable in your service to us, but just because a man's name may be of foreign origin does not mean he is involved in any crime, because, remember the U. S. A. is the melting pot of the world, and you cannot place a man under suspicion just because he originated in a land we detest. If you do have information, refer it to us and let us evaluate it and see if it is sufficiently important.

It is easy enough to grow suspicious of your neighbor and, notwithstanding a loud voice declaring his innocence, to some he will never be cleared. On the other hand, what you may be keeping to yourselves may be a sabotage case. It may be the only link we need to round up a group. We ask that you refer to us anything of suspicious nature and we will round it up.

I remember a case where one man started the investigation himself, but soon referred it to us.

Down at the seashore, on the top floor of this building, lived a man who every night had emanating from his window flashes of light, which the party discovering same decided was a code message sent out to some foreign agent away from the harbor. On each night he would see the light flash, and we found it was a minister who got the same room every year, where he wrote his sermons for the fall, and, by practicing, would walk between the light and the window, thus creating the effect of a radio signal. So, under all circumstances be careful, gentlemen, because I have seen many, many red faces in Washington because the wrong party was accused.

If you are asked to join an organization or donate any money to a cause, find out if that organization is American or for Americans or whether that is an organization financed and augmented for totalitarian funds.

In closing, we are fortunate in being one of the last democracies on earth. We can keep our religious views as we like, and this is a land where "fifth columnists" will incur very little harm to an invading army such as the terrorism which the countries over there have experienced.

So, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, may we have a government by the people, for the people, that will not perish from the earth.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—From this point is the transcription by Beatrice B. Sands, reporter.)

Commander CHURCH. I believe that Patriot Pennington will remain with us today, and I am hopeful that if the time permits he will be with us tonight at the banquet. We are expecting to have his presence at that time. We will now proceed with the business of the morning. We will have the reading continued from the report, from the membership, by the national adjutant.

(At this point National Adjutant Eaton continued the reading of the above-referred-to report.)

(At this point there was discussion concerning the report, and certain corrections made of same and explanations of same.)

Commander CHURCH. We will now vote on the adoption of the report.

Unanimously carried; and it is so ordered. We will now have the report of the resolutions committee.

Patriot CARR. I wonder if I may ask the members of the legislative committee to meet me outside?

Commander CHURCH. Patriot Carr would like to have the members of his committee meet with him outside immediately, please. We will have the resolutions committee report now. We will have a summary of the resolutions committee report.

Patriot HEISER. I am chairman of the resolutions committee, and I will give you a summary of what we have. I have contracted a cold, and I am going to ask Dr. Hacker to read the resolutions before the house—the ones we are going to submit. We have read over thoroughly 38 different resolutions. Of this group we recommend to the floor, be read, 15. We have recommended 1 to the national executive committee, which was designated to that body. We recommended 1 to the insignia committee; another to the time and place committee; 6 to the legislative committee; 2 to the bylaws committee—2 of them were consolidated, including the same resolution. We have 3 which are Mackay publications, recommended to the body, and that committee has been reported just before the break-up, or I should say, at the break-up of yesterday's session.

We were going to recommend it to the floor, but due to the fact we found out later there was a committee report for that we recommended it to them. We had one tabled until later due to the fact that the contents of this are already in operation in the Federal Government, and we came to the decision that we could table this and recommend it further to the executive committee and see what action is taken within the next 30 days. We have eight here that are not approved. Of this group that I have here, 1—this is rather lengthy—this group we are holding, or that we have not offered resolutions on, seem to be more of a local—there have been points involved that should be taken up with the State government or your local State department more so than the national. I will turn this over to Dr. Hacker, whom we have appointed as our secretary for this committee, and he will read these for you. Thank you.

Patriot HACKER. I will try to be brief and have you take them up as they come. The first resolution is No. 1 [reading]:

Whereas the young men of America in response to their country's call to the colors, are leaving their classrooms, their jobs, and their families, and are assembling in the forts and camps throughout the United States and its possessions; and

Whereas it is all important to America's future, and for the morale of its defenders, that these boys be provided with facilities for continuing their education; and

Whereas the reading and studying of documentary historical records, literature, and lectures will have a wholesome effect on the morale of the troops; and

Whereas the Military Order of the Purple Heart is distributing documentary historical records, literature, and lectures as part of its Americanism program; Then, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Military Order of the Purple Heart, in convention assembled at Atlanta, Ga., on this, the 4th day of August 1941, do hereby recommend:

1. That each and every local chapter of our order make every effort to place at least one unit of our Americanism materials in the recreation room of one of the training camps.

2. That the members of our order make every effort to induce patriotic American citizens to aid in our campaign to furnish books for the boys who are serving their country during the present national crisis.

GEORGE HILL,
Acting Commander,
Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 22.

Resolutions committee approved.

Commander CHURCH. What is the wish of the body? To save time we will assume the chairman is offering that for adoption and we will just need the second.

(The motion was duly seconded, voted upon, and unanimously carried.)

Patriot HACKER. No. 2 [reading]:

Be it resolved, That this convention go on record as approving the Dies committee investigation of un-American activities and influences in the United States of America and recommending that the Congress of the United States appropriate sufficient funds for the Dies committee to continue said investigation.

B. L. HARRIS, *Chairman*.
CHAS. E. McMAHAN,
HENRY G. KLEIN.

Resolutions committee approved.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

(The motion was duly seconded, voted upon, and unanimously carried.)

Patriot HACKER. No. 3 [reading]:

Whereas it is evident that in many cases the Board of Veterans' Appeals is rendering adverse decisions because of the amount of money involved, and without regard to the evidence in file, or the merits of the claims: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Military Order of the Purple Heart, in national convention assembled, do protest the continuance of the Board of Veterans' Appeals as now constituted, and request the establishment by Congress of an appeal board, not subject to the Veterans' Administration, to consider appealed claims which have been denied under the laws granting benefits to veterans and their dependents; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded immediately to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, and the chairman of the World War Veterans' Committee in the House.

The resolutions committee approves of the above.

Dr. WM. H. HACKER, *Secretary*.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion?

Patriot CEAS (No. 75). Do I understand that was a resolution by some of the State departments sent to this body for action?

Patriot HACKER. Yes; State convention at Anderson, June 15, 1941.

Patriot HALEY (No. 22). Am I to understand that resolution provides for the establishment of a board of appeals from which the veteran may appeal his case, that board not to be connected with the Veterans' Administration?

Commander CHURCH. That is the statement, Patriot HALEY.

Patriot HALEY. In other words it would be purely a civilian board not having any connection with the Administration?

Commander CHURCH. That is it.

Patriot HALEY. I have no objection to the resolution if you think it possible to put anything like that into effect. Personally, I don't think that Congress would ever consider such a thing and, while you can't lose anything by passing it, I just asked that as a question, although I feel it is impossible.

Commander CHURCH. May we have a second to that?

Patriot McKINLEY (No. 84). Mr. Commander, I will second that with this comment, that at least it will bring a word of protest before the Veterans' Administration.

Commander CHURCH. I would like to step from the chair a second to tell you that the Senate has already conformed quietly to such an agreement, to the number of, I think, about 70 or 75. This is information that came to me entirely separate from anything in connection with that resolution; but if the Senate is ready to move I have no doubt but what some action has been taken in the House.

Patriot LEISTER (Florida). Commander, do you have the ratio of disallowances from the civilian boards that were set up in 1933?

Commander CHURCH. No; I don't have those figures.

Patriot LEISTER. Mr. Haley, may I have an answer to that question? Do you have the ratio of disallowances of claims, that were set up by the civilian board, in 1933?

Patriot HALEY. The official records of that board set up under Public, 2 and Public, 78 in 1933 varied, of course, in different sections of the country and in different offices. Some ran high and some ran low, but the average in all offices throughout the country was 37 percent, plus decimal point, plus 37 percent allowed, so you see that while some of the offices, and I can take the Newington office in Connecticut, which was the highest office in the country—the New York office ran fairly high—but that was the average throughout the entire country—37 allowed, plus a decimal point, whatever that point was.

Patriot LEISTER. I bring that point out advisedly because I wanted the delegates to know the action of the civilian boards that were appointed in 1933, as you know, politically and otherwise, to prove to this organization just how a civilian board would function on it.

Patriot HALEY. I would like to—I think this is a question that is very vital to this organization. We have endeavored to get certain things through Congress, and I am in hopes we will get these things through at the proper time and when we can get Congress interested and take them away from what they consider more important thoughts at the present time. But I think that Mr. Leister brought out a good point to show that at that time, when you had nothing but a civilian board, that your presentage was comparatively speaking low, and I know from the many years' experience I have had that you will have a better chance by having a man who is familiar with the laws, instructions, and regulations, and what not, and if you have evidence and are able to present that evidence, I think you will agree with me that people who have it—

A VOICE. Mr. Patriot Commander, may I interrupt? I think—

Patriot LEISTER. May I offer an amendment to the resolution, or motion? As you all recall, last year, and I want this thoroughly understood—I am an employee of the Veterans' Administration, but that does not alleviate the fact that I am for the veteran, and anyone who knows me in this section of the country will tell you the same thing—I am going to offer an amendment to your resolution to the effect that any board, and I made this recommendation last year to the executive committee that was never acted upon, that a board be set up of combat men who have seen actual service, and presented to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to consider these claims.

A VOICE. Mr. Commander, rather than accept an amendment I would appreciate it, in order to further the business of the convention, if the patriot would just write that on a piece of paper and

offer it, and the commander will refer it to the resolutions committee which still can report on that while the convention is in session. It merits a special resolution, and it won't confuse the issue on that.

Patriot LEISTER. I will be glad to write such a resolution.

A VOICE. Patriot Commander, would it not be better for the welfare of all Purple Hearters in the United States to set the resolution aside, pending the receipt of this proposed resolution? We can't adopt them both if in conflict.

Commander CHURCH. They are not in conflict. Those in favor of the motion say "aye"; opposed "no." It is so ordered.

(The motion was duly seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. This is a resolution adopted by the Department of Minnesota in regular session on June 7 and signed by Frank W. Malignon, department adjutant. As a matter of fact there are three resolutions. We adopted two of them, and we turned the last one down, but I will read them all to you. No. 4 [reading]:

(1)

Whereas living costs have increased generally throughout the Nation, adding a difficult burden to the combat-wounded veteran; and

Whereas most combat-wounded men on compensation are almost wholly dependent upon their compensation check: Therefore be it

Resolved, That a general increase in compensation be given to all combat-wounded veterans; and be it further

Resolved, That the increase be not less than 10 percent of the total award.

Adopted by the Duluth Chapter (No. 56), Military Order of the Purple Heart, in regular session convened May 28, 1941.

June 7. Resolution committee approved.

L. CHRISTENSEN.

Approved by vote.

L. CHRISTENSEN.

We move the adoption of that resolution.

(The motion was duly seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. This is No. 2 on the same bill, pertaining to grave decorations [reading]:

(2)

Whereas in the past it has been the practice to use any and all sorts of wreaths to decorate the graves of departed patriots on Memorial Day, or upon the death of a patriot; and

Whereas it would be more appropriate if we adopt a standard type of wreath: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of Minnesota, Military Order of the Purple Heart, adopt an official wreath as a grave decoration, and that said decoration be in the form of a floral purple heart.

Adopted by the Duluth Chapter (No. 56) in regular session convened May 28, 1941.

June 7. Approved. Adoption recommended.

L. CHRISTENSEN, *Chairman*.

June 7. Adopted.

L. CHRISTENSEN.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

(The motion was duly seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot Major BRADFIELD (Chicago). I would like to ask in connection with that resolution, inasmuch as it has passed, if it is not proper in the minds of all of us for a picture of that wreath, which has been referred to, to be attached to that for guidance of all con-

cerned. That does not need any other reference, but I think that the national headquarters should advise as to that and publish it.

Patriot HACKER. Do I understand that there is no need of seconding any motion that is read before the committee, by a committee chairman? This resolution has been turned down by the committee, but I want you to know what it is. This is No. 3, and is for the adoption of a national flower [reading]:

(3)

Whereas the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., as a national body, have never adopted a flower symbolic of its membership; and

Whereas the orchid being considered the elite of flowerdom; Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Department of Minnesota, Military Order of the Purple Heart, regular encampment convened June 7, 1941, recommend to the national body suitable action be taken at the national encampment to adopt the orchid as our national flower; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Orchid Day be proclaimed throughout the Nation, and that the day selected be the first Saturday preceding Independence Day of each year.

Adopted by Duluth Chapter (No. 56) in regular session convened May 28, 1941.

Recommended the purple iris be designated as our national flower, although parts of resolution be as above.

June 7. Approved as amended.

L. CHRISTENSEN.

We turned it down because it is asking too much. We thought we would rather leave that to the chapters in each organization. In other words, recommending that they choose their own flower of their State, or stick to our national-favored poppy flower. Anyway, we turned it down.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I desire to move that the resolution be tabled. (The motion was seconded by Patriot Ceas (No. 75).)

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. We made a resolution to get a notation to get this resolution before the press. This resolution was accepted by the resolutions committee. No. 5 [reading]:

Whereas Chapter 67, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Miami, Dade County, State of Florida, is an organization of veterans decorated by their Government for wounds and citations; and

Whereas the members of this organization subscribed to the patriot's creed when they joined the organization; and

Whereas the patriot's creed is as follows: "I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes; I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies"; and

Whereas our beloved country is now facing extreme danger from enemies both from without and within; and

Whereas this danger has been recognized by our President and by our Congress, and laws have been passed to combat this danger to our Nation; and

Whereas the President of our country has called upon all citizens to be loyal and true Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Chapter 67, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Miami, Fla., do hereby place national policy above personal opinion and reaffirm their staunch allegiance to the United States and their firm resolve to assist the President of the United States and its Government in every possible way; to allow nothing to swerve them from this path of duty; and, neither by word, deed, nor act, to impede the President and the Government from their sworn duty to defend this country and its constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, by registered air mail, and that copies be given to the press.

Passed and adopted this July 21, 1941.

JOHN C. OSTERBURG, *Commander*.

Attest:

R. E. DANIELS, *Adjutant*.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and passed.)

Patriot HACKER. This is a resolution from the Veterans' Council of Wyandotte County, a united body of veterans, United Spanish War Veterans—these are organizations affiliated with this organization: Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of the World War, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Regular Veterans Association, Kansas City, Kans., Sunflower Chapter 123, by M. L. Fox. No. 6 [reading]:

JUNE 18, 1941.

COMRADE COMMANDER: Enclosed you will find three resolutions which have been prepared and passed by the Veterans' Council.

In these you will find nothing rash, no unjust claims or demands, just a few statements of facts.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their State encampment last week, adopted the resolutions dealing with hospitalization and pensions. The one on taxation was not adopted, due to the fact that another one had been presented which will probably benefit a greater number.

If these resolutions meet with the approval of yourself and the comrades, the council would be glad to have you recommend them to your department.

This is a splendid opportunity for all service organizations to get together, and it is only by uniting that we can accomplish the things we desire.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, June 24. A rather important matter, as regards veterans' taxation, is coming up for discussion and it is hoped that the commanders and delegates from all the posts will attend.

Yours in comradeship,

JERRY SNODGRASS, *Commander*.

I will take "patriots" and not "comrades." Resolutions committee approves of the above only. We move the adoption of that.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—The above referred-to resolutions were not handed to the reporter.)

Commander CHURCH. What is your wish on this one?

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. No. 7 [reading]:

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, INC.,
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT,
Bridgeport, Conn., June 14, 1941.

THIRD ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The following resolution was regularly adopted:

Whereas soldiers of the United States subjected themselves for trench-fever experimentation during the first World War in France, and their gallantry has never been properly recognized by the Government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, As follows:

We urge the passage of H. R. 4523, now pending in the Congress of the United States, for the award of suitable medals for the gallant service given by those members of our armed forces who gave themselves to this service of their coun-

try and the Allied Armies, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Connecticut Representatives in Congress.

Adopted this 14th day of June 1941.

Official.

JOSEPH J. DEVINE,
Department Commander.
JOHN T. ELLIANO,
Department Adjutant.

Resolutions committee recommend that the above pass the foregoing House rule bill as stated to this resolution for passage of Congress of the United States.

W. H. HACKER, *Secretary.*

The committee moves the adoption of this.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. A resolution from Baltimore chapter No. 122—No. 8 [reading]:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by this chapter at a meeting held this date, and it is presented for consideration by the 1941 National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart: *Resolved*, That the chapters located in any State where there may not be a departmental organization shall not be "attached" for administration, taxation, supervision, or for any other purpose to any department or chapter located in any other State or district, each State thereby retaining its autonomy and sovereignty.

Patriotically yours,

ANDREW N. SEGAL, *Commander.*

Attest:

JOHN P. AULD, *Adjutant.*

We move the adoption of this.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. Another from Baltimore Chapter No. 122—No. 9 [reading]:

Resolved, That so much of the national constitution, national bylaws, and national rules and regulations, as give the national executive committee the power to amend the same, shall be eliminated, and that all amendments in the said documents shall be hereafter made only by the annual national convention, duly constituted.

Patriotically yours,

ANDREW N. SEGAL, *Commander.*

Attest:

JOHN P. AULD, *Adjutant.*

We move the adoption of this.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. No. 10 [reading]:

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This resolution, containing the following words "Whereas we believe that a thorough knowledge of the financial condition of the national organization * * * was not handed to the reporter, and therefore cannot be copied in.)

Oakland Chapter, adopted May 27; signed and approved by Department of California convention, Sacramento. Signed D. Brandon Bernstein, chairman; Davis Bosman; Henry Grebbien.

Approved by the resolutions committee secretary.

I recommend the adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD (Chicago). Patriot Commander, if that resolution, as it applies to an amendment, will be turned over to me I will

see that it is taken care of. It will not be brought up again in my report but I want to put it in its proper place.

Patriot HACKER. No. 11 [reading]:

At the executive-committee meeting, held in Lansing, Mich., January 11 and 12, 1941 a committee was appointed from the executive body to work with a committee, to be appointed by the national commander, from each of the States in which are buried the three Continental Revolutionary soldiers who were honored by Gen. George Washington with the badge of merit, or the Medal of Honor of the Revolutionary War, upon whose graves bronze plaques will be placed in a national ceremony by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, namely the States of Massachusetts, Ohio, and New York.

Whereas no action was taken, due to the fact that the full knowledge of the burial place was not definitely known then, and no time was designated; and

Whereas the burial places are now definitely located and the headstones of two of the graves found; and

Whereas these graves are located in cemeteries in the following States: Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio, and it is now deemed the appropriate time for a national ceremony to be arranged, consisting of the decorating with bronze plaques the graves of the three Continental Revolutionary soldiers; and

Whereas it is deemed necessary to secure the greatest amount of publicity, so that the decorating of these graves will act as a stimulus to create patriotic interest, so that the country as a whole will be encouraged to decorate every Revolutionary soldier's grave in their community at the time of this ceremony; and

Whereas it is necessary to arrange for a national radio broadcast, with the President of the United States as the principal speaker and prominent men in the various States participating as principal speakers at the various cemeteries in which the three Revolutionary soldiers were buried; and

Whereas some definite time shall be set for the ceremony to take place: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Military Order of the Purple Heart, in annual convention assembled June 14, 1941, at Flint, Mich., does hereby recommend the foregoing steps be taken and that a resolution be adopted by the national convention body, convened at Atlanta, Ga., on August 3, 4, and 5, 1941, and authority vested in said committee to proceed with said ceremony at the most convenient time that may be arranged following the 1941 convention.

Approved by—

H. B. WEILBURGH,
Department of Connecticut.

Attested by—

WM. B. EATON,
National Adjutant.

Resolutions committee recommended that these three soldiers be recognized as members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and such markers of Military Order of the Purple Heart be placed on their graves.

I move the adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion?

FROM THE FLOOR. Is there any price set of how much is to be spent on each marker?

Commander CHURCH. None at all.

Patriot BALDWIN (Chapter No. 96, Milwaukee). Inasmuch as the Military Order of the Purple Heart is not wealthy, I think it would be proper and fitting at this time to give each chapter the privilege of donating a little money toward those plaques if they see fit, and I move at this time that that be incorporated.

Patriot HACKER. As secretary of the committee, I will accept that. (The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. No. 12 [reading]:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body assembled at its eighth annual convention—

That we oppose the change of a convention city at any time without first securing the consent of the city or State first chosen for such a convention; and That we feel it imperious to the maintenance of greater harmony to effect such a change without first procuring the relinquishment of a convention city by the chosen and designated city and department.

Submitted to the resolutions committee at Sacramento, June 20, 21, and 22.

D. BRANDON BERNSTEIN, *Chairman*.

Approved.

D. BRANDON BERNSTEIN.

DAVID BOSMAN.

HENRY GREBBIEN.

The resolutions committee has adopted this, as stated above.

I move the adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. This is a resolution relative to request for a new membership card. No. 13 [reading]:

Whereas the membership card now used by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., is of such flimsy material; and

Whereas this membership card is not suitable for use in a card case: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Military Order of the Purple Heart membership card or certificate of membership be changed to good, substantial, attractive card stock, and that the patriot's creed be printed on the reverse side of said card.

Adopted by the Duluth Chapter (No. 56), in regular session convened May 28, 1941.

June 7, 1941. Approved.

L. CHRISTENSEN.

June 7, 1941. Approved, with amendment.

L. CHRISTENSEN.

Adopted by the Department of Minnesota in regular session at Duluth, Minn., on June 7 and 8, 1941.

FRANK DE MALIGNON,
Department Adjutant.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. No. 14. The resolutions committee recommends this resolution to the legislative committee, Dr. W. H. Hacker, secretary [reading]:

Ray Workman Chapter (No. 50), Military Order of the Purple Heart, in regular meeting assembled on July 25, 1941, approves the following resolution of the National Americanism Commission, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and recommends it for approval by the national convention, Military Order of the Purple Heart, at Atlanta, Ga.

HARRY C. RICHARDS,
Commander, Chapter No. 50,
Military Order of the Purple Heart.

WALTER A. FORGY, *Adjutant*.

UNIFIED MORAL PREPAREDNESS AS A PART OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Whereas universal appreciation of the blessings of freedom and liberty, guaranteed by our Constitution, even to the smallest minority, is equally as important for national security as is military preparedness; and

Whereas every citizen should be urged to loyally accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges and rights of citizenship; therefore be it

Resolved by the national convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, assembled at Atlanta, Ga., August 3, 4, and 5, 1941, That all departments and chapters be urged to use every possible influence and inspiration to secure the individual and collective adoption of the following ideals of Americanism of our order:

(1) To constructively build in our youth and immigrants and new citizens, who will be America of the future, an intelligent and aggressive loyalty toward our laws, institutions, and republican form of government.

(2) To impress upon every present and prospective citizen of the United States of America the fact that true loyalty can best be evidenced by the denial, condemnation, and exposure of any propaganda or attempt to advocate the interest of any foreign form of government or nation, above and before the best interests of the people of the United States; or any movement in favor of the ideology of any foreign form of government opposed to the best interest of our Republic, be it communism, fascism, nazi-ism, or for the European ever-recurring wars interventionism.

(3) To hold fast in principle and application to the precepts and admonitions of George Washington as basic principles for national security and tranquility, as expressed in his following statements:

"The surest guaranty for peace is to be amply prepared for war."

"My ardent desire is, and my aim has always been, to develop and maintain an American character, free from influence, interference, or political connections with any foreign country, that the powers of Europe may be convinced that we act for ourselves and not for others. This, in my judgment, is the only way to be respected abroad and happy at home."

Submitted by the National Americanism Commission, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

FRANK J. SCHNELLER,
National Americanism Officer.

I move the adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. Patriots, this is one that Captain Leister just brought up—I think the first or second resolution we had. No. 15 [reading]:

Be it further resolved, That a board be established by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to consider cases on appeal of combat cases, this board to consist of not less than two members having served in combat service and wounded in action in the armed forces of the United States.

F. E. LEISTER,
Chapter No. 71.

O. K. H. HEISER.

J. WIMMS.

J. EARLITH.

STEPHEN KAROLCZAK.

I move the adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HACKER. I thank you patriots, that is all.

Patriot SEGAL (Baltimore, No. 122). There were resolutions—three resolutions offered by Baltimore and only one read. What happened to the other two?

Patriot HACKER. The legislative committee had the other resolutions. I mean the legislative committee has the resolutions in hand.

Commander CHURCH. Time is going fast, and I would like to ask if the convention will recognize the passing of the reports of the national junior vice commanders. We have three with us, in the hands of Patriot Gildea who is receiving officers' reports. Without reading the reports before the convention, we will proceed on that basis, if there is no objection. (No response.)

All right, what is your wish concerning adjournment for lunch?

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). I make a motion that we adjourn, until 1 o'clock, for lunch.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Comrade Commander, may I make this one statement? That those who are chairmen of the committees that have not reported yet, and the members of those committees, please get together during this noon hour if necessary so that they can report to the convention like the resolutions committee did, and then we will be able to complete our work today. Please, every member of the committees, and the chairmen of the committees, if you haven't got a written report now ready, have it ready by 1 o'clock. The convention is entitled to that much consideration from every committee chairman.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Our report has been ready for some time. Why hasn't it been read?

Commander CHURCH. We haven't gotten around to it.

THE SAME VOICE. I move that the report of the time and place committee be read now.

Commander CHURCH. You are out of order. There is a motion to adjourn for lunch on the floor. May we have a second?

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

(Whereupon the convention adjourned until 1 o'clock.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

(The convention was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Harry B. Weinburgh.)

Senior Vice Commander WEINBURGH. The convention will please come to order. The next order of business will be—

Patriot SCHNELLER. By permission of the national commander, I ask a moment's privilege. We are all delighted with the plans for this convention. Among the many honors we have received is the presence of Miss Mona Michael, who taught in the Georgia College for 4 years, who now, because of very severe physical disability, has a very minimum of income—the sweetest, most lovable girl, the creator and mother of the memorable poppy, which has given millions of dollars to the disabled men. She will be at the banquet tonight, and I move we adopt Mona Michael, of Athens, Ga., as the sweetheart of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for 1941 and present her this Purple Heart prayer by Commander Church at the banquet this evening. My motion.

Commander CHURCH. You have heard the motion. I want to say that this motion has to be unanimous. What is your wish?

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and unanimously carried.)

FROM THE FLOOR (No. 107). Patriot Commander, I wish at this time to have confirmation of Patriot Gottley of Chapter 63 as our national executive officer, Department of Pennsylvania.

Commander CHURCH. He was not confirmed before?

The SAME VOICE. No, sir.

Commander CHURCH. What is your pleasure? He was the only one of the national committeemen who was not confirmed here.

(The motion was made, seconded, voted upon, and carried that Patriot Gottley be confirmed.)

Commander CHURCH. The next committee to report is the committee on regalia and emblems. Is the chairman of that committee here to make his report? (No response.)

The next is the report of the finance committee.

Patriot McKINLEY (No. 84). Gentlemen, I am not chairman of this committee; however, I was a member of it, and the chairman handed me this and asked me to read it. [Reading:]

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We find the accounts of the national finance officer in order and up to date.

We recommend adoption of a uniform system of accounting, on blanks to be obtained from national headquarters.

We recommend naming of permanent finance committee, to function throughout the year, of three to five men, said committee to be named by the national executive committee.

H. S. McKINLEY (No. 84),
A. A. ULLENBERG (No. 96),
P. C. MUELLER (No. 50),
J. L. GOTHIE, *Chairman* (No. 63).

I move the adoption of this.

Commander CHURCH. What is your pleasure?

Patriot WEBSTER (Florida). There is a very important question before this body; a permanent board to handle the finances of this organization is totally, in my opinion, my personal opinion, as a member of the organization, undemocratic. This organization should have the right and, as far as I am personally concerned, is going to have the right, to elect the men to look after our finances. A permanent board—I don't care from where they come or who they are—as far as I am personally concerned, shall not be recognized. This is not a private corporation. This is an aggregation of men who have a right from year to year to change their officers according to their wishes and to demand precisely what they wish their officers to do. We are not a company of troops where the captain can give orders and they must be carried out—

Patriot BRADFIELD (Chicago). May I have the courtesy later of—

Patriot LEISTER (Florida). May I interrupt—

Patriot WEBSTER. I yield to Bradfield.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I yield to Leister.

Patriot LEISTER. I want to put the convention on notice from now on that Patriot Webster is not a spokesman for the Florida delegation, but that he is a spokesman in his own personal behalf.

Patriot WEBSTER. I said "personally."

Patriot BRADFIELD. If Patriot Webster and the membership will withhold any comment as far as the finance committee is concerned, as mentioned, I think it will be taken care of properly in the amendment which will be introduced, and it is not a permanent committee.

Patriot WEBSTER. Then I move to table the motion.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move the previous question.

Commander CHURCH. All in favor of the previous question—

Patriot WEBSTER. The motion to table is the previous question.

Commander CHURCH. On the motion of Patriot Webster that the resolution be tabled.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. The next is the committee on constitution and bylaws.

PATRIOT FROM CHAPTER No. 122. I am not chairman of this committee. I am only a member, but the chairman asked me to read these off.

(At this point the patriot from No. 122 read the report.)

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—The report of the committee on constitution and bylaws was not handed to the reporter, therefore cannot be copied in.)

(At this point the report was read concerning article 8.)

I move this be adopted.

Patriot WEBSTER. Article 8 under what? The bylaws or constitution?

Patriot FROM CHAPTER No. 122. The bylaws.

Patriot WEBSTER. I don't want anybody to think, especially my good friend Commander Church, that I am trying to be dilatory, for I am not; but the fundamental document guiding this organization is this constitution. Now, is that an amendment or a separate subsection to article 8? Now, where is that going to go under article 8 of the—

Patriot BRADFIELD. As a member of the committee, an article to be added to it, to the bylaws.

Patriot WEBSTER. Let's have it understood. There are only four articles under section 8; I mean article 8; under article 8 there are only four subsections.

Patriot BRADFIELD. It is the bylaws.

Patriot WEBSTER. The bylaws start here. Where is it going to go in the constitution?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Right there [indicating].

Patriot WEBSTER. May I have it read again, please?

Patriot FROM CHAPTER No. 122 (reading):

The permanent national headquarters of the Military Order of the Purple Heart shall be established in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, the administration of such headquarters to be deposited in the charge of a national adjutant who shall be chosen as hereafter directed.

Patriot WEBSTER. Comrade Commander, where is the national adjutant's office this morning?

Commander CHURCH. In Lansing, Mich.

Patriot WEBSTER. Are we taking action now before a commander is elected, who has the right of appointment of a permanent adjutant for the ensuing year? Now, that is an important question, gentlemen. You are going to vote on a headquarters for a national adjutant. Our present adjutant lives in Lansing, Mich. We are going to elect a new national commander and your mandate commands to place Chicago as a headquarters of a man who at present is doing a good job, Brother Eaton. I move to table it.

(At this point a delegate from No. 96 (Milwaukee) seconded the motion, which was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot OMER (Chapter No. 122) (reading):

Be it resolved, That a second paragraph be added to—

Patriot BRADFIELD. The second resolution is a companion to it and should also be included with it, and I move its tabling.

Judge Advocate BEYER. Wait until it is read.

Patriot OMER (reading):

The appointment of a national adjutant shall be made with the advice or counsel of the national executive committee; *Be it further*

Resolved, That a second paragraph be added to article 11, section 6—1. Executive committee, as follows: "The national executive committee shall also advise and counsel with the national commander in the appointment of the national

adjutant, the majority vote of which shall be necessary for certification of an appointment."

Offered by the Ray Workman Chapter (No. 50), Military Order of the Purple Heart, 27th of May 1941, in regular meeting assembled. Approved and adopted by the Department of Illinois, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 8th of June.

I move this be adopted.

Commander CHURCH. You have heard the discussion of the resolution. Any discussion?

Patriot WEBSTER. It is down the line with the other. I still insist that if this organization has got confidence in us to elect a national commander, under the constitution and bylaws that national commander has the right to name his adjutant. I move to table it.

Patriot CEAS (No. 75). I second the motion.

(The motion was then voted upon and carried.)

Patriot OMER (reading):

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART,
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Whereas section 3 of article 1 of the rules and regulations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, national organization, provides that a charter be granted only after a period of 30 days after the receipt of the application, and upon applicant having given proof of the public announcement of the formation of a new chapter; and

Whereas the Department of New York, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., considers that said section 3, article 1, of rules and regulations, serves no useful purpose, and in fact destroys and impedes the welfare and progress of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and believes that charters shall be granted forthwith upon the recommendation of the State department; Therefore be it

Resolved by the Department of New York, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., convened in session at the eighth State convention this, the 1st day of June 1941, in the city of Utica, County of Oneida, State of New York: That the Department of the State of New York disfavours the present rules and regulations governing the granting of charters, and does hereby recommend and advocate that the rules and regulations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, national organization, be amended by striking out therefrom in its entirety section 3, article 1, thereof; and further recommends and advocates that said rules and regulations shall provide that a charter be granted upon recommendation of a State department; and be it further

Resolved, That the adjutant of the State department of New York transmit a copy of this resolution, properly certified, to the national executive committee to be acted upon pursuant to, and in conformity with, the national constitution and bylaws.

WILLIAM J. SCHROEDER,
Department Commander, State of New York.

This is to be an amendment to section 3, article 1, Granting of Charter:

The charter will be granted only after a period of 30 days has elapsed after receipt of the application and upon the applicants having given proof of the public announcement of the formation of the new chapter in the district in which it will be located. Upon written request of the applicants for a new charter a period of not more than 90 days will be allowed for the securing of additional charter members.

This was passed by our committee and I move it be adopted.

Patriot CEAS (No. 75). I move we adopt the new revision of that article just read there.

Commander CHURCH. A second is not necessary.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot OMER. Patriot Bradfield will continue from here on.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriots, I ask your indulgence in this cause in furtherance of the committee report in behalf of Chairman Emery,

for the reason there is a considerable element here as to revision. I will explain some in part as I go along. I will also assume when I finish one statement that moves its adoption and then you will take care of it in the body as formerly. If you have your copy of the constitution and bylaws it might be good to have it out.

Article 2 of the constitution, right at the beginning of the book—"Objects"—to be amended to read as follows [reading]:

The objects of this order are patriotic, fraternal, historical, and educational.
 (1) To properly observe all patriotic national holidays; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws. (2) To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades when in need; to cooperate with other veterans organizations and patriotic and civic organizations in worthy objectives. (3) To keep alive the memory and achievements of our dead; to cherish and apply the precepts and admonitions of George Washington who instituted the Purple Heart decorations in August 1782 * * *.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—See patriot's report not handed to reporter.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move its adoption.

(At this point the convention stood for the Star Spangled Banner, which was played in an adjoining room.)

Patriot SEGAL (No. 122). Patriot Commander, I notice that in the proposed revision the use of the word "comrade" is persisted in. I move for an amendment whereby that word will be left out of all our organic documents and the word "patriot" replaced wherever it is said.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I will place that in there without further comment about it. I failed to notice it.

Commander CHURCH. Any questions?

(No response.)

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. The following article of the constitution on membership, article 4, to be rewritten as follows [reading]:

SECTION 1. All persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal by the War Department of the United States are members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart by virtue of the award of the decoration.

SEC. 2. All persons mentioned in section 1 may become active members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart by complying with such regulations as are hereinafter defined.

I move the adoption.

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander, I am sorry to get to my feet so often, but don't you think under section 1 we are presuming that any man who has the Purple Heart decoration is a member of this organization, or did I misunderstand?

Patriot BRADFIELD. The article as it now stands, if you will read it, just mentions that men who are awarded the Purple Heart are eligible to membership, and we have sought in this to clarify the situation such that these men who wear the Purple Heart, after awarded it by the War Department, may consider themselves members of the order; but in section 2 may become active members, as we are, by paying certain dues as hereinafter defined.

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander and Patriot Bradfield, it is my understanding—and if I am in error I wish to be corrected—that the request for a Federal charter by Congress, and signed by the President, has been refused by virtue of the fact that we are using

the title of a decoration granted by the War Department of the United States. Am I correct in that?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriot Webster, if I may answer, this writing here was sought to be made to overcome that objection of the President in his veto message by his words "order in an order," and hence when he says that members are restricted by certain dues, he can read the fact all wearers are members of the order, but we have active members, and that does not interfere with it, the definition of an "order within an order," and——

Patriot WEBSTER. I want to make this observation. Have we, as delegates, the right to incorporate—I will leave this as a question of information to the judge advocate—have we the right, as delegates, to state that every man who has been decorated by the War Department with the Purple Heart is a member of this organization? It is a question of the wording, as to whether or not we should revise it on that point.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I appreciate the patriot's comment, but that was farthest from our thoughts when this was written, and suggested by one of the original organizers of this organization, Patriot ——, and that question came up and identities were mentioned in that discussion, such that if somebody wrote and objected to being called a member because he has the Purple Heart, who cares? It is there, and it is nothing to his discredit or ours because he objects to being a member.

Patriot LEISTER. Patriot Commander, I concur in that resolution to a certain extent. We have had, as you possibly know, the misfortune—I am trying to not appear bellicose—we had the unfortunate experience in our own particular State of having to expel a member of the Purple Heart, and my good patriot knows the whole situation. I think you all know that we introduced the original resolution in Florida to pay the dues of any man in the State that we felt was worthy of becoming a member of the Purple Heart; but, as I say, we have had the unfortunate experience of having to expel a member that was capitalizing on the Purple Heart. That is the only question I want to inject in there. Now, in taking this resolution as a whole, you can see what you are faced with. Because we hold a Purple Heart is no sign that we can't be wrong. None of us would recognize a man who was going about capitalizing on you or myself. That has been our experience in Florida. I just want to point that out; and, Patriot Bradfield, I feel heartily in support of your resolution with that one exception.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriot Leister and members, I am going to ask Patriot Weinburgh, who has asked permission of the committee through me to mention something about the charter, however, that point also came up, and you could be dismissed as an active member but because you wore the Purple Heart we could not take the Purple Heart away from you.

Patriot WEINBURGH. Patriots, I want to say that in redrafting the charter bill, which we hope will be presented to the Senate for its adoption, and hope that the President will sign, we also had to, in the charter, in one of the articles, state that a man receiving the Purple Heart medal automatically becomes a member of the organization, in order to again avoid that difficulty of an "order within an

order." Now, if we don't adopt this here, we cannot adopt it in the charter, we cannot ask for a charter and not have it in our bylaws and constitution. I feel that along with Bradfield and Leister—I agree with him on the idea he has had; however, it does state in the second section of this article that has been read that he must comply with the bylaws and constitution in order to be an active member. You may still, I feel—although I may be wrong—expel the man as an active member, and I am sure if you expel the man as an active member he certainly would not attend your meetings because he would have no say, and I doubt that he would come there and sit, and I feel I am in favor of adopting it if we present that charter bill, which has now been amended to comply with exactly the amendment you have heard read.

Commander CHURCH. What is your wish in regard to this question?

Patriot LEISTER. We wish to second the motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. That will mean that every mention in the constitution and bylaws, rules and regulations, which specifies "membership" under certain terminology, must be changed to read "active membership" under that terminology, so I have combed with a fine-tooth comb every mention in the whole series, which has taken several hours, and inserted the word "active" or words "an active" where it belongs, and you will understand what I mean by multiplicity of things here.

Going right ahead very rapidly: Rules and Regulations, article 1, section 9, paragraph 2, to be added:

Chapters which have not paid dues—

REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter.

Patriot BRADFIELD. That means just this, that a charter calling for 10 members in application on the charter, would mean that if a chapter then fell below 10, it would have no delegate vote, and I think you agree with me on that point. There has been some argument but this is specified and put where it belongs. I move its adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion?

Patriot SEGAL (Baltimore). You say a chapter that does not pay dues?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Chapters which have not paid dues.

Commander CHURCH. Which have not paid dues.

Patriot SEGAL. You mean per capita tax?

Patriot BRADFIELD. If you will hold that, I think you will see later there will be something coming up which if not passed—

(The motion was voted upon and passed.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. I am going to ask for a move, if no objections, on some of these unimportant things, we accept it, if no objections to it; and I will ask, if no objections, we will go to the next one, if that is permissible. That means, now, that we are going to change some numbers, articles 2 and 4 of the Rules and Regulations to be combined with article 7, with the title "Miscellaneous." If you have a better word, I will accept it. "Article 3," then, to be "article 2," "article 6" to be "article 3"; however, just a minute—article 5 has been left out,

Patriot Schneller, so article 5 was not mentioned, and it will have to be taken care of, so we will make "article 5" "article 3"; "article 6," "article 4"; "article 7," "article 5"—that is article 7 now, which is 2 and 4 combined with 7. Section 2 to be amended by adding:

His specific responsibility shall be to cooperate with the commander in an aggressive membership activity.

I will read it again.

(Whereupon, Patriot Bradfield reread section 2.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. That is to be added to what is already there. Section 3, to be changed to read:

The junior vice commanders of the chapters shall assist in membership activity and shall assist in providing entertainment for chapter meetings themselves in addition to his title duties; in case the commander and both vice commanders are absent the chapter shall elect a "commander pro tempore."

Now, in article 6, which will be article 8, there are certain elements to be rejected because of duplicity. It is not necessary, then, by passing these others, doing what you have now done, to do anything about that, because it will be automatically taken care of.

All right; section 3 of that article [reading]:

To suspend, cancel, or annul charter, the national commander, at the direction of the national executive committee, may suspend, cancel, annul, or declare forfeited the charter of a chapter, council, or department, for insubordination, failure to pay national dues for 1 year, or violation of the laws of the order, *Provided*, That the said chapter, council, or department shall have been notified in writing of such proposed action and given an opportunity to appear before the national executive committee by representatives to explain, justify, or plead for mitigation of offense, if any has been committed.

I move its adoption.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Section 4, page 14, Surrender of Property—that is the same as section 4, page 15, Disposition of Members—that is the same as section 6 on page 15. In other words, to renumber the proper sections in their proper places in the new articles by the combination of those three articles.

Section 9—I want your close attention to this because this is the fourth year this has been up and the other 3 years in each case it has been tabled because it hasn't been written, and the time was not thought opportune or appropriate for the proposal; so listen carefully.

Patriot WEBSTER. Section 9 of what article?

Patriot BRADFIELD. 7.

Patriot WEBSTER. Of the Rules and Regulations?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Yes. All right, paragraph 1:

Each chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart * * *

REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move its adoption just to get it on the floor.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion?

Patriot FUHRY (No. 37). In article 2 shouldn't that be "active member?" Am I correct?

Patriot BRADFIELD. You are correct. Understand, at any time there that point comes up that word "active" will be inserted.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Article 9, section 7, strike out the words "Judge advocate, welfare officer, chaplain, historian, and sergeant at arms," and substitute the phrase "and such other officers as are considered expedient." This means that a council may, by virtue of the fact they can elect such other officers as are considered expedient, not necessarily have to elect officers which would be dead timber. In that same article, the balance of the article is to be stricken out except sections 18, 19, and 20, which remain as printed. Strike out all the rest of the operations, of the duties of the officers of the council with the exception of the last three sections, which are pertinent to the operation.

Article 10 to be "Article 9, Departments." In Article 10, section 3, paragraph 4, add—this has been done before:

Chapters which have not paid national and departmental dues for the current * * *

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Section 6 of article 10, add "department welfare officer." It should be "department service officer."

Section 9, the same article, eliminate the words "chief of staff." After the word "pleasure", in the fifth line on page 38, insert the following [reading]:

He shall have authority to appoint a chief of staff to cooperate with and supplement the membership activity and organize new chapters, which is primarily the responsibility of the commander and vice commander. He shall also have authority to appoint veterans who have received the Purple Heart, who are not necessarily active * * *

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Now, I understand quite well that Patriot Schneller's idea in advancing this on the commissioners; as chairman of the committee, he has certain ideas in his mind that might work in one department and not another. We would have to exercise extreme caution, and if anybody is familiar with the operation of this organization it would take extreme caution, as far as patrons are concerned. Now, if you have any questions on this, I will turn it over to Patriot Schneller to answer them. I move this adoption.

Patriot SCHNELLER. Might I explain, we have two very prominent Senators in Illinois, in sections in which I could not find a Purple Heart man—or first of all a member of the Purple Heart—to represent us in different sections where there are no chapters. We have sent the little official card naming them as deputy chiefs of staff, with the specific function of organizing a chapter. For instance, Evanston, we got a communication saying: "I am happy to get the Military Order of the Purple Heart calling me a deputy chief of staff. I will have a chapter for you, and I am going to join your organization." There are two sections in the southern part of Illinois where I could not get hold of a Purple Heart holder. Red Thompson, district commander of the American Legion in Columbus, Crawford County—I got hold of his name as a good Legionnaire. I wrote to him and he said: "I am sorry, I am not eligible; I was only half-shot, and there is no record of that, thank God, but I love the Purple Heart; I will go to town for you; I will be a Patriot." He now has 32 members ready to be initiated, or as soon as I can get there. I understand Michigan had the same occurrence. In a certain section

they could not find a man who could be—they found a Veteran of Foreign Wars who said, "I will be glad to do it," and he has organized a wonderful chapter. He is not eligible, but for all times he is a Patriot. That is a thought in my heart and I know it is working.

Patriot SCHROEDER (New York). You forgot to mention New York. That is why we have built up so strong as we are today. I have the privilege and honor to say here today that every man I have put in as deputy chief of staff has the frame in his living room today.

Patriot SCHNELLER. That is the way the Purple Heart is going ahead.

DELEGATE FROM No. 66 (Sioux City). We have our postal cards already mailed, with the insignia on there—time, date, meeting place, and the commander's name signed at the bottom—and we get busy and mail those out and make them believe they are members of our chapter and that we need them, and we have mailed out some, well, several hundred. I have the Sioux Falls Chapter going that way, and the American Legion joined in and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and we are working now with the Des Moines and Council Bluffs Chapters, and I might say that is quite a good idea, and we did not think of the deputy-chief-of-staff proposition.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Now, members, understand the scope of this patron idea, and be very careful. You have to know how.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. All right. Section 10, same article, to be amended by adding the sentence:

The specific responsibility—

this is junior vice commander—

shall be in organizing new chapters as the commander shall direct.

Section 13. Deputy Chief of Staff: Amend by substituting the following [reading]:

The deputy chief of staff shall assist in membership activity and new chapter organization in cooperation with the vice commander. He may nominate for appointment a deputy chief of staff or patriot in each county as needed.

Section 14. Duty of Inspector: Amend by adding [reading]:

He will also tactfully suggest improvements in conducting meetings and in the use of the ritual.

Section 11, to be "Section 10. National Convention." Section 2, cancel and eliminate the words "National chief of staff," "national surgeon," and "national membership chairman"—this is in paragraph 1—I am coming back to that when I get my paper.

All right, section 6, paragraph 1: Eliminate the words "surgeon" and "chief of staff."

Section 8: Cancel the first line and substitute the following [reading]:

The national commander shall be the executive head of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, with the limitations of and shall enforce—

the first line of that just says:

The national commander shall enforce * * *

and it is rather bald, and we submit that. All right, cancel the following words in that same section 8: "Chief of staff," "surgeon," "membership chairman," and add, after the word "heart," in line 20: a deputy chief of staff in each State which has no department organization * * *.

Section 9, general paragraph, add:

There shall be the specific responsibility of membership activity and organizing new chapters and departments under the direction of the national commander.

That is under "Duties of vice commanders."

All right; paragraph 1, add [reading]:

He shall be responsible to the national commander for membership organization through the cooperation of the junior vice commanders in their respective zones.

Section 9, paragraph 2—this is vice commander again [reading]:

They shall be in charge of membership and organization; they shall nominate qualified patriots who have received the Purple Heart to act as deputy chiefs of staff in all States which have no departments—

if some of this cannot be found in your book don't blame me much because the girls did not show up this morning and I could not type it.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed me as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD: Section 12: Cancel the wording and substitute the following [reading]:

The deputy chiefs of staff in States not departmentized shall have charge under the respective vice commanders of the progress of new chapters' organization; he shall * * *.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. You see, these are just making those amendments as they come.

Section 13: This is important. Under the "National inspector." Cancel the present wording and substitute the following [reading]:

The national inspector shall give suggestions to the department inspectors * * *.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot FROM ST. PETERSBURG. Has your committee approved of all these changes?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Yes.

Patriot FROM ST. PETERSBURG. I move from the floor now the whole report be accepted by this convention.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I think it is advisable; on the advice of the judge advocate I have 4 minutes.

Section 15: Cancel the present wording, and substitute the following—that is "National service officer" [reading]:

The duty of the national service officer shall be the administration of the Washington office—

the duties of the national service officer are prescribed herewith:

- A. All relations of the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart with the Veterans' Administration are to be centralized in and through this office.
- B. The adjudication of all claims shall be administered through this office.
- D. The power of attorney, having first been obtained from members * * *

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—This was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move its adoption.

Patriot HEISER. Should that "national service officer" read "national service director"?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Yes; it could if you desire that; "director" is permissible, and the committee will accept it. If there is anything there in words more beneficial it is perfectly all right.

Commander CHURCH. Any further questions or discussion?

PATRIOT FROM No. 66. Are those resolutions being presented to us or are they open for amendments to those?

Patriot BRADFIELD. Yes.

SAME VOICE. The reason I am asking this is because when we receive a letter from the national commander or national headquarters we have never received an official insignia on the letters, and I believe at this time that an amendment to those that those be put on, the national insignia, a stamp, authorizing the chapters and departments, be official. That has never been done.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I think I understand what he means, and that would be a matter of routine, which would be understood.

Patriot CARR (Palm Beach, No. 74). I would like to ask a question. From where will be procured finances for the appointment of the national service director?

Commander CHURCH. That will all be disposed of or taken care of later.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified; later identified as patriot Haley). The service director—there is one thing there that was omitted, in my opinion should be included. At the present time we only have one certified representative by the Veterans' Administration, and that happens to be a service director in Washington, myself. Now, I hope, and I am sure the patriots will agree with me, that sometimes, perhaps in the near future, or in due time, this organization will be in position to place an accredited and certified representative in at least some of the major and key office facilities of the Veterans' Administration. That certification must be secured through your Washington office; is the only—

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriot Haley, that will be taken care of; that amendment, that consideration which you—you have been—

Patriot HALEY. What I wanted to bring out was this, the method of—say I am the service director. The method of requesting recognition for Bill Jones in some office—now, some of these offices will have a number of Purple Heart chapters within the jurisdiction. Now, when this matter was brought to the attention of the executive committee, at the time I was appointed to the office which I hold now, I raised that question, and the executive committee agreed with me that a request for certification of any individual would only be made on the request of the majority of the chapters involved in that particular area. In other words, if you have two chapters, and one

chapter would send in a request, I would not ask for certification of that man unless the other chapter in that area would also agree on that man. If three chapters were involved we would have to have the recommendation of two. In other words, they would not put me or any other person in the office on the spot. I want that protection for the organization and for the office itself.

Patriot BRADFIELD. That is acceptable to me.

Patriot DUNCAN (Florida). I move to table that until we find out where we are going to get the money for those purposes.

Patriot BRADFIELD. You mean the whole section?

Patriot DUNCAN. And about the service director.

Patriot BRADFIELD. The section I read.

Commander CHURCH. It is moved to table the motion.

(The motion was seconded by Patriot O. B. Carr (of Palm Beach), voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Section 20 to be new. The "National finance committee"—this writing is new here [reading]:

The national commander shall appoint, subject to ratification, a national finance committee, to be composed of three members, one of the three members appointed following the national convention of 1941; one shall serve for 1 year, one for 2 years, and one for 3 years; thereafter one member shall be appointed to serve for 3 years or until removed by the majority vote of the executive committee. The national commander and finance officer shall be ex-officio members of the said committee and the national adjutant shall be—

the national adjutant is not a member of the committee; just secretary—

The national finance committee shall be charged with the yearly budget and the handling of funds under that budget. Its duty shall be to give advice to the national executive committee on any financial question or projects which are not routine, and such other matters as shall be desired by the national executive committee.

In other words the executive committee may order them to audit the books.

I move its adoption.

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion? (No response.)

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Here is the objection of Patriot Segal [reading]:

All sections of the articles in the Rules and Regulations, which mention the words "per capita tax" or "tax," are to be amended by substituting the words "national dues" or "dues." We hear the word "tax" so much we would probably like to have the word "dues."

If there is no objection we will accept it. (No response.)

All right. "Department legislative chairman," article 10, sections 10 and 20: Include legislative chairman; add new section 19:

Duties of the legislative chairman, of the departments * * * shall gather such pertinent matters of interest to the State * * *.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—The above was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. I won't read the rules, but I have them here for inclusion. There is another on the same basis, and the last motion was tabled, which cannot be considered now until the other is considered.

Page 58, article 12, section 5, amend to read:

All domiciliary members of soldiers' homes who have been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart may become active members of a chapter with exemption from payment of national dues.

Page 60, article 13, add new section [reading]:

Life membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart may be obtained by payment of \$25 in one sum at the time of application. Such a member must also maintain active membership in some chapter as heretofore.

Patriot SCHROEDER (New York). I am acquainted with one life membership of this organization, and that seems to be his prerogative, "I am a life member of the organization," and he won't pay his chapter dues. That is the way he feels about it.

Patriot BRADFIELD. This is correcting the situation so it is clearer. He is just exempt from the national dues, but he must pay chapter dues, or his department—now, that is up to you. If there is no objection I will go on.

Page 71, article 13, add new paragraph [reading]:

These rules and regulations may be amended by majority vote of the national convention. Such rules and regulations may be set * * *.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—The above was not handed to the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Amend article 11, section 2, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

The national commander—

now, this is important. This is the membership of the national convention—

The national commander, all past national commanders so long as they remain in good standing in their respective chapters, other national elective officers, the chaplain, and national adjutant are members of the national convention.

That is doing away with some, and they have to be delegates. If there is no objection I will go on.

Amend article 11, section 6, paragraph 1, to read to include:

Department commanders as members of the national executive committee and represented as other States where no department is organized—

deleting the words—

one executive committeeman from each department.

In other words, doing away with the committeemen and making the department commanders members.

Patriot SCHROEDER. Will that still hold with the alternate?

Patriot BRADFIELD. In that case, in order of rank, as the case might be. That would be taken care of by the definition, as taken care of—

Patriot LEISTER. Patriot Bradfield, as a point of information. Unless we have that inserted in those resolutions—you know, we are all—well, we have good memories, but we are all prone to leave here and forget those things.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I will answer you in this way: I am going to take it upon myself, with the permission of Dr. Weinburgh, to go through this, and to type these things up. All of you know my address, Chicago, and you will get copies of those, and if you want them you may have them, or by mimeograph, but please share with

me the expense of getting the copies to you. You know, I am tearing this whole thing apart, and you will get them. I am glad to do it.

Patriot DANIELS (Miami). Patriot Bradfield, in the event this is approved and the department commander becomes a member of the national executive committee, will he be the one to attend the meeting at the close of this meeting or the present committeeman?

Patriot BRADFIELD. According to your definition of the constitution he would be.

Patriot DANIELS. Well, I can go home.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move its adoption.

Patriot HALEY. Patriot Bradfield, as a point of information—in relation to the acceptance of the man in a domiciliary institution—assuming a man is sent to a soldiers' home, which is a domiciliary place, for 30 days, and some fellow grabs him, can he take him and say: "Here, have a card issued for him," and he is a member?

Patriot BRADFIELD. It says "all domiciliary members of soldiers' homes * * *"

Patriot FORGY. There are some here that did not quite get that and I think it—

Patriot BRADFIELD. It is a man—

Patriot LEISTER. Patriots, I am sorry I have to get to my feet so much. I happen to be the manager's representative from Florida. I have worked with him for 18 years. At one time I represented 6 States in the Southeast. We would not, I am sure—it is not an arbitrary rule because my manager is one of the finest men in the world; he is with us—but we will not, and do not, have in Bay Pines an organization of any kind. All of our men down there, and I am responsible for 57 out of 86, that are in George C. Barrett Chapter, feel that they can pay dues to the organization, even though they only get 6, 8, or 10 dollars per month. They are interested in the organization to the extent that they want to belong to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. I don't believe, Mr. Chairman, that it is a good resolution to approve.

Patriot BRADFIELD. You don't think so?

Patriot LEISTER. No, I don't; honestly, from the—

Patriot BRADFIELD. On the section about domiciliary members?

Patriot LEISTER. That is right. Understand, Patriot, all these members in Chapter 71, of the 86 members, are not domiciliary members. There is a very small majority, but every one of them feels that they can pay their dues. If there is a man that we feel we want that can't pay his dues we pay them out of our own pockets and invite him in.

Patriot BRADFIELD. In this case it says "may become active members." However, using the present wording [reading]:

All chapters in soldiers' homes shall be exempt from per capita tax insofar as they confine their membership to members of the homes.

That is the present wording, and this attempts—

National Adjutant EATON. As a point of information, as to Patriot Bradfield's amendment changing the national executive committeeman to the department commander, I would like to ask him in the case of voting, as they do now, the constitution and bylaws say you can only vote once in your own name, department commander and national executive committeeman once—how would that work?

Patriot BRADFIELD. That would only work in the national executive committee. He would be considered a member of the national executive committee but not considered in the national convention. He is still a department commander. That is taken care of in a later section.

Commander CHURCH. There is one question—one section in question still, the one Captain Leister referred to. With the exception of the question raised, we will vote on all the other points.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Now, do I understand the domiciliary business is taken care of or not? It was turned down?

Judge Advocate BEYER. No.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move the adoption of that on domiciliary members.

Commander CHURCH. Any questions about it? (No response.)

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. You have to use a lot of discretion now. All right—

Patriot LEISTER. Patriot Commander, I call for a division.

Commander CHURCH. Those in favor, please rise.

Patriot BRADFIELD. We are on—

All domiciliary members of soldiers' homes who have been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart may become active members of a chapter with exemption from payment of national dues.

Commander CHURCH. All those in favor of the motion, please rise. All those opposed, please rise. The "ayes" have it; 40 for, 28 against. The vote is 40 to 28.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Thank you very much. All right. Amend article 11, section 6, paragraph 1, to read to include the department commander, and so forth. That was taken care of—I beg your pardon. Now, this you approved yesterday under the report of the national adjutant. I have written it up and it will be included, and that has been approved. I will let that stand because you have heard it, but I have written it up properly the way you approved it on the floor.

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander, as a point of information through the Chair, from the judge advocate. Was it legal yesterday to approve anything without a legal vote on the floor? I will stand on the ruling of the judge advocate.

Judge Advocate BEYER. Well, the only thing that can be done under the circumstances is to have a vote today ratifying what we did yesterday, if you want to have absolute, technical legality, and after the conclusion of this committee report I will expect Patriot Webster to make that motion.

Patriot WEBSTER. I will make that motion to either approve or—

Patriot BRADFIELD. Here is something that involves the ladies, and it must be done. Amend article 16 by striking out the word "since" in line 10, and adding:

membership in the auxiliary shall be allowed to be retained as long as she remains a member in good standing. If this membership is allowed to lapse, the member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart upon whom she bases her membership must become an active member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart before reinstated.

The idea is this, that if a man drops his membership upon whom a lady bases her membership, and the situation is that the lady is sus-

pended, under this the lady will remain a member if she maintains her status of good standing, pays her dues, but if her membership is allowed to lapse the man upon whom she bases her membership has to first become an active member before she can rejoin.

Patriot DONALDSON (No. 71, Florida). As a point of information—in case the man dies——

Patriot BRADFIELD. That is taken care of——

Patriot DONALDSON. Does she have a right to——

Patriot BRADFIELD. That is taken care of.

Patriot HACKER. Suppose a man divorces his wife while she is a member, does she retain her membership?

Patriot BRADFIELD. If a member at the time of his application, and he was in good standing, and she does not drop her membership. If she dropped it she could never get it back. That is already established. She could never get it back again.

Patriot HANSON (No. 5). I would like to know what—we shouldn't step on the ladies' toes. If the man is a member and the lady is a member and the man drops out, we can't take the lady out. That is all wrong. That is a privilege we got nothing to do with and, on the other hand, I made the statement time and time again, but you fellows never listen to me. We should never knock the ladies. Now, in the State of Minnesota I don't know how many want to be members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Just suppose the lady wants to come in, but by the ruling today they cannot, because—and in St. Cloud they tell us fellows not to take those crazy men in because they start things, therefore we leave them alone, and I feel like we should recognize those ladies.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriot Hanson, the situation is taken care of in the passing of the domiciliary membership section.

Article 11: Change the words "subservient to and under jurisdiction of"—I will explain that that was passed on at the San Francisco convention, but the official report of the San Francisco convention did not reach me until time for the national convention in Indianapolis, and was not changed in the present writing, so I included it. It is taken care of, and we won't forget it.

(REPORTER'S NOTE.—The above was not handed the reporter as requested.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Amend article 16, section 1, by adding the following sentence:

Stepdaughters of a man eligible to active membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart are eligible to membership if at the time of application she is a member of the family of a man upon whom she bases membership and only so long as she shall remain in good standing in her unit.

If there is no objection it will stand as read.

The resolution of the 1940 convention pertaining to the pro rata payment of dues—now, that was passed at Indianapolis but got omitted for some reason or other, and there is a mandate of the national convention. It was in the minute report submitted by Patriot Eaton, and I will include that here if there are no objections, or, if you want it read, it says this, that to be paid by quarters, the first quarter in March—I mean, up to the end of the first quarter, full dues, then three-quarters, then one-half, and then one-quarter, then the next year—I beg your pardon—\$1, then 75 cents, then 50

cents to the national, and then, after the end of the third quarter the new dues. Now, if you want that, to save time, save any argument anywhere, by anybody as to laxity or foresight, to get it on the floor again I move its adoption.

—Patriot SEGAL (Baltimore). On the question of national per capita tax or dues, our chapter has made a payment on per capita tax beginning with the period from April 1, 1941, until July 31, 1941, under protest. We received a copy of the minutes of the Indianapolis convention where it very clearly stated that the national dues shall be prorated. We made our remittances on that basis. We have received a communication from the national headquarters, demanding that we pay the balance, a dollar a head, regardless of when the man comes into the organization. I want to go on record here now that we paid that per capita tax under protest. We ask your support as to this particular amendment in the constitution and bylaws where it should have been a year ago, and we want the excess credited to our account.

Commander CHURCH. Will you offer a resolution to that effect and have it go to the resolutions committee?

Patriot SEGAL. You have the resolution there.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I haven't got that one here, that particular resolution. You mean as to the refund? Here is one point I must bring out, that the national rules and regulations already specify that chapter dues must not be less than \$1, but that means annual dues will not be less. I don't think there is any conflict there. Here is the resolution. This is not the one by—

Patriot EATON. Yes; it is.

Patriot BRADFIELD (reading):

The committee recommends \$3 a year—

Patriot SEGAL. What are you reading about? That is membership at large. That has nothing to do with the chapter. I submit these minutes as published by the national headquarters and I will read it from page 9 of last year's minutes. Section 11 [reading]:

that per capita tax on new members and reinstatement after having been delinquent 1 year or more shall be, first quarter, in full; second quarter, three-fourths; third quarter, one-half; fourth quarter, none; pay year's dues for entire following year.

Submitted by Department of Minnesota; and that was adopted. I claim again that Baltimore Chapter—and I understand one other one—has been charged in error, and required to pay per capita tax for a full year on members who were admitted after the year had gone into the second quarter and third quarter and, in order to be settled here today—whether it is a mistake on the part of the adjutant or not I have no concern. I am only interested in keeping the record straight. I don't believe there is much justification in overcharging a new chapter, or an old chapter, in per capita tax.

It has been mentioned here by the chairman of the bylaws committee, unofficially, that he did not see why we did not hold the per capita tax over until October, and then pay it as a new year. Patriots, I think that is an awful way to treat national headquarters, with the small income which it has. I believe that a half a loaf is better than no loaf, and if we send 75 cents or 50 cents during the year on new

memberships that national headquarters benefits by it, and half a loaf or three-quarters is much better than nothing. That will assist the new member because he will receive his Purple Heart magazine in 1941, and not make him wait until 1942. Now, it is not a whole lot of money, but there is a principle attached to it, and that is this: When a national convention enacts a resolution it should be complied with.

Commander CHURCH. The resolution will be—

Patriot BRADFIELD. I think the judge advocate has a decision.

Judge Advocate BEYER. As I understand, the resolution you say was adopted but was not included in this booklet at the time of its publication. Now, all we are doing is exactly what he wants us to do, and all we can do at this point of the procedure, and adopt it again, and see that it is published. Now, when he talks about a refund, this is not the time and place, and it is out of order at this time. At the moment we are talking about the adoption of this particular resolution.

Patriot SEGAL. I will concur with the recommendation of the chairman of the committee that we adopt this particular resolution all over again, and under "New business" I will ask for a refund.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Thank you, patriots, for your kind courtesy. You have been very patient with me.

Commander CHURCH. Patriots, I would like to ask the sergeant at arms to bring forward to the table here Mr. Pat Kelly, national executive committeeman of the American Legion of the State of Georgia, also a member of the Purple Heart. [Applause.]

Mr. KELLY. Mr. Commander, distinguished guests—because you are distinguished—it is a happy privilege and pleasure I have to come over here for just a few moments this afternoon. Unfortunately I have to work for a living, and my duties have demanded my time for the past couple of days, and I have been unable to be with you as I wish I could have. I want to extend to you on behalf of the American Legion, Department of Georgia, our sincere greetings and good wishes. I believe it was stated that I was a member of the Purple Heart. I am not a member of the Purple Heart. That is another point that I have neglected. I have the Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster. I served 22 months in France with the First Division in the Twenty-sixth Infantry and Third Machine Gun Battalion.

We hope that while you are here in Atlanta and Georgia you will have a good time, and when you go away you will take with you recollections and remembrances of some of our southern hospitality, and that you will soon again honor Atlanta and Georgia with your presence. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. I want to say when you hear Patriot Kelly's "Gawja" you know you are in Georgia. [Laughter.]

At the present time I am going to ask permission to appoint, in preparation for the vote, these gentlemen as tellers, and I would like, if permission is granted, for them to contact the national adjutant so as to become familiar with their duties. They are as follows: Fuhry, of Michigan; Berg, of Milwaukee; McAvoy, of Baltimore; Colonel Duncan, of Florida; and Colonel Duncan will

be the chairman. Any objections to this arrangement? (No response.) It is ordered, then. We will now have a report from the regalia committee.

Patriot HAMILTON (Pennsylvania). The regalia committee has not functioned. I was talking with the chairman, also chairman of the convention committee, and he has not had time—

Commander CHURCH. I am sorry, but the regalia committee has not seemed to function and, consequently, we will have no report.

FROM THE FLOOR. Patriot Commander, are we through with the report of the committees?

Commander CHURCH. No; no. The next will be the report of the national publication board. We have no report from it, but I think there will be one forthcoming from Van Dusen later. The next will be the report of the committee on ritual:

Patriot McWILLIAMS. Patriot Commander, I think there is a report—Patriot Forgy has that report from Van Dusen, I think.

National Chaplain Rev. GUSTAV STEARNS. The committee on ritual of the 1941 Annual National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart—composed of the following members: national chaplain, Gustav Stearns, Chapter 69, Milwaukee, Wis.; Alex Koneck, Chapter 96, Milwaukee, Wis.; Eric Rosenfield, Chapter 122, Baltimore, Md.—held a meeting at the Ansley Hotel, Tuesday, August 5, 1941, at 8 a. m. The committee expressed its gratitude and appreciation to past national chaplain James J. Guinea, and Chaplain Gustav F. Schlachter, department chaplain of Pennsylvania, for communications which they have sent in previously suggesting the wording of the burial ritual. The committee is happy to present a burial ritual which incorporates suggestions made by these two chaplains, and also suggestions made by members of the ritual committee.

We present for the consideration and adoption of this annual national convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart the following burial ritual to be used in the future at the burial of our departed patriots, wherever and whenever it is possible for such ritual to be used; and we further recommend that wherever the word "comrade" appears in previously adopted ritual the word "patriot" be substituted.

BURIAL RITUAL—MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

We are here to salute our departed patriot and bid him farewell.

It is well that we are here, my fellow patriots, for here is one who shared with us in the defense of our country and who bore the same distinction we do. Whether his life were brief, or whether it outnumbered threescore years and ten, he was known to all the world by the same title we bear. His was a noble portion, for he aided in the defense of this beloved land, and all who have worn the uniform of our country. It is a badge that death cannot remove. Let us, therefore, pray in this dark hour of his departure into the realm of eternal life, where no bugle calls to battle and where no throbbing drums sound the alarm, that our patriot may be received in mercy before the throne of God and there be sheltered by His protecting grace. Let us likewise pray that all the love he created, that all the good he performed here on earth may endure in the hearts and lives of his dear ones.

(One or both of the following prayers may then be used.)

Let us pray: O! Almighty and Eternal God, we have recourse to Thee in this hour of grief and sad bereavement. Thou who knowest the sadness of our heart at this time, assuage this sorrow that has come upon us. Thou hast sent Thy

holy angle to bring the soul of our patriot to its eternal reward. Now, as we lament his passing let us ever be mindful that we are most certainly to follow him. Whatever good he has done Thou wilt bless him for even in death, and whatever has been amiss in his life through the frailty of human nature, do Thou, O Lord, deal with in Thy merciful kindness. Thou who art the God of all consolation look down in pity upon each of us, and while we pray that Thou wilt give rest eternal to the soul of this our patriot grant also to each of us, his relatives and fellow patriots, that we also will be prepared to meet Thee at the last hour and find consolation in Thy eternal presence forever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray: Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness; and, by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plentiful redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen.

Submitted by—

GUSTAV STEARNS,
ALEX KONECK,
ERIC ROSENFELD,

*Members of the Ritual Committee of the 1941 Annual National
Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.*

I move the adoption of this report.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. This applies simply to the burial.

Patriot SCHNELER (Americanism officer). I have had the honor of putting in certain paragraphs for the Purple Heart. I know they have been read because I have gotten letters, complimentary letters, and I am grateful. I hope the Americanism officer will be continued because I feel it can be a contribution. On the question of the ritual—there is a great difference in practice at time of prayer. Definitely, the ritual specifies parade rest with the left hand over the right breast. Today, so oftentimes, we uncover. I move that the commander—and, by the way, Vice Commander Weinburgh has started the question of revision of the initiation, and it should be continued. The initiation is not—it is very badly broken up—I move a committee of three be appointed to definitely decide on the attitude during prayer, the question of cover, and a more consecutive reading of the ritual of initiation.

Commander CHURCH. You mean the new national commander?

Patriot SCHNELER. No, sir; the present national commander, or as you please.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. I am going to ask permission of the convention to file the reports, those which are written, and for which the officers are not present, as follows: The report of the historian; report of the publication officer; report of the historical section; and the report of the Sons of the Purple Heart. If there is no objection those will be filed with the remainder of the reports now in the hands of the publication officer. (No response.) Next will be the report of the membership committee. Is there anyone present to make that report?

Patriot BOMAR. This is a committee resolution [reading]:

Whereas the present membership of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is approximately 3,300 and the potential membership is approximately 8,000; and

Whereas our organization shows its virility by the number of eligibles who are members; and

Whereas it is beyond the ability of many local chapters to develop literature of sufficient appeal to reach potential strength: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the national executive committee is hereby instructed to have printed in large quantities such literature whose distribution would promote or increase in membership; second, to distribute this literature at nominal cost to chapter membership committees.

R. C. COULSON,

Chairman, Membership Committee.

I move the adoption of this.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Is the finance officer here now? We will have the report of the finance committee.

Patriot McWILLIAMS (national finance officer). The report in detail which I read to you Sunday afternoon in the executive committee meeting, unless you wish, I will not read that detailed report again. I will summarize the three principal items in there, that is the "General account," the "Publications account," and the "Income and expenditures" in connection with the Washington office; those three principal sections.

We had, as you recall, \$312.27 in the bank, \$25 on hand, \$400 in reserve, in book account, making a total of \$737.27. We have, in addition, \$100 in the petty-cash fund at national headquarters, \$30 in the petty-cash fund at Washington, and \$10 in the petty-cash fund at the national publications office; adding this \$140 in petty cash, we have \$877.27, against last year's total—I will give you a little comparison there—last year's total, as you will recall, was 674.45, or \$62.82 more this year. The publication fund is a little bit different situation, though last year—first, let me say, though, the proration of the national per capita tax—that is, 25 cents out of the dollar goes to national headquarters, goes to the publication fund—one-fourth of the \$3,431 we received from the national per capita tax, or \$857.75, for the publication fund, plus the \$183.74 received from advertising and from the Ladies Auxiliary—these figures you had in the detailed report I gave you the other day—totaled \$1,041.49; add to that the balance in our publication-fund account at the end of last year, the beginning of this year, of course, \$407.28, made a total of \$1,448.77 for operation and for expenditures on the publication this year. While we expended that amount, the income from all sources, \$1,453.64, gave a net loss, or a net debit, of \$4.57. We are running right to the line there, as you see.

The book contract has brought in a total of \$3,300 received, and there has been expended \$3,135.08; \$1,200.75 of which was used in the establishment of the Washington office, that is the equipping of it, and that did include also 1 month's rent the difference therefore between the \$3,300 received and \$3,135.08 expended, that went into the general fund; add to that the \$400, which is in reserve for this fund, makes a total of \$564, which is transferable to the general fund from the book contract. Those are the three principle items. Now, together with the letter of transmittal which will go out to you when this report is prepared, that will constitute the national finance officer's report this year. As I explained to you Sunday, the bank statements and other figures came in just at the last moment, and the statement could not be mimeographed in time to give it to you as I did last year. We have several days in between the 1st of the month and the time of the meeting of the executive committee, but that re-

port will go out to you in mimeograph form with the letter of transmittal, explaining anything you think should be of benefit to you. That, Mr. Commander, is my report.

Patriot LEISTER. Patriot Commander, as a preliminary to what I am going to do in seconding the national finance officer's report, I wish to state that I served, or he served, or we served, in the same regiment together. I have every belief in the honesty and integrity of my fellow officer, Patriot McWilliams. I, therefore, consider it not only an honor but a pleasure to second the national finance officer's report. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Any discussion?

Patriot KEYS. (No. 96). I know of a bill for \$15. I want to know if the bill is going to be paid. If it is, we are here to oppose it. We are here to take exceptions to it, and here as an organization from Milwaukee to oppose the payment of \$15. We don't know what the expenses were but we do know there was \$15 for the work he did. We, as an organization, made a motion on the floor to pay his expenses to attend the national convention here, and there was no reason for it. He did not show up, so we are opposed to the \$15 bill that he sent in. The national office can use the \$15, which they are entitled to, and he is not, and I want to know about it.

Commander CHURCH. The bill is in with the other officers' reports and, as far as we can see, duly accredited. If you wish to carry it further we must; you can appear before the proper, the officers' committee. There was one man, a Mr. Gilleland, who has those reports. You will please make an appearance before him.

Patriot KEYS. I would like to do that today before I leave.

Patriot LEISTER. In order to clarify, I will have to withdraw my motion.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. It is not in my report.

Commander CHURCH. It is in the officers' report, and it has been submitted to the chairman of that committee.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. It has not been paid?

Commander CHURCH. It has not as yet been paid. The next report will be from Col. Frank Haley. I might state in connection with one portion of the report he will make that an organization of veterans, national organization, has been perfected in Washington for the purpose of attempting to gather by force of the larger number of veterans a power to push legislation and to be of influence in the efforts before the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other interests at the present time. Colonel Haley will explain what the organization is and what his reaction to the same is.

Patriot HALEY. In reference to the council which Commander Church is referring to, I think the best way to explain this is to read a short statement which I have prepared in connection with the proposed council.

(At this point Patriot Haley read the above-referred-to statement.)

Patriot HALEY. I appreciate the time is short, and this is rather lengthy, and this is not my report; but there is one recommendation in connection with the council I would like to bring to your attention here now. It is my opinion it will need action by the convention. I feel myself the Purple Heart, as a national organization, should be very careful as to what the tie-up is. This council is composed

almost entirely of present service men, and they would like, of course, to have the support of such organizations as the Legion of Valor and the Purple Heart. In other words, they would like to ride in on somebody else's coattail, and I am personally opposed to this organization becoming affiliated with that council.

Patriots, I have got a quite lengthy report that gives, I think, a pretty good story of the Washington office, and I have with me here about 200 pamphlets, a complete report, and I am sure nobody wants to listen to me read it. Those copies will be available here for every delegate at this convention. You can take it home with you, read it and study it at home, comment on it, and do what you like with it. [Applause.]

There are some recommendations there that I think have, at least in part, been taken care of through early proceedings here this afternoon; but there is one recommendation there that I made in this report, and that is in reference to the Temple Hill Shrine. I feel that it would be proper to suggest to this convention and the incoming national commander and the executive committee that an endeavor be made to appear before Congress and have Congress appropriate moneys or funds with which to purchase additional land in the Hudson Valley there adjacent to Temple Hill and turn that into a national shrine. That recommendation is in my report and, as I said, that report is available for all of you, and I thank you. [Applause.]

I move the adoption of the report.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HALEY. Commander and Patriots, there is one thing in connection with legislation. You know that the different veterans' organizations have proceedings of conventions printed at the expense of the Government at the Government Printing Office. I immediately, when this office was established, took steps to have that resolution amended to include the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and I am pleased to state that last Thursday that bill was passed by the Lower House. I also have the assurance of Senator Hayden, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing, that there is absolutely no question but what the Senate will pass it. I have assurance of both Senator Hayden and Congressman Jarman, the Purple Hearter from Alabama, chairman of the House committee, that the President will sign our bill, and that means that we will have the proceedings of this convention printed by the Government and everyone and every chapter in the country will be furnished with a complete copy of our proceedings. [Applause.]

Patriot SCHNELLER. Patriot Commander, in connection with the finance report—I am sorry that Hal Andrews is not here. He has not received one cent of personal expense in publishing our Purple Heart. He has written: "If I could only have a little more income to give to the chapter news release, Purple Heart release, for the local papers." There have been a number of men contacted who say "I would like to subscribe to your Purple Heart, to help you have some income"; therefore my motion. I move—

Judge Advocate BEYER. Under "New business" you could make your motion, Patriot Schneller.

Commander CHURCH. Next is the report of the national inspector. National Inspector HAMILTON. I trust you will—due to the fact

the majority of the department inspectors have not fulfilled the duties of their offices, I don't believe it is customary to ask for the national inspector's report.

(At this point the national inspector read his report.)

National Inspector HAMILTON. I move that this report be adopted.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

National Inspector HAMILTON. You all know that the regalia committee did not function. Now, I made reference in my report to automobile flags and grave markers. I have another here. It is very important that this grave marker be manufactured, as you all know. If you wish to hear about it—I was going to submit this to the regalia committee; however I will tell you about the grave marker and ask that some action be taken. Do you wish to hear it or not?

Patriot CEAS. I would like to hear about the grave markers, and I hope there will be some discussion on it.

Patriot SEGAL. On the question of grave markers, will someone enlighten me as to the ruling of the Quartermaster Corps of the Army with relation to national cemeteries? I understand it is contrary to law for any grave marker of any private organization to be firmly imprinted on the grave of anyone buried in a national cemetery. Sometimes they are placed there and, when looked for a few weeks later, they have mysteriously disappeared. If that is a Federal law—and I wish someone would tell me about it—I don't see any purpose in placing grave markers where they will be removed or destroyed.

Judge Advocate BEYER. Patriots, my time shows quarter of 4. The past commander told me the election last year took 5 hours. Now, we want to have dinner somewhere around 7 o'clock. Now, I wish that a matter like this one would come directly to the executive committee, so we can retain some time for three final points. Those three final points will be the question of the time and place of the next convention, and the election, and one other thing, new business.

National Inspector HAMILTON. First of all, I received from a patriot in Scranton, Pa., a sample, and I requested it be submitted to the supply department, and I so move.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

National Inspector HAMILTON. If you so desire I will turn the correspondence over to the supply division in regard to automobile flags, and they can continue on. On the grave markers, I have contacted the manufacturing concerns, and find that a design can be made up for the approval of this body, that will cost between \$15 and \$20. The mold will cost \$50, making a total of \$70, and the grave marker \$3 each in lots of 100. I suggest this also be turned over to the supply department, and so move.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Next will be the report of the national judge advocate.

Judge Advocate BEYER. This won't take much of your time. I am not going to read anything, but am just going to give a general statement. The first big piece of business that was constantly brought to the attention of your national judge advocate, and on which he did a lot of work, was upon a publication contract. Now, you are thinking of only one publication contract, but various ones were submitted.

Some of them, I think—well, whatever contract we did negotiate, enter, was approved as to form, and I can assure you that every attorney of the Military Order of the Purple Heart who has looked over the contract will verify it as to form.

The next thing your judge advocate had to do was render rulings. Those of you who read the magazine know that various ones, those of general interest, were published. I think there were 8 or 10 published. There were many more rulings requested, not of general interest, and the rulings went direct to the persons requesting them. I rendered about 75 rulings. Of course there was general correspondence where I did not feel the ruling could be submitted. Take, for instance, the question of whether psychopathic cases should come under the regulation that men in domiciliary places be exempt from paying per capita tax—well, I sort of figured that all of us are more or less “touched” by our experiences, and I am not going to try to—and I wrote back as far as I was concerned I was not going to set the point at which it was a psychopathic case, that he should not become a member; and, on the other hand, I took the attitude that a person, a psychopathic, should be permitted to be, and is, a member of the organization and that his interest should be protected by this organization; that he should be able to rely upon the fellows who are not completely “touched,” in order to protect his interest. That was my correspondence. [Applause.]

Then, the other big work; of course, the judge advocate has the work of this convention. Now, I must hurry—I looked at my watch, and I have a minute to go, and the only thing I have tried to do at all times, and I think every member will bear me out, is to save time, to not let things steal your time and the time of the convention so we don't complete our work, and I intend to continue to conduct my rulings, or whatever I do here, to save time, and if you will bear with me I am sure we will be able to complete our work, even the difficult work which lies ahead of us, and let's hope that everything goes on smoothly. I want to do one thing, and that is to congratulate the convention on one point, and that is on the way they reacted to the committee reports this afternoon. You certainly conducted most of them, 99 percent of that work, in a real workmanlike manner, and when I say that I am thinking of this, that we should function through committees. There are many things that should not come on the floor at all. They should be argued out in the committee, and you can look over the records. Do you realize the National Congress in 2 days passed a bill to tax you and me—mostly you—\$3,500,000,000, and there was only one amendment voted on? Otherwise the committee report was accepted as was. There wasn't one word to break that down or any question about it. We certainly should give our committees the same support, and I hope you give our tellers the same support. That is what we are here for, to lend them our support. [Applause.]

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Patriot Commander, I think our judge advocate should be complimented for the way he delivered his address, the conciseness, and so forth, and I so move.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Next is the ways and means committee report.

Patriot WILLIAMS (chapter number not announced). Commander Church, and fellow patriots, it is felt by the ways and means committee that the national finance committee, which was just approved, the appointment of which was approved by you in a motion, a little bit earlier, should be logically the committee which has to do with the ways and means. You can appreciate fully that a group meeting here for a few moments—you know what I mean—we have so many moments to fill that you cannot give too much time to one thing. We feel that the normal functions of the ways and means committee should be filled by this national finance committee which you have authorized. That is our recommendation. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Thank you.

Patriot WILLIAMS. I move its adoption.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. We are coming to the hardest committee to handle, and that is the time and place committee. Let's have an understanding.

(Discussion off the record.)

Commander CHURCH. The chairman will now report.

Patriot HOPKINS (reading):

Committee meeting held in room 820, Ansley Hotel, 9 p. m., August 4.

Atlanta, Ga., recommended as convention city for the 1942 convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Duluth, Minn., conceded to Milwaukee, requesting that the convention be held in Duluth in 1944.

Baltimore, Md., although notified to attend the committee meeting, was not represented.

J. E. HOPKINS, *Chairman*.
SIGFRED P. HANSON.
WILLIAM J. SCHROEDER.
CHARLES E. BALDWIN.

and I wish to add, as chairman, and being neutral as to location for the 1942 convention, I wish to add that Newburgh, N. Y., has the historical background for a Purple Heart convention and Milwaukee has the central location and is known as the convention city.

Commander CHURCH. There is a minority report to be offered.

Patriot SEGAL. The chairman has reported to you that the Baltimore delegation was notified as to the place of the meeting last night. As chairman of the delegation, I don't remember being notified, and I have been sober since I arrived here. We were all at the saloon last night, the brewery, and if there was any notice I know nothing about it. I have a letter signed by myself addressed to this convention assembled, and this letter was given to the chairman yesterday morning, extending, with great pleasure, an invitation to this organization to meet in Baltimore next year. I won't read the letter—that is, the content of it. On the next page I have a letter signed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, Herbert R. O'Connor—I want to read his letter.

(At this point Patriot Segal read a letter of invitation from the Governor of Maryland.)

Patriot SEGAL. On the next page there is a letter from Howard W. Jackson, the mayor of the city of Baltimore.

(At this point Patriot Segal read a letter of invitation from the mayor of Baltimore.)

Patriot SEGAL. Here is a letter from the Maryland Hotel Men's Association.

(At this point Patriot Segal read the letter from the Maryland Hotel Men's Association.)

Patriot SEGAL. This is a letter from the Baltimore Association of Commerce. I won't bore you any more with reading. I am just indicating to you what would happen if you came to Baltimore, which is known as—the world over—the convention city. I want to tell you just one or two of the things you will find in Baltimore when you come there next year. We will first take you on a tour of the United States Naval Academy, wherein no civilian is today permitted—that has been assured by the Commandant to our organization; to the museum of art; the first George Washington monument ever erected, in the middle of the city, and out to the country and show you the first one ever built by any man, unauthorized, without a penny, without being appropriated. There are two of these first George Washington monuments. We will show you through the main library, the best in the world; our residential sections. We will take you to Fort McHenry, where the Star-Spangled Banner was born. We will show you around Johns Hopkins. We will take you to the first railroad station in the country, also give you an excursion on Chesapeake Bay, and I could go on here for an hour. Where is the money to come from? Well, the city of Baltimore gave our Baltimore delegation money to come down here, patriots, and it was distributed here this morning. Each one that came here got our little bit out of it, and I have enough confidence in our Baltimore organization to go to the mayor and Governor, and the hotels, and get some money to give you fellows a good time and keep you out of breweries. Now, I want to read you this report, the minority report. [Reading:]

Recommended that Baltimore's invitation be accepted, and that the 1942 convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart be held at Baltimore in September 1942; and, if the convention declines this invitation, then it is recommended that the convention be held at Newburgh, N. Y.

ANDREW N. SEGAL,

Chapter No. 122, Member of Committee.

Commander CHURCH. Any other minority reports?

Patriot SCHROEDER. If you will bear with me—I will have to use the microphone. National Commander Church, national officers, my buddies, the committee in session during my attendance did not arrive at any decision as to what city they would recommend for the 1942 convention, but this morning while I was otherwise occupied with reports, not stating what it contained, the chairman of that committee submitted a letter to me and, without reading the same, I signed. I, however, wish to withdraw my signature, as I do not agree with the report. I wish to submit a minority report for your consideration. Now, my dear patriots, it will only take me a second. We, in New York, do things, and don't prolong anything. You have heard the different orations here, but we have the convention city; we have the cradle in New York where your organization was first nestled, and it gives me pleasure to extend my thanks to my colleagues, Patriot Baldwin, Patriot Hanson, and Patriot Hopkins, who were present at that committee meeting, for letting me have a speaker here.

As you know, patriots, Dr. Weinburgh has prescribed this medication for me this morning, and I am in ill health, so with your permis-

sion, if you want to hear what my spokesman would have to say with reference to Newburgh I will leave it at your discretion. Thank you. Little Joe LaRosa.

Patriot LaROSA. Patriot commander, patriots, I was at that meeting, too. I was astonished when attending the meeting that somebody did not know when the first Purple Heart was given out. That was given out 160 years ago this coming 1942. Also, Congress had the opportunity and gave you the privilege of wearing that Purple Heart just 10 years ago this coming 1942. It is the birthplace of the Purple Heart. Way up there we were told when we organized that chapter for Temple Hill that you would bring the 1942 convention there. We have articles here backed up by the newspaper, and furthermore, gentlemen, I have some letters here from the chamber of commerce—I don't think I should take the time to read them, for I know you gentlemen would like to get out, but I will leave these here with you, with the permission of our commander from New York. We also have a pamphlet promoting George Washington and Temple Hill; not only that, but it does me a world of good to hear our friend, Frank Haley, say that Congress is going to approve some money so we would always have a replica of the first temple there. Gentlemen, I beseech you, and I think I am justified in doing it, to follow out a letter of recommendation that came from Commander Pinora, of the Temple Hill Chapter, and it goes this way:

(At this point Patriot LaRosa read the above-referred-to letter.)

Patriot LaROSA. Gentlemen, that is a resolution drawn up by Temple Hill Association of Newburgh. You know, my heart is right in Temple Hill, and I am like a good many of the boys around New York State and out in the country there. We had not heard much about the Purple Heart. A good many of us never received our Purple Heart, but I learned an awful lot up there, and I think it is a most fitting time for everyone to go up there and let the world at large and themselves know where that first Purple Heart was given out. I thank you, gentlemen. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Patriots, you have the reports. What do you wish to do with them?

Patriot DANIELS (Florida). Commander, I shan't go into any lengthy description of Miami because it would probably take me a week to do it, and everybody knows Miami, and I don't imagine it needs any particular description, so I wish to present to the body a letter from the chamber of commerce and convention bureau, inviting the Purple Heart to hold its convention in Miami next year.

Commander CHURCH. What do you wish to do with the reports? Please, let's have some action.

Patriot DARBY (Detroit, No. 54). Commander, I don't know why you are doing all this, for I understand you had a committee to decide on this. Now, as I see it, you are right back here reading the reports to everybody on the floor, and asking everybody to bring in their invitations, and what not. I don't know why you requested that the committee be appointed.

Commander CHURCH. We are simply accepting reports and minority reports.

Patriot WEBSTER. I move we take a roll-call vote on the time and place of the next national convention.

Patriot SEGAL. I second that motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Call the roll.

Patriot WEBSTER. As a point of correction, do I understand the majority report of the committee has not been permitted to report?

Commander CHURCH. The majority report was in favor of Newburgh, N. Y.; was it not?

Judge Advocate BEYER. No, sir; Milwaukee; no. It is filed.

Patriot WEBSTER. I was advised the majority report had not been read. If I am in error, I apologize.

Commander CHURCH. The roll call will begin.

Patriot WEBSTER. I move the adoption through roll-call vote.

Commander CHURCH. The roll call will begin.

Patriot BALDWIN (No. 96). Did I understand you to say you were only receiving the reports of the minority?

Commander CHURCH. We have received the report of the majority.

(At this point National Adjutant Eaton called the roll with the following result:)

	Milwaukee	Baltimore	Newburgh
Connecticut			23
District of Columbia			9
New York			49
Pennsylvania			65
Illinois	20		11
Michigan			61
Indiana	17		
Minnesota	26		
Florida	29		
California	73		
Milwaukee	8		
Baltimore ¹			9
Sioux City	5		
Iowa	5		
Kansas City	3		
St. Louis	5		
Georgia	3½		3½
National Commander Church			1
Senior Vice Commander Weinburgh			1
Junior Vice Commander Smith, first zone			
Junior Vice Commander Kooian, second zone			
Junior Vice Commander Gildes, third zone	1		
Junior Vice Commander Emery, fourth zone	1		
Junior Vice Commander Gardner, fifth zone			
Finance Officer McWilliams			1
Adjutant Eaton			1
Chief of Staff Myles			
Judge Advocate Beyer	1		
Chaplain Gustave Stearns			
Historian Nachtmann (absent)			
Americanism Officer Schneller			
Inspector Hamilton			1
Legislative Chairman Kerelis			
Sergeant At Arms Thomas			1
Past Commander McCarthy	1½		½
Total	198		237

¹ REPORTER'S NOTE.—Baltimore relinquished all claims to the 1942 convention and voted for Newburgh.

FROM THE FLOOR. Patriot Commander, don't the executive committeemen vote on this?

Commander CHURCH. No.

Patriot HACKER. We are the youngest member in the organization and we offer our hospitality any time you come to Decatur. Visitors will be welcomed by my family to the soybean center of the

world. That is a direct invitation. You don't have to vote on it. Just drop in and call us up and we will take care of you. [Applause.]

DELEGATE FROM CALIFORNIA (unidentified). Patriot Commander, I move you, sir, we make the vote unanimous for Newburgh.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Next is unfinished business.

Patriot LEISTER. Are you calling for any more minority reports?

Commander CHURCH. For time and place?

Patriot LEISTER. No; are they completed?

Commander CHURCH. They are completed; yes, sir. Unfinished business, now; please.

DELEGATE FROM No. 98 (unidentified). Patriot Commander, we wish to submit to the convention the officers' reports, and ask that the officers ask for motion from the floor that they be accepted as is, and that is our recommendation.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot Ross. Mr. Commander, I served on a committee here last evening for a period of 5 hours, known as the book-contract committee, and I haven't heard a report from that committee.

Commander CHURCH. That will come up under "New business." Any unfinished business?

Patriot Ross. I also have a report on the legislation committee.

Commander CHURCH. I am willing to submit that. In order to save time this legislative committee was appointed only for the convention. All legislation is handled through our service officer in Washington. I assure you there is no harm in this report. Some resolutions were turned over to us and we in turn have recommended they be handed over to the service director. There is no harm in the report and I would like for you to accept it without reading it.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. We will proceed to new business.

Patriot HACKER. Have they set the time for the convention?

Commander CHURCH. This is set by the national executive committee later.

Patriot SEGAL. Patriot Commander, under "New business," about an hour or two ago I referred to an unjust imposition of the national per capita tax on Baltimore Chapter, No. 122. I also know that other chapters have been unjustly imposed upon, especially the new chapters that do not know any better, or old chapters whose—or old chapters that do know better but whose officers could not read the minutes. I have no sympathy for them. However, I am about to make a motion requiring the national headquarters to refund by a credit on the books all excess per capita tax which has been imposed unjustly since April 1, 1941, and that a report of the excess be given to each individual chapter so that they in turn may deduct that amount from the next remittance.

Commander CHURCH. Will you have that submitted in writing?

Patriot SEGAL. It is a motion on "New business." It is in writing right there [indicating the reporter]. I appeal from that ruling because while in Atlanta and at the convention it is impossible to leave and secure the services of a stenographer. I maintain that what I have

said is now on record and is of sufficient importance to have it transcribed if necessary.

Commander CHURCH. There is an appeal from the decision of the Chair. I will ask Past Commander McCarthy to take the chair.

Past Commander McCARTHY. Would you care to state your appeal right now?

Patriot SEGAL. Patriots, I don't see any sense in repeating. You know what I want. I believe that every chapter in the organization that has made payments unjustly and without requirement of the constitution and bylaws should receive a refund by way of a credit. The national commander has inferred that I am out of order in making that motion on the floor unless I put it in writing. I appeal from that decision. I have never heard of such a decision.

Past Commander McCARTHY. May I ask, Has the motion been seconded?

FROM THE FLOOR. Yes.

Past Commander McCARTHY. Are you ready for discussion?

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander, the question is on the appeal from the decision of the Chair; is that correct? It is not on the motion.

Past Commander McCARTHY. It is on the ruling of the Chair.

Judge Advocate BEYER. The sole question is whether or not that motion must be in writing so it could be referred to a committee. We don't want to take the stenotype machine out there and wait here until the committee considers it.

Patriot WEBSTER. Just to expedite matters—the gentleman has a just complaint to make. Everybody agrees on that. I will propose that it be recommended right now and adopted and get the gentleman to submit it to your national office after this meeting; take a vote on it and pledge it will be written later.

Past Commander McCARTHY. All in favor of the appeal signify by the usual sign. All opposed. The motion is carried.

Patriot SEGAL. The motion on the floor is whether or not the money will be refunded.

Past Commander McCARTHY. You have heard the motion, and it has been seconded. Those in favor please say "aye." Those opposed, "no." The motion is carried.

PATRIOT FROM No. 96 (unidentified). On this time and place, I was on that committee and, when the minority got up and made their reports, why was I not permitted—why couldn't I get up there and speak in defense of my South. Now, I ask at this time for a reconsideration of that vote and give me an opportunity on the floor to present my side of the story. Why was I turned down? Patriot Bradfield informed me I could not have the floor; that the majority report was in and that I could not speak on it. I don't think it was fair.

Commander CHURCH. You did not make the request to the convention.

SAME PATRIOT. I certainly did; I ask for reconsideration.

Commander CHURCH. We will ask for a ruling on it.

Judge Advocate BEYER. I will first ask the Chair to ask the gentleman whether he voted on the prevailing side or on the losing side. That is necessary in order to make the ruling.

SAME PATRIOT. I voted for Milwaukee.

Judge Advocate BEYER. You voted on the losing side and the motion to reconsider must be made by the prevailing side, by some person who voted for the prevailing side, some person who voted for Newburgh; but a person who voted for Milwaukee—according to Roberts' Rules of Order, the losing side, cannot ask for a reconsideration. I was mistaken when I suggested that to you, but the thing to do is to get someone who voted for Newburgh to make the motion.

SAME PATRIOT. What I am getting at is this: Why wasn't I given the floor when I asked for it, and why was I informed by one of the national officers that I could not have the floor with the majority—

Commander CHURCH. I did not get—no decision from the national commander could be taken except from right here.

PATRIOT FROM No. 71 (not identified). Patriot Commander, I believe it is in order to ask for a report from the book-contract committee at this time.

Commander CHURCH. Let's have a report from the book committee.

Patriot FORGY. Patriots, this report is going to be much shorter than the deliberations which caused the report to be written. The committee was composed of myself as chairman, Patriots George Bradfield, John J. Wims, and H. S. McKinley, Finance Officer Geo. L. McWilliams, and A. J. Beyer, judge advocate—oh, yes; O. B. Carr, of Florida, also was on that committee—pardon me, Carr, it was unintentional. We met here in this room last evening. We had a number of men who were interested in the proposition that sat in, but McWilliams and Beyer, on account of the fact they were instrumental in the procuring of the contract, sat in only in an advisory capacity. As I say, it took slightly more than 3 hours, and at the end of that time we found that we were divided on a basis of about 4 to 1 on the active members of the committee, and of course the advisory members of the committee were in favor of their own product. Let me say in passing that this contract, or these contracts, rather, because it was in two parts, were drawn by one of the best lawyers, one of the best law firms in Chicago, with the supervision and power of correction of our Judge Advocate Beyer. The recommendation of the book-contract committee is as follows—that is the majority—the minority recommendation will be made by Patriot Carr:

The book-contract committee, after a detailed study of the contract, recommends its approval.

Now, at this time may we have the minority report from Patriot Carr?

Patriot GILLILAND. Patriot Commander—

Commander CHURCH. Will you defer until the report is finished?

Patriot GILLILAND. There was no motion before the floor, and I want to ask a reconsideration on the vote, since I voted "yea"—the vote for the next national convention—and I want to ask a reconsideration of the vote and put the vote—

Commander CHURCH. We are under "New business" now, please.

Patriot GILLILAND. That is new business.

Patriot WALTON (No. 96). Patriot Commander, this is pertaining to that reconsideration—

Commander CHURCH. We will have to consider the report, and we are not going to stop in the middle of it to go back. If you wish to go back, we will have to do it after this report.

Patriot GILLILAND. I ask the commander to please revert back to "Unfinished business," or whatever business it might be, since we have no motion before the house, and I will ask the indulgence of the national commander to please revert back to whatever business it might pertain to.

Commander CHURCH. We are going to ask that we finish this report.

Patriot CARR. Mr. Commander and patriots, I met with the committee last evening and I told them very frankly that I was personally opposed to the so-called book contract. I told them that I was mandated by my State to be opposed to it. I told them I was opposed to it because I felt that it was not for the best interests of the National Association of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. As far as the form of the contract is concerned, the legal language, the physical form—that is the main thing we were considering—I made a motion that the legal form of the contract be approved, and that it be returned to the convention, the only recommendation from our committee being that it be presented in detail to the convention. We, in Florida, are what the United States is to the world. We are a melting pot. We have 27 here in our delegation, and I dare say that no 3 of those men are from the same State, and I doubt seriously if 1 of those men was born in Florida—maybe 1; therefore, we represent the 48 States of the Union, you might say, as to our places of birth.

I did not join the Purple Heart for the purpose of anything except comradeship. You know how we stand down there. We put ourselves on record with the national organization; we put ourselves on record in the corridors of this convention; we down there value greatly the honor that has been conferred upon us by our Government in awarding us the Medal of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. We are serious, patriots. We have no desire in the world to see that honor in any way subjected to the danger of degradation. Now, I don't mean that anyone else in the Purple Heart wants that done, but when we commercialize America, and it is being done today—I have seen stationery, none of the officers of the Military Order of the Purple Heart have seen, over the signature of this corporation with whom they are about to make a contract, written into Florida where your national commander promised us the books could not be sold. I understand he had no right but he promised it, not only in West Palm Beach but in Miami. We are not going to have the books sold in Florida. I am going to put this convention on notice. I haven't even discussed doing this with the members of my delegation, although they have approved the move, but do not know I am putting you on notice now, and I assure you, patriots, this is not in the nature of a threat, but it is in the nature of a discussion on the book contract, and when you hear the discussion come forward you will understand perhaps, in some small degree, why we take the position we do. The Department of Florida cannot go along with the national association if they are going to affiliate themselves with a book contract that will commercialize the honor of our medal. I thank you. [Applause and cheers.]

Patriot FORGY. In order to get it on the floor, I move the adoption of the majority report.

Patriot BRADFELD. I second the motion.

Patriot NORRIS (Atlanta). I make a motion we have a roll call.

Commander CHURCH. The acceptance of the report is the first thing in order, and it has been moved and seconded that it be made—

Patriot WEBSTER. Gentlemen of the convention, we are now at the fork of the roads, as far as the history in the future of this organization goes. This is absolutely the most important question that has been brought before this distinguished group of men; therefore, I ask that each and every one of you be equally as conscientious in your decision in casting your vote as the distinguished chairman of the committee that reported it out, and the State commander, O. B. Carr, of the State of Florida, who has just rendered a minority report in opposition to it. I wish to state at this moment that if this contract is approved by this body, you are approving something illegal. Under the constitution that we are operating under, giving power under section 19, of article 11, under which your national executive committee has seen fit to proceed, it states, and according to documentary evidence from the national office, it is the provision upon which and under which your national executive committee has proceeded. Permit me to read it. I quote: "in the interval between its sessions."

Now, gentlemen, a national convention only has sessions during the national convention. I leave it with any lawyer in the house as to whether or not a national convention isn't an absolute and duly elected, delegated body, which is absolutely for the purpose of developing the policy of the organization; and it states, Comrade Commander, that the supreme power of this organization resides in the national convention, and the national convention convenes only once a year. There is no such a thing as a session between a series of national conventions, and we are operating, Mr. Judge Advocate, under Roberts' Rules of Order, aren't we? There is Roberts' Rules of Order. Look up the term used in the Congress of the United States, and find out exactly what a session is. This particular Congress that is now in session in Washington has two big sessions, the first and second; is that correct? Now, the answer is this: the executive committee—and I don't doubt but what it is as sincere in its actions as any other body, has exceeded the power granted to it under the written constitution, and it was never intended that any national convention would permit a national executive committee to go into a contract at any time—

Commander CHURCH. Patriot, 5 minutes is all you are allowed.

Patriot GILLILAND (Atlanta). Patriots, Georgia is one of the old Original Thirteen Colonies—

Patriot WEBSTER. I am ruled out.

Patriot GILLILAND (Atlanta). Which were infested with the carpet-baggers a good many years ago—you damn Yankees [laughter]—but we do want to say in the past few years we have been infested with this book thing; but they have been in our community for years before the Purple Heart got hold of them. They were here with the American Legion, with the D. A. V.'s, and other organizations, and Atlanta, Ga., ran them out. They are a bunch of racketeers, and we don't want

them; and I think, as far as Georgia is concerned, that we will not tolerate them any more; howsoever your national convention may vote, we won't have them. Don't misunderstand me when I said you Yankees were a bunch of carpetbaggers; that was just a phrase we use because we love you. The war is over. But I did want to get myself on record, and Atlanta on record, as saying that we have had this same book brought into Atlanta, brought into Georgia, to various and sundry organizations; and it has always been a flop so far as we have been concerned, and I believe that our little chapter in Georgia will not tolerate it.

I know our civic government and our State government will not tolerate the racketeering that they perform coming to the State of Georgia; and if you will get some legitimate something that is on the up and up, we will welcome it; but as far as this book business, as I recall it—and I am taking it, more or less, as the national commander told me when he was in Atlanta a month or so ago, that this whole thing was executed by an executive committee—you fellows out there, you little privates out there, did not know what it was about; and I asked you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commander—and with my love and esteem for you, and my apologies—about it, and you told me it was none of my business, but I still think it is my business. [Applause.] I am awfully sorry they asked me to get up here and to go through this, but it is the most dastardly thing that was ever promulgated on the Purple Heart if we go into something that the whole body does not know the gist of and every word in the whole contract; and, gentlemen, I want to move you that the whole thing be brought out right here in the open for the whole body to decide on, as per the rules and regulations of our convention, laid down by the rules and regulations of the convention. [Applause.]

Patriot DUNCAN (Florida). Patriots, I just want to say this: If you allow those high-pressure salesmen to go through this country and stick their feet in doors and insult our wives and daughters and other people as they have done in Florida—and we have instructions down there from the police department, published in our newspaper, to call the police when they come and disturb us that way—if you allow that, you might as well disband that organization now, because I, for one, would be ashamed to tell people I belong to the Purple Heart. Those people go in and say, "I represent the Purple Heart; you are going to buy this book"—that runs anywhere from \$20, \$30, to \$150—"you are going to buy this book and benefit all these men fighting and the wounded men." That is the story they tell, and they stick their foot in the door first; and if you allow this, you are making a great mistake.

Patriot FROM MICHIGAN (unidentified). Patriots, I have been a member of the veterans' group for probably 21 years, since right after the war. This book you speak of today—I have had some experience with the men that are now selling your book. I have had experience and know the methods used in their salesmanship. We in Michigan did not allow the book to be sold. We in Michigan did not receive any of the money from headquarters because of that for our rehabilitation office. As an organization, you must have some idea of raising funds to carry on your work and to have an office in Washington to

carry on your work. I don't know what you are going to do if you stick this out of the door.

I bring this up because you want membership, and in order to have membership you are going to have to have service, and if you don't have service you are not going to have any membership. Now, then, you come here to this convention with the idea of kicking something out of the door that your executive committee has taken so long to work on and say that it cannot and should not have been signed between conventions. I believe you are wrong. No organization can carry on any work unless they vest some good judgment in the men they elect. If they don't serve you then you don't want them. That is exactly what your executive committee has done between conventions. This body rules at the convention and between the convention only the men rule that are elected. You have chosen those men to lead you and do the best they can. That is why you must go along with them when they are trying to do so. This man here in the contract, Mr. Mackey, I have met him, and I know some of the methods—they are not his personally, I guess. I think the salesmen he hires are hired with the idea of not doing that very thing, but they use the high pressure to bring on the sale. I only say this to you, while I am not upholding the Mackey contract, if you have a contract to bring in some money to carry on this organization, and can bring it forth, then do so, but don't kick out of the door something that is going to bring in some funds to carry on your work. Every convention of the Purple Heart I attend is getting smaller, and as you carry on you are going to get smaller and smaller than ever, if you don't have the money to carry on. Thank you. [Applause and hisses.]

Patriot DANIELS (Florida). The gentlemen's reports are appreciated, but they still amount to selling out the Purple Heart. I happen to have been assistant manager of a better-business bureau, and I happen to know about magazine salesmen. I live in Miami, and we have more worry with them than with all the other petty racketeers put together. I have in my brief case, and am willing to show them to anybody who wants to look at them—in the short time this contract has been in force I already have about seven or eight reports from various cities in the United States, and I assure you that they are anything but complimentary. One will say, "If a man raps at your door and says he is a representative of the Purple Heart, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wants to sell you some books, it is a commercial deal; all the money by no means goes to the Purple Heart." I have numerous reports like that, and if that many come in in that short time it is terrible to think what it will be 6 months from now. I am reluctant to say these things, for two or three men worked on this and are in favor of it of whom I am fond, and I hate like hell to say these things, but this thing is going to hurt the order. I had a letter from Mr. Mackey last week, advising me that two of his men were in Florida, and would I give them an appointment because he wanted them to do some work down there. That is in direct contradiction to your promise, which I also understand you had no right to make—

Commander CHURCH. Pardon me. I did have the right to make it, and I will call Mr. Mackey's attention to it—to his putting men in Florida.

Patriot DANIELS. I paid no attention to it. He has special Purple Heart stationery with his own address, and has Frank Haley—all those things are not good. It is going to wind up in disgrace for this order the same as the D. A. V. I have a Federal Trade Commission article in my file I shall be glad to show you, which shows the D. A. V. is before the Federal Trade Commission with the same publisher and same contract, and I tell you gentlemen right here, if this contract is approved I am withdrawing my membership from the national organization. [Applause.]

Patriot CARR. He made the statement you did not have the right to promise us the book salesmen would not come into Florida. I would like to have a ruling on it.

Commander CHURCH. I said I did have the right to demand from the Mackey Publishing Co. that they should not sell books in Florida, and I will see to it that they are taken out of there.

Patriot CARR. He says you did not have any right to take any State act. Your own judge advocate says that.

PATRIOT FROM ST. PETERSBURG (Unidentified). I don't talk much and, being a lawyer, I very seldom say anything when I do talk, but in St. Petersburg at the present time I enjoy a fairly good reputation, because people don't know much about me, but as a member of chapter—of a chapter of 86 men in St. Petersburg—which is about one-thirtieth of your entire national organization, I think I have something that you ought to listen to. I don't know anything about this book business. I am not in the book business and I did not join this organization to get into the book business, but I am simply citing this, that a delegation from the chamber of commerce came to see me to remonstrate with us about selling those books, and brought me the reports of the Better Business Relations, or whatever you call it, and they had it in detail—showing it is a hijacking scheme that you should be ashamed to have the name of this order or this organization connected with in any way. If you could see the correspondence, as you should have by now, why you would know that.

We have one argument for this book contract, and that is that we say we need money, which is a damn big mistake. We don't need money. That is what causes every fight in every organization. For 10 or 12 years we have had a good organization of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and had a wonderful time, 50 to 80 men. If the boys did not have any money we took care of it, the other boys, and we have a wonderful organization, but that organization is not going to be a part of this organization if these damn book contracts are carried on and the books sold by this organization. I would be very deeply sorry if that happened—if it does happen—and I sincerely hope that you gentlemen here will forget the dollar end of it and not sell yourselves out because you think you are going to get a little money. [Applause and cheers.]

Patriot MCKINLEY (No. 84). Patriots, I want to say I was placed in a somewhat peculiar and embarrassing situation here through no fault of anybody, you understand, but our State convention went on record against this because of things that had happened previously

in Indiana. We were mandated to vote against this, which we will do, and of course I drew the assignment of this committee. Last night we met and we deliberated for something over 3 hours right after the tour, without anything to eat, and we finally—I don't think anybody was satisfied with this, because we finally agreed, those of us who did agree—I agreed to it as to form, in other words that it evidently was correctly worded, and that was the extent of it. I wanted to clarify the position that I, myself, and Indiana, was placed in. Indiana is definitely against it and will vote against it. [Applause.]

PATRIOT FROM SIOUX CITY (unidentified). As a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization, I, for one, am opposed to anything that will disgrace the third highest ranking honor bestowed upon any man by the United States Government. Secondly, I am not in favor of any organization that is going to try in the future to commercialize a mountain from a molehill in a few years to make people think we are big. We can never be big, for there are not more than 72,000 living and dead eligible for the medal. I have that from Washington records, so I know. Thirdly, I never joined the American Legion, ever since it was organized, until last year, I am sorry to state, for this reason.

In Sioux City we have a membership in the American Legion of 1,103. I mailed my card on George Washington's birthday. I was toastmaster at an event and stated that I have never been a member of the American Legion, not because I did not like them, I thought they were fine, a fine bunch of material, in fact our own buddies who possibly were never wounded, some of them, but perhaps saw more service. Therefore, why should a unit or organization commercialize on something that the average citizen out there don't know nothing about—sometimes it is their own fault. When I go to a meeting and pay my dues I want to know, not from an executive committee but from a regular committee, where that money goes, how the checks are paid, and who pays them. It has been reported, as we know, from time to time, that money has been absconded—it has happened up there, in the V. F. W. there, and I hate mighty bad to see a contract negotiated here, the most highly honored organization, the greatest honor that can ever be bestowed upon any individual that gave his life for his country, and, as I said, not being a citizen of the United States, four brothers fighting for England—my oldest brother fought through the Boer War, and if we went to war again—if we went to war tomorrow against John Bull I would shoulder a musket and fight. [Applause.]

I joined the United States Navy when I was in Salt Lake City; they turned me down because I was not a citizen, but I had my first papers. I went to join the Army and they turned me down because I was not size enough. If I was a man I wanted to be soldier, and they inducted me into the National Guard. I took my medicine, went with the rank and file and was glad I could serve my country, and I want to be in the service of the Purple Heart, and I am opposed to being commercialized for this reason—I have been before the body of the American Legion, the V. F. W., and the D. A. V., and I have told them this from time to time, and instilled it into them, that the Military Order of the Purple Heart is an honored organization of the United States and we have something inside us besides what we wear

on the outside, to show they can never take it away from us, and that is the honor and glory we possess. [Applause.]

PATRIOT FROM MILWAUKEE (unidentified). Patriot Commander, patriots, the first thing I heard of these books was when I received a letter from a Mr. McDonald with the Better Business Association. He said there had been a telephone call that there were two men up at a shoe factory representing themselves as members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and selling this here magazine, these books, and that the squad car went there, and we called a taxi and went there, and the two fellows had disappeared. Three weeks later they got them. Now, I have heard a lot of talk about what the American Legion, the D. A. V., and the V. F. W. did. If it is such a great proposition as some have heard, why did the American Legion drop out of it? The D. A. V. is still hung with them and so is the V. F. W., and I am instructed by my chapter if the book deal goes through that we will pull out as a body. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. We have a motion on the floor—

Patriot LEISTER. I have been accused of many things. I am the organizer of the State of Florida. I have met this opposition against the book contract because the only honor I have in the world is the fact that I lost a leg on Armistice Day, and part of another foot. I would not, under any circumstances, patriots—no personalities, please—yield to conceding to anybody that will come in my home State, or the State of my adoption, stick their foot in the door and demand of my wife the sale of this book. My name has been spread over this hotel as your next candidate as national commander—that is not by my choice. This is in loyalty to the men that I serve—I want to go on record here and now, Patriot Commander and patriots, that in the event this book contract is approved my name will not be presented for national commander, and we will not concede to the national organization, and it is not in a rebellious spirit. We are going to continue as an Order of the Purple Heart in Florida regardless. [Applause.]

Patriot HALEY. Patriots, I have listened to all that has been said and I must say that all that has been said has been in opposition to something I believe in, not on account of the income, but let me set you right here. You are wrong. Now, it seems to me this committee, when the man made the report he agreed, and even Mr. Carr agreed, that from a legal standpoint and in accordance with phraseology it is a very good contract; that it could not be improved upon. We have legal talent here—I am not a lawyer, but a fairly good liar at times, but I need to be in my position—but they all agree the contract is good. Now, it seems to me a question of whether or not the national executive committee had the legal right under our constitution to enter into such a contract, but I maintain under our constitution the executive committee had that right, and I will read it to you—you have all got it, and you can all read; you are all 21 and wear long pants. On page 52 you will find it, in the constitution and bylaws. Now, if the national executive committee had that right under the constitution, then what are you going to do? You must abide by their action. Let me tell you further, that irrespective of what the convention may do, and you are empowered to do what you wish—you can kick it out through the door, or you can

approve of the action by the national executive committee—that is up to you, but let me tell you, it does not make any difference to me what you do, but if you kick it out I will still be a member of the Purple Heart. [Applause.]

I am not telling anybody that I will jump the traces if things don't go my way—if they don't play ball the way I want them to. Let me tell you another thing. If you kick this contract out through the window here, the Veterans' Administration may say we don't need any representation before the Administration; but I have had plenty of letters—plenty since this came to me—asking me about the cases, asking my advice, and they will continue to do it, and I will gladly give it to them. Now, if you throw this contract out the window, you are going to lose representation; you are going to lose recognition with the Veterans' Administration, you are not going to have it; and when you lose that you lose plenty of other recognition in Washington. It is a question of whether or not you want this organization to go along and prosper and get to the position where the Purple Heart belongs. If you don't want that, then kick it out, and more power to you; but I advise you to consider what you do. Thank you. [Applause.]

Patriot GILLILAND. Patriot Commander—

Commander CHURCH. You have spoken before—

Patriot GILLILAND. I have the right to speak twice.

Judge Advocate BEYER. May I call your attention to one thing, patriots? We have a timekeeper in Past Commander McCarthy. You all know McCarthy and know he is square, and he is keeping time, and he will tell you that the opposition to this contract has talked at least 35 minutes, and Mr. Haley talked only a few minutes. In fairness, let somebody else talk about the contract, too; is that right? [Applause.] I will tell you where I stand. In the first place, there is not a one of you who has spoken in opposition to this that has exceeded my opposition to this contract when it first came to my attention. I felt just like Leister did; I felt just like some of you do, that this thing should not be commercialized, and I did not want anything to do with the matter from the start. I met Frank Holland, made a special trip twice to Lansing, Mich.—there are those of you who know Frank Holland and know he is a better business bureau man—and he said, "Look out for Mackey; a thing has to be done just so," and I said, "Well, Frank, if the thing is done just so, will it help?" And he said, "Yes; that is the thing to look out for."

Don't forget, that was my first attitude, and there isn't a one of you who has damned it as much as I did to start with. I felt like you about commercializing. My God, did you look up the word to know what you are talking about? There isn't a chapter in the Military Order of the Purple Heart that has not by different methods raised funds, not just by dues. There may be one, two, or three, but I do know there are very few veterans' organizations that have not raised funds by some other means than dues; and, if you can tap some source that will not be tapped in any other way, let's tap it and get some money. They would not be making their money today if it had not been for fellows like you and the rest of the boys that were ready to defend their country. Various chapters do various things. I know that and you know that. Count some of the things they do: Bingo games, slot machines, taverns, and raffling off blan-

kets, and so forth. Everybody does a certain amount of that, and you cannot get away from it. The fellows in the Legion, in the V. F. W., and lots of the members of the D. A. V., they also think they wear wings, and they did exactly what we are doing.

Now, this contract is not a bad contract, and please remember that when this contract was put over, when it was put over into my hands, I thought I was dealing with a man strictly business. I felt, like you, that I did not want any or all these raw things mentioned here, there is not a one that the contract does not protect the organization against.

We have the power to fire those men, you realize that; and any time anybody does anything in the sale of these books that is not right we have the power to fire them. All you have to do is let your Better Business Bureau bring them in and we will fire them, and if a man cancels a check—after all don't forget we keep criminals out of any organization, and there is Mr. McCarthy's organization to take care of those things. For several years I dealt with a Better Business Bureau, and I know the difference between a racket that is a pure racket and something that is done to help and where we get something out of it. There is no question the better business bureaus do a lot of good, but don't forget this, that the D. A. V. still has it hung around their necks. May I have 2 minutes more?

(At this point there were cries of "no".)

Commander CHURCH. Now, we will—

Patriot GILLILAND. Patriot Commander—

Commander CHURCH. Be quiet, Mr. Gilliland. I would like to recognize someone who wishes to speak in favor of the contract. I would like to ask if I have been unfair in the administration of this.

(At this point there were cries of "yes" and "no".)

Patriot SCHNELLER. Patriot Commander, I rise to a point of courtesy. The new national president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Purple Heart is without the door. Let's permit her to speak to us—

(At this point there were cries of "No".)

Commander CHURCH. Quiet, now.

Patriot SEGAL. I would like to ask the judge advocate a question or two about the contract. I have been listening for the better part of an hour and I have heard a lot of discussion pro and con. May I ask the judge advocate a simple question of law? Can we abrogate the contract?

Judge Advocate BEYER. I have thought about that. Speaking as judge advocate, I have thought about that problem, and McWilliams and Forgy can tell you they talked to me about it. I would not want to say right now that we can—inside of the 5 years, or 6—when the contract has reached its performance by Mackey. If there is a salesman who should be in jail instead of selling books, and if he violates the contract, then we have the power to immediately abrogate it, and the executive committee can do it, I think. I am convinced of that; but whether without cause, I am not staking my reputation without a lawbook around or anything else.

Patriot SEGAL. I know I have been up before, but I am speaking pro and con, but would it be in order for a motion to be made at this time?

Commander CHURCH. There is a motion before us now.

Patriot SEGAL. An amendment to the motion whereby a special committee shall be appointed, representing the rank and file of our organization, to serve for a limited period of time, perhaps 6 months, to find ways and means of presenting facts, not fanciful affairs but facts, to be in a position as soon as possible to abrogate the contract.

Commander CHURCH. We will vote on the question.

Patriot WEBSTER. That is only a suggestion. I request unanimous consent to speak again.

(At this point there were cries of "No.")

Patriot CUMMINGS (Florida). Patriot Commander, I should like to ask a question. I believe we are all agreed as to how we feel about this. It is a question of whether we do or don't. Isn't it entirely possible, without further discussion—it is going to become acrimonious, I fear, we don't want to see that—to have our ballot on this now?

Commander CHURCH. We agree. [Applause.] Patriots, I feel that the one man who has participated in this for the greatest extent should be heard. Patriot McWilliams.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. May I say in a few words—I don't believe you would have the respect for me I want to have if I did not say to you, because of my contact with the formulation of this contract I don't believe you would think me quite fair with you or myself if I did not tell you that the contract was drawn up with the full intention—we believe that the contract has resulted in full protection for you as members of the Purple Heart. I would like to consider myself the last one who would want to have a contract that would hurt the Purple Heart. I believe you all will believe me when I say that. I have talked to the Florida delegation, which, I know, is opposed to this, and I know others have talked in opposition to it, and I have a deep respect for your honest convictions, and I want you to have the same respect for me and my convictions. Again, I do not want this contract for the Military Order of the Purple Heart if it is the opinion of the majority, if the members of the organization are opposed to it. I do believe in majority rule, and I am sure that you all, by and large, believe in the same principle. The sole difference in opinion is a matter of policy. I believe Patriots Carr, McKinley, and the other members of the committee here considered the contract from start to finish, from the very first word of it to the signature. I believe, as Patriot Carr stated, and as Patriot McKinley stated, the contract is good. It is a matter of policy and principle, and that is the thing we are to decide upon.

I don't want to influence you in matters of principle. I would not do that for the world, because a man's own principle and his sincere belief in that is worth more than the \$20,000 or so we will get out of the contract. I am certain that you feel that I am sincere in that. As your national finance officer for the past year, it was solely from the matter of finances that this was taken up. We did not have money to pay out bills and we had to have means for doing that. That was the basis, that was the reason, the standpoint, upon which this contract was worked out. I am not appealing to you either way. I thought you would not consider me fair in my own views if I did not tell you these things. I think the harmony of a convention is worth more than anything else, if we had some other source

for the necessary funds. I have nothing further to say except that I hope in the vote that you will consider this from the standpoint of our honest convictions and not from undue influence. I want you to know the contract as drawn up. I believe the members of this committee appointed to consider it are fully in accord, even the minority report. I am certain of that. That is all I have, Patriot Commander.

Patriot WIMS. Patriots, I happened to serve on the committee last night with Patriot Carr and the rest of that committee. We went over this thing with a fine-toothed comb, and I just want to back up these other members of that committee, that the contract is a just one for the way it is drawn. Sitting here all I could hear was D. A. V., D. A. V. I don't know anything about the D. A. V. I think it is a wonderful organization, but I am trying to figure it out. It seems that the D. A. V. is a little sore on losing the goose that has been laying the golden egg for the last 10 years. In that time I have been informed that the so-called racketeers, as some of the boys are putting it, have turned over to the D. A. V. \$357,000. That is not bad, patriots; and all them years they never, any of them, wanted to get rid of Mackey. We were informed, this committee, last night—I think Patriot Carr will back me up on this—that the D. A. V. has been threatening for the last year or two to cancel this contract with Mr. Mackey. He called their bluff and they could not take it. The result is that he lined up with this organization here. I cannot see at all where we are selling out this organization. The D. A. V. in 10 years' time got \$357,000 and put in 45,000 members throughout the country. After all, we have nothing to fight with; we cannot go along on the dues that are put into the national organization; and, after all, it is all right for us buddies up here at the convention—we may be a little better off than the poor fellows at home who could not get here—but how about us trying to help them out? And, the only way is to try and get behind a contract of this kind. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Let's proceed with the vote.

Patriot FROM FLOOR (unidentified). Patriot Commander, I haven't had a word to say on the floor since I came. I have done a lot of work, probably just as much as any of you, and I am entitled to as much consideration. I am not a lawyer and am not going to make an oration of any sort, but I am a Purple Heart. I have been awarded that medal for certain services which were performed with all sincerity, and I will always be a Purple Heart. I am not going to say that I will jump the fence [applause] but I will choose the ones I will follow. I am not going to say anything about the D. A. V. I have been a member of the D. A. V., and a member of the American Legion, and I have been a member of the Forty and Eight, a national officer in both organizations. I have had some little experience in the promotion and organization of schemes for raising money. The Purple Heart, an organization of our size, does not need \$350,000. [Applause.] For the years that the veterans of our own association spent before the organization of the Purple Heart, or before they were able to help them, they got along very well without the avid influence in legislation, and got what they were entitled to, the ones that were wounded. We don't need a special organization to do more good than they were doing; we don't need an office in Washington with a 4-inch

carpet that has been described to me by your director as the kind you could walk on and it would not make any impression. That does not do the veterans any good. [Applause.]

I will answer to his personal privilege if you care to give him the floor, because I am bringing it direct, not from a communication, but word of mouth, and I sat in a hotel in West Palm Beach and entertained this gentleman when he made that statement. Now, we don't need that sort of thing, but we do need to protect the clean name of the Purple Heart. If there are other organizations that do not care if their names are dragged into the mud, the Purple Heart does; and if this illustrious father of ours whose picture looks down on us could hear this discussion this afternoon he would be ashamed of his first award of merit, which we don't recognize, and which probably most of us, if we are going to continue this, should not have. If funds were to be raised to meet some obligation of the Father of our Country they would have raised them without such a thing as we want to vote on, and I would like very much to leave that with you. You know how we stand, the ones in Florida who have guts enough to say how they feel. When we came, it was said by someone that the Florida delegation was trying to throw a monkey wrench into the operation. We have just got the guts to state our case. I leave it to you on the ballot. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. The ballot will begin now. The voting is on the motion to adopt the report of the committee from last night.

Patriot CEAS (No. 75, Michigan). Patriot Commander, how can we go into this thing and take action when we don't know whether we can break what we have entered into? I don't see where we are getting any place here. We have entered into the contract. Do we know if we can break it or be liable for trying to break it; break a contract we have entered into? Do we know whether the contract can be broken or not?

Patriot WEBSTER. Do you know what the contract is, Brother?

Judge Advocate BEYER. Up to this time I will concede that we have had exceptional order during this convention. Let the proponents of this contract talk, and I wish you would give us as much careful attention as we gave to those men who talked against it.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). I make a motion we read the contract.

Commander CHURCH. This is on the report of the book-contract committee, on which there was a motion to adopt, which motion was seconded:

The book-contract committee, after a detailed study of the contract, recommends its approval.

You will now vote on the negative or positive side. If you vote "yes," you are voting in favor of the contract. If you vote "no," you are voting against the contract.

(At this point National Adjutant Eaton called the roll, with the following result:)

Department of Connecticut-----	Yes.
District of Columbia-----	
Department of New Jersey-----	
Department of New York-----	Yes.
Department of Massachusetts-----	

Department of Pennsylvania	Yes.	
Baltimore Chapter No. 122 (instructed to say "Yes" or "No")	No.	
Department of Illinois	{ Yes -----	(19)
	{ No -----	(9)
Department of Indiana	No.	
Department of Ohio	-----	
Department of Michigan	Yes.	
Milwaukee, Chapter 69	No.	
Department of Minnesota	No.	
Mount City, Chapter No. 20	-----	
Stansbury, Chapter No. 66 (not being instructed)	No.	
Heart of the Nation, No. 115	No.	
Frank F. Kahl, No. 117 (passed).	-----	
Gen. Daniel R. Bissell, No. 125	No.	
Sioux Falls	-----	
Department of California [applause]	Yes.	
Seattle, No. 12	-----	
Hubert F. Zumwalt, No. 53	-----	
U. G. McAlexander, No. 73	-----	
Arizona, No. 73	No.	
Tacoma, No. 101	-----	
Department of Florida	No.	
Old Hickory, No. 98	No.	
Jos. F. Newitt, No. 121 (no answer).	-----	
Commander Church	Yes.	
Senior Vice Commander Weinburgh	Yes.	
Junior Vice Commander Gildea (passed).	-----	
Junior Vice Commander Emery	Yes.	
Finance Officer McWilliams	Yes.	
National Adjutant Eaton	Yes.	
Chaplain Gustav Stearns (absent).	-----	
Inspector Hamilton	Yes.	
Sergeant at Arms Thomas	Yes.	
Sunflower Chapter, No. 124	No.	
Past Commander McCarthy	No.	
Americanism Officer Schneller	No.	

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander, I—

Patriot LEISTER. I want to enter a protest before the tabulation is made. I understand that California mandated against this book contract. If that is so, and I have been told that, I see no reason why one man can vote against the mandate of a convention.

PATRIOT FROM CALIFORNIA (unidentified). We are voting to the best of our ability the way we feel, and I still vote 73 votes, "yes." [Applause.]

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander, a ruling by the judge advocate, please. Doesn't the rule state that the various chapter votes may be cast only by a State officer after certification to our national adjutant? Isn't that the rule? May I have the rule read, please?

(At this point Judge Advocate Beyer read the above-referred-to rule.)

Judge Advocate BEYER. That was adopted yesterday.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Patriot Commander, may I ask the patriot from California if—

Commander CHURCH. He has made his statement.

Patriot WEBSTER. Patriot Commander, I have in mind rule 6. Let me read rule 6:

One or more delegates of a chapter only partially represented may vote the full accredited delegate strength, upon unanimous agreement of those present. Chapters not having any delegates or alternates present may vote through a department officer, provided the commander of such chapter has sent to the national adjutant a written request, in duplicate, for the information of the credentials committee.

I want to know whether the California chapters have done so through the national adjutant and, if not, the California vote is protested. I think the commander will recognize a protest that is legal. Patriot Commander, the judge advocate has got to agree that everything is in order.

Judge Advocate BEYER. I beg your pardon, Mr. Webster. I don't want him to tell me what to do. I am reading correctly from the rules committee report, from the credentials committee, adopted by this convention. [Applause.]

Patriot CEAS. Commander, I move you at this time we proceed according to the rules and order set up.

Patriot SEGAL. What is the result of the vote?

Patriot DUNCAN. The vote against the report is 125; for, 309.

Patriot CARR. Patriot Commander, I ask your attention a moment. What I am about to do I do with reluctance, but with great pride. At first I said I was sorry it had to happen in Atlanta, but I don't know. Atlanta is a cradle of patriotism. Just a few days ago they would not let a loud-mouthed Senator come and talk about the President of the United States. They ruled him out, so I am rather proud this does happen here.

We of the Department of Florida cannot go along with any association that is willing to commercialize a medal given to us by our Government for service rendered to that Government. As I said, I am reluctant to do this, but I do it with pride, and I hereby turn over the charter of the State of Florida, pass it back to your national commander.

Commander CHURCH. It is accepted by the national commander. [Applause.]

Patriot GILLILAND. Patriot Commander—

Judge Advocate BEYER. May I suggest, with the permission of the gentleman, that we take a recess of 5 minutes? It is 10 minutes after 6, and we need an hour at least for the election, and we want to complete it before dinner, and if we take a few minutes recess it might calm the waters.

Patriot MINTON. I postponed it indefinitely.

Judge Advocate BEYER. We will take a recess of 10 minutes.

(Whereupon there was a 10-minute recess.)

AFTER RECESS

Commander CHURCH. Let's assemble again. Please be seated. The sergeant at arms will please bring Mrs. Bradfield, the newly elected national president of the auxiliary, to the platform. [Applause.]

Mrs. BRADFIELD. Thank you very, very much. I appreciate it deeply, this tribute from you to the auxiliary, and I feel a little bit of it perhaps to me. I hope very sincerely that your election will go as smoothly as ours. It was just like a river without a ripple, and I hope very much yours will be likewise. I will not keep you longer. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Let's proceed to the election of officers.

Patriot CEAS (No. 75, Michigan). Since this terrible thing has happened I think something should be done about it if there can be, and I think it would be nice on the commander's part if he would appoint a committee of five or six men, who know how to talk, to go

up and see the Florida delegation and get this thing ironed out. We don't want this to happen. See if we cannot get them to calm down, cool off, and come back on the floor where they belong. I think we should appoint a committee to invite those fellows back where they rightfully belong, and not have them walk out on the convention, and let's keep our heads and get along like Mrs. Bradfield said the auxiliary did. We have had a wild ocean down here, and everything else. Let's see if we cannot cut out this raging and act like a bunch of men instead of a bunch of heathens.

Patriot HILL (Mount Vernon). The suggestion is very good, but I don't think it would be any good at this time. I think maybe it would make matters worse than they are now sending a delegation up there to talk to them now, because they are all hot-headed and you won't get anywhere with them now. Maybe in 2 or 3 hours from now, but not at this moment.

Patriot HACKER. I think it would be a courtesy on our part. We have to keep our heads. One side has to give in. At least let's show them we are heart and soul with them as members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and, as a matter of courtesy, ask them to come back again. What they want to do is another thing, but I warn you they will come back if we will let them know we want them. They belong here. [Applause.]

Judge Advocate BEYER. I would like to make this a motion, and I would recommend that the convention here assembled pass it, that a committee consisting of Patriot Schneller as chairman, Patriot Ceas, Patriot Coulson, and Patriot Segal go right up, and Patriot Tarver, from Michigan, be delegated immediately to go up and ask these men to please remember that they are still Purple Heart men and we are going to so regard them. Tell them that there are about 75 men here that have to leave within the next 6 hours, and we want to get our business completed here tonight. I make that as a motion.

(The motion was seconded by Patriot Schroeder, of New York, voted upon, and carried, and the appointed committee left the convention room.)

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Patriots, you know it is about time we were getting ready for the banquet. I would like to make a motion at this time that we adjourn until 9 o'clock in the morning.

Patriot SCHNELLER. Patriot Commander, I would like to request that Patriot Hill and Chaplain Gustav Stearns come along with us.

Judge Advocate BEYER. Sure; go along.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Mr. Commander, I would like to ask that the two resolutions that were tabled be presented promptly and voted upon.

Commander CHURCH. Will you state the motion again?

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move the resolutions that were tabled be removed from the table and now presented to the body for consideration.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriot Commander, I ask for the floor.

Commander CHURCH. Patriot Bradfield.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Bear with me, fellows, please. You have heard the reading of the resolution amending the rules and regulations pertaining to the duties of the national service director. I move the adoption of that report, unless you wish it reread.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot BRADFIELD. The next resolution, not read but automatically tabled with the other because it must be a companion one, is as follows—this is to be a new section, 22 of article 11; that article 11 as is now in the book will become a new article in the renewing [reading]:

DUTIES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE PUBLICATION CONTRACT

1. A board of trustees of the publication contract shall be appointed by the vote of the executive committee to consist of five members to be in charge of the administration of the contract, said appointment to be for the life of said contract.

2. The membership of this board shall consist of past national commanders.

3. Seats in this board of trustees shall be filled by the vote of the executive committee.

4. The board of trustees is charged with the complete administration of the contract entered into with the publishing company, unless discharged by a national convention.

I must now make some explanation of this. In the study of the contract last evening this matter of the control of the organization, by the organization rather, over the operation of the contract, in behalf of the organization, was set up in this board of trustees and five past national commanders, namely, Pickard, McCarthy, Thompson, Carlson, and Church, were named specifically; that is the first committee. It was thought, however, that in the rules and regulations, which must specify some control in behalf of the organization, because the executive committee has a responsibility in behalf of the national body in the appointment of such committee or board of trustees, it was thought best that past national commanders in name should not be mentioned in the rules; hence item 2, or paragraph 2, as follows:

The membership of this board shall consist of past national commanders—was thought to be the better solution of the problem, inasmuch as past national commanders were first appointed. Now, I believe in this set-up that we should take these in order—one at a time for approval—because the wording now is something that you must be cognizant of and appreciate. I have written this without legal advice, hence I wish the lawyers in the room to pay close attention, ask for repetition, if necessary, so we can amend it now. [Reading:]

1. A board of trustees of the publication contract shall be appointed by the vote of the executive committee, to consist of five members, to be in charge of the administration of the contract, said appointment to be for the life of the contract.

I move its adoption, hence placing it on the floor for consideration. I will wait a minute, if any of the lawyers here want to see it, because it amounts to the organization rules relative to that particular part of the contract and, hence, I think it should be given careful study, inasmuch as we have to wait a few minutes for the boys to come back.

Patriot HANSON. I feel like this, it would work good if each department commander had—

Patriot BRADFIELD. That part of it is in 2. The first is that we are going to have a board of trustees regardless of who it is.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). May I ask Mr. Bradfield, through the Chair, if he, in the following part of that amendment, specifies the duties and privileges of this board of trustees that he sets up?

Patriot BRADFIELD. No; I find that I have not. Perhaps a No. 5 or No. 6 paragraph should be set up in that sense. I am going to ask

now if you will get a sheet of paper, one of the men who know the contract—maybe Mr. Forgy or Mr. Beyer—and write that particular section. Is there any objection to this paragraph No. 1?

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Patriot Bradfield, may I have some information as to what is contemplated as to the duties—this supervising?

Patriot BRADFIELD. I would suggest, inasmuch as I am acting on the committee, at this particular point that right now we present them so that we may get the thing in brass tacks right now, as to the authority of this particular board of trustees which we might set up, and I would request, if it is in order, that Patriot Beyer or Patriot Forgy, both lawyers, work on that particular paragraph.

Patriot BEYER. In explanation of the board that is to administer the contract, in the first place please remember this, patriots, that any action taken by the executive committee, of course within limits, is subject entirely to revision by this convention, but as far as that particular contract, we had heard rumors at various times that Mackey, who was furnishing \$357,000 in a period of 10 years, sought to control the organization, the D. A. V.'s, and dictate who should be commander, who should be adjutant, and things like that. Now, there are men among us here who perhaps know more about that than I do—I never was a member of the D. A. V.—but we heard rumors.

On the other hand, when we were with, were in touch with Mackey, we heard rumors to the effect that State departments and local chapters would come in to Mackey and say: "We would like to run a party or a particular kind of convention; it would be a good thing if you held out \$500 or \$1,000 to our local chapter, or local department, in order to run this." I don't know these things first-hand and, as a lawyer, Forgy will put me on the pan if I repeat them as statements of fact. I don't. But I have heard about them. The thing we wanted to do in establishing this particular committee to control the contract was to prevent Mackey controlling our organization, and also to prevent someone from our organization going to Mackey and saying "Cross my palm." Now, the only way we could do that—we could not pick a particular committee from among the men, because if you did you would pick somebody who was on the way up to be commander or something, and he would be going to Mackey and saying, "We will carry along with your contract as long as you help me to be boosted to commander," which, in the D. A. V., is a job that pays six to eight thousand dollars a year besides traveling expenses and seeing the country, and it must be a pretty good thing. Now, we had to pick men who were through as far as wanting to be national commander is concerned, and we picked five national commanders, starting from General Pickard, past commander and former police commissioner of Detroit, and you know he knows much about how book salesmen act; Thompson, a lawyer in Minneapolis, a past commander; Carlson, who certainly was not born yesterday, and who is a past commander, and he is out on the coast to catch anything that happens out there; and then there is our present commander, who will be a past commander tonight, and who is through as far as wanting to be elected to anything, and he is at Washing-

ton and can protect our interests there; and of all persons, the other person is McCarthy, of Miami, police commissioner, and he knows his way around; and we look to this group of five men who will keep Mackey from controlling us, and who will keep some of our fellows from going to Mackey and saying "Cross my palm."

In addition to that, don't forget we are looking for gold, of course. We are looking for money. And suppose it is true what some of the members are saying, that Mackey's men come there; suppose sometimes they came along and sledge hammered some people there into buying some of these books, the immediate thing that any local man in Florida can do is get in touch with the chief of police in Miami, Fla., and the chief of police, under this contract, can immediately get in touch with Mackey and, under the terms of this contract, this chief of police has the authority to demand from Mackey the discharge of that salesman. Now, I concede to start with that we don't all wear wings. There are those of you, perhaps, who have sold books in your town—I made a flop at it; I never could sell—and you know that there is a certain amount of high pressure used in selling books. You cannot get away from it. I am a sucker for books. My goodness, a salesman can come in my house and, if I am not protected by my wife, he will have my name on the line, and I have at least three or four sets in my home that cost all the way from \$55 to \$88 that I have not even opened, and when my wife wants to put me in the "dog house" she talks to me about the books in the house. Every time I have signed and the salesman has gone, if there had been someone there I could kick to I would have been kicking because that guy took unfair advantage of me when it came to signing on the dotted line. But a lot of them are not that easy, and they have to use more pressure on them. There are some things I have in my home I would not have bought if pressure had not been brought to bear that I need today.

Just before I left for Atlanta—I left on Friday morning—well, on Thursday evening a fellow got me to agree to put in an air-conditioning system in my home, and he had to use pressure to do it. People don't shell out money without pressure, and I think if some of that pressure is going around, this organization is entitled to some of that, too. I know among the contracts there is one addition that is going to sell for a thousand dollars. Now, mind you, anybody who can buy a set of books worth a thousand dollars—

Patriot FORGY. May I interrupt the judge advocate to ask him if he is answering my question or, if he hasn't, when will he answer it?

Judge Advocate BEYER. Anybody who can afford to buy one of those sets of books worth a thousand dollars is not even going to need the protection of the committee we set up. That question, I believe, is if this particular committee has complete authority to administer that contract. If you don't want them, go ahead and set up another committee. That you can do. That is not in the contract with Mackey, but there is not a thing to prevent you and me from instructing the executive committee to change the method of administering that contract. If you have a better idea of it, go ahead and introduce it. We did the best we could, and that committee is definitely now pledged to administer that contract, enforcing the contract, and protecting it, and that is the proposition. Does that answer the question?

Patriot FORGY. No; what we want to know—I was supposed to collaborate with you in writing a section in your rules and regulations in regard to the functioning of this committee. I have a little suspicion, but that is about all from your—

Patriot BRADFIELD. I think I can clarify this. No. 5 in the paragraph should be the specific duties and functions of this board of trustees in that operation, in the administration of the contract, as defined in No. 4. Now, No. 5 should outline the specific things. First, What they do first? First, all complaints on salesmen, of sales methods of salesmen of the publishing company go to the board of trustees; am I right?

Judge Advocate BEYER. Yes.

Patriot HANSON (Minnesota). I say, now, you have all past commanders. You have—

Patriot BRADFIELD. Just a minute. No. 2: All claims of the publishing company against any member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart go to the board of trustees; am I correct in that?

Judge Advocate BEYER. Yes.

Patriot BRADFIELD. You see; in other words, we are prescribing what the administration of this contract means. All right; is there a third one?

Patriot HALEY. Did I understand you to say that it would be the duty of this board of trustees to iron out any complaint that may be brought, then, from any source, to the police departments or to the Better Business Bureaus or from any other source, for them to handle that?

Patriot BRADFIELD. I believe that that was the substance of what I said. You understand, I am talking here, am building these words right out of thin air. I am talking for these fellows. They got into an argument and they could not agree on the definitions, so I am talking out of thin air.

Patriot HALEY. I am doing likewise. The question that arises in my mind is, Suppose they complain, that a complaint comes in about some book salesman—and there will be complaints for there have already some come in—if you are going to refer that to each of these five members of this board, you are going to lose a lot of time, and there is going to be a lot of time lost. I think it is, and I believe it is in the contract with Mackey, isn't it, and I may be wrong, that this organization, or the director, the service director, would have the right, or the organization through its service director would have the right, to demand that Mackey immediately fire his salesman, if upon an investigation it is found that that man is not using tactics that we would approve of?

Patriot BRADFIELD. That is not in the original contract.

Patriot HALEY. It seemed to me it was.

Patriot MCWILLIAMS. The fact is, in order not to further burden the trustees with matters which can be handled by the service director, that is where those occurrences can be handled by him, it was the intention of the committee that it should be so handled.

Patriot BRADFIELD. No. 3. Routine objections—

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). I think, in going over the contract last night, there was a clause that gave the service officer the permission, where a man does not live up to the qualifications and uses

any high-pressure methods, that he can be discharged. The recommendation—

Patriot BRADFIELD. Let me word it first.

FROM THE FLOOR. For your information, one salesman has been fired at my recommendation and request of Mackey. I got a report, which I considered, and I further investigated it, and told him he better get rid of the man. As I understand it, there is something in the contract that gives this organization, through its service director, the right to fire a man, but he cannot hire one.

Patriot BRADFIELD (reading):

No. 3. Routine matters of objection may be covered in behalf of the board of trustees by the national service director.

Have I covered it now? Is that wording all right? These lawyers have to watch the wording.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. It was not the intention to have this board function in other than the major differences that might arise and in any differences that might arise between the Mackey organization and the Purple Heart. I have a different line, paragraph, here which might clear up the point.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Read it please. We have to watch things. We have a reporter here trying to take these things down, patriots.

Patriot McWILLIAMS (reading):

It is mutually agreed that all salesmen shall be under the joint supervision of the agent and of the legislative, Americanism chairman of the Purple Heart, who shall have the power to order the discharge of any salesman who in his judgment is making misrepresentations or using sales methods of any character which would have the tendency to mislead the public or might be interpreted as unfair competition, or might bring the Purple Heart into—

Those are the points that we have been stressing, that we had in mind when the contract was drawn, to give full protection to the Purple Heart.

Patriot BRADFIELD. At the end of the sentence I gave you put a comma and "all major points of difference to be referred to the board of trustees." Does that finish the clarification now? Now, are we covered in the operation of that, Mr. Forgy?

Patriot FORGY. Patriot Commander, to the Patriot Bradfield, through the Chair: These members of this committee are located perhaps strategically, but nevertheless from one coast to the other coast. Is it contemplated that one member of this body can act in any of these capacities which we refer to without consultation with the others, or is it necessary that they all get together and all agree, or is it a majority of the trustees, the board of trustees? In other words, we are giving them some authority here but let's first determine, or at least sometimes determine, who we are giving the authority to. In other words, if something happens in San Francisco, we have one of the members right there. Does he have to communicate with Commander Church, who will be the closest, for instance, or can he handle that there?

Patriot BRADFIELD. I should think in the majority, in the major points, in clearing them, the board of trustees should be allowed to get together, for if I were one of them I would hate to settle any major point of difference myself, if I were in the position of Carlson, McCarthy, Thompson, or Church. I am going to say something right

now as to No. 4, which I have no authority to state, but which the convention has authority to act upon, and I may be out of order here. If so, correct me.

4. When it is necessary that this board of trustees act upon a major question, the discussion of which necessitates personal conference, that such moneys as are necessary for the expenses be allocated.

Commander CHURCH. If you will excuse me, we are anxious to get a report from the committee.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Is there any objection to that?

Patriot McWILLIAMS. It unquestionably was in everyone's mind who considered this contract that agreements and arrangements be made—I am certain that the committeemen present will bear me out in this—that that board should have authority to organize among themselves and conduct their business as they see fit, and certainly with the funds we have any reasonable expenditures for the benefit of the order would certainly be approved by the executive committee.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Does that cover it?

Patriot McWILLIAMS. Just a bit strong, but——

Patriot BRADFIELD. Maybe it could be reworded.

Patriot GILDEA. Do we understand that each individual member of this board of trustees has the same power to discharge any salesman or agent without calling a meeting of——

Patriot BRADFIELD. I would assume no. They don't have any part in the discharge. They have the power to recommend discharge by the Mackey Publishing Co.

Patriot GILDEA. Individually, or do they have to call a meeting?

Patriot BRADFIELD. I would not say that. If I were Carlson, and something came up and needed action, I certainly would not bother Haley with it or the national service director. I would write direct to Mackey and require it.

Patriot GILDEA. I wanted to get straight with it.

Patriot BRADFIELD (reading):

No. 5. Any one of the board of trustees may function in requesting the discharge or dismissal of any salesman under the terms of the contract through the publishing company.

Is that right?

Patriot McWILLIAMS. Yes. May I add—unless you have another point——

Patriot BRADFIELD. I am done.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. Another important function of this board of trustees is that relationship of the national service director with the order. In other words, they control his actions and, if any differences arise there, difference goes to them for more consideration.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I give up to the Chair to allow the national commander to call in the special committee.

Commander CHURCH. I call on Colonel Schneller.

Patriot SCHNELLER. Patriot Commander and patriots, the Florida delegation was at a meeting and very cordially invited us in. I gave them your invitation to return and told them how much they meant to you, and that we should not let anything break our comradeship bonds. They are going to come to the banquet and to the dance. What they say now is that they propose—that they are going to continue the

Order of the Purple Heart; they started the order before there was a national organization. I will ask Mr. McCarthy to report further.

Past Commander McCARTHY. I would like to hear from Colonel Duncan, if it is all right, in regard to the number of votes cast in that election.

Patriot DUNCAN. Mr. Commander, someone told me, I don't know how true that is, that there were 380 votes certified to the adjutant. I was told, in other words, the convention had 380 votes, and the votes shown by the tally sheets totaled 434 votes. In other words, you had 54 more votes than you had in the convention, because the people voting for the contract were 309 against 125. We had 3 tally sheets there and each one tallied. Each man had the same totals, so they simply wanted me to come in and make the statement, and I have done so.

Patriot BRADFIELD. May I ask Duncan a question? Colonel Patriot Duncan, did the 380 that you mentioned include the other votes of the national officers?

Patriot DUNCAN. I don't know. I was under the impression—National Adjutant EATON. It does not include the national officers.

Patriot DUNCAN. Would that total 54? I think the last few votes we got singly only amounted to seven or eight. Thank you.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). In the fourth zone only one State voted; Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Arizona did not have a vote.

Past Commander McCARTHY. Fellow Patriots, it hurts me very much to withdraw from serving on this committee, on the booklet committee. I am going to have to tender my resignation due to the fact that I am loyal to the Florida folks. I feel this way—this is the first opportunity I have had to talk, and if you will bear with me—I know you are tired, but I won't take long. First of all, I am a police officer, and am inspector of police in Miami, and have been chief of police there. I know what these book people do, yet that is water over the dam. I went up and talked with the fellows in the room and their decision is final. They are not coming back into the organization. They are going to show their sportsmanship by attending the banquet this evening, and I hope we all have a good time, and I am awfully sorry that this occurred, had to happen, especially since I was the organizer 4 months ago, and I have been a hard worker, and will always be a Purple Heart in heart, but I am sorry to say I am going to have to tender my resignation to serve on that committee. Thank you, fellows, and I'll see you at the banquet.

Commander CHURCH. Commander McCarthy, I know I express the feeling of the entire organization in the deep regret that we hold over this occurrence, and we certainly feel that if there is any way to heal the breach we are ready to step up and push to the best of our ability to cover the breach. If there is any way in which any of us can be of service to you, call us, please.

Past Commander McCARTHY. May I have one more word?

Patriot CEAS (No. 75). If we find this contract can be broken and we can wiggle loose from this thing, which I think a lot of us want to do, but we could not very well go on record here of breaking a contract if we did not know how the law stood on the thing—we

don't want a lawsuit on us to tie the organization up—if there is a loophole where the contract can be broken, and this book deal abolished and done away with, will the Florida delegation come back into the national organization?

Past Commander McCARTHY. I would not want to answer that until I contacted the delegation and get their version of the matter.

Patriot CEAS. If you will let me know I will do everything I can.

Past Commander McCARTHY. Thank you. I will bring you back a report on that. I want to say in conclusion, that money isn't everything. Give me this bunch of fellows and you can have your money. Give me this bunch of fellows and I will be happy with a glass of beer instead of a big bottle of whisky. Just give me this bunch of good fellows. Thank you, fellows. [Applause.]

Patriot SEGAL. I ask the suspension of the rules, the purpose of the suspension of the rules being so I can make a motion under "New business." I move the suspension of the rules.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot SEGAL. I propose, and I so move, that a special fund be now set aside, the money to go into a fund to be raised by donations, if necessary, within our membership—and I personally start the fund with a donation of \$10—this fund to be known as the break-the-book-contract fund, and it will be administered by a committee to be appointed by the incoming national commander, whoever he may be, and the money must be used for one purpose, and only one purpose, and that is to hire the best legal advisers in the United States so that we can dispense with this damned contract within the next 2 months. That is the motion, Mr. Commander.

Patriot CEAS. I support that motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

[Applause.]

Patriot BRADFIELD. I want to conclude this immediately on this resolution. I think we are ready for a vote on it. I move the adoption of this resolution setting up the amendment to new section 22 of article 11.

Patriot HALEY. I am very reluctant in taking the floor at this time, because I can't help but feel there are some here who probably will think for personal reasons, but, as I understand that contract, and I have nothing to do with it, but it calls for a certain amount of cooperation on the part of the organization with the Mackey Publishing Co., and unless he can get that cooperation Mackey will have sufficient grounds for breaking the contract himself and you won't need to raise any funds, and we won't have to appoint any special committee, and you won't have to do anything else, but you will be just where you were, and why you here, less than an hour ago, took a certain action, and it was determined by a good majority of the men voting here, and I think it must have been considered that by retaining this contract it would work to the best interests of this organization, and now because a bunch—and there is nobody that regrets it any more than I do, to see Florida walk out, for I have some very good friends in that bunch, and I hate to see it done, but I will say this, that if you now undo, and if you pass this motion you have passed, to appoint this committee, and raise this fund and name that committee the break-the-book-contract committee, you need not do any more about the contract.

Patriot SEGAL. Patriot Commander, about 4, 5, or 6 hours ago, I don't know when it began, a lot of discussion started on this floor regarding the books. Everything possible was thought of and said, and I am not trying to question the motives of anybody, but why didn't Patriot Haley tell us that 4 hours ago?

Patriot HALEY. I had the floor on this question once. I spoke on the motion before the house, a question before the house at that time. It was the acceptance of the majority report of that committee. I spoke once my allotted time, and time was called on it. The Chair repeatedly ruled me down, and the judge advocate declared a man out of order that attempted to speak the second or third time; and, furthermore, no question like that ever came up during all that discussion.

Patriot CEAS. I beg Patriot Haley's pardon. The question did come up, as to whether the contract could be broken in any way, and had I been you and known that it could have been broken that way I would have assisted the judge advocate by giving him the information. He did not know what to do, and told us all he did not know whether it could be broken at all, and tried to figure out some way.

Patriot HACKER. If I remember correctly, Patriot Haley had been trying to talk but he was called down by our friends who walked out on us, so give the man the courtesy of knowing he tried to help us out but they would not let him talk.

Patriot SEGAL. In rebuttal to all these remarks, I personally asked the judge advocate whether it would be in order for me to propose an amendment whereby some means could be found of breaking the contract, and that occurred, my friends, at—well 3 hours and 5 minutes ago.

Patriot SCHNELLER. This is my first remark on the book contract. I was not in favor of it. I was a book agent, and I put myself through grade school, and I put myself through all the way, selling books, and you have to have pressure. I did not like the book contract as to supporting the Purple Heart, and I want to confess to you that I talked with tears in my eyes, and they are damned near there now, and I told them that the Purple Heart meant more than money. I will go a hundred dollars on that, and I haven't much. We can find a way out. The Military Order of the Purple Heart means more than losing some comrades because of a little cash.

Patriot HANSON. Our instructions from the Department of Minnesota was to buck this book proposition. The officer of Minnesota stated, and he has stated it once now, that this is the second time that we have had some arguments and get a low name, black name, in the last two conventions, and Minnesota is going to mind her own business and not pull out. If Minnesota cannot go the proper way, outside of getting a black name, Minnesota—St. Paul and Minnesota—they will not allow them to sell the books. Mackey went to St. Paul sometime, and if he came back he would be put in the jail. In the name of the Purple Heart—that is why we feel ashamed of it—he makes a remark to the Chamber of Commerce Association—

Patriot TARVER. I would like to say this, if we have voted on what to do, and if we discuss this here, pro and con, we will be here all evening. Whatever you want to say or take up, do it with the committee, I would like to have these patriots take up the question with the committee. We have already voted on it.

Commander CHURCH. I have refrained absolutely from saying anything with regard to it, but I am placed in a position the same as all the national commanders have been placed. I go down, as it is now, into my own pockets, and I have expended in the movement around the country, I think, about half of the money that has been expended for my movements around the country.

A great deal of the telephone and telegraph tolls have been paid by the organization, which I think is fair, but the national commander cannot get anywhere on the funds that we get from the national tax, and you certainly have got to find some way in which to make it possible for the high officials of the organization to do the work that is encumbered upon them, for they cannot keep going down into their own pockets to the tune of \$200, \$300, or \$500—one item of my trips, which I am not going to ask for, exceeded \$200; and I just want to have you fellows think about the position you are putting the national officers in when you abrogate the contract. There are responsibilities that you have placed upon them, and you have given them nothing with which to carry on—carry out those responsibilities. Now, that is all I wish to say, but I do want to emphasize the fact that the national officers, especially the national commander and national vice commander, the judge advocate, and the national finance officer, and, above all, the national adjutant—that man has toiled with his fingers down to the bone almost, doing what he has done for you this year, and all he gets is \$30 a month to pay for the rental of the room that he does the business of the organization in. You have got to consider those things. Those fellows that went out did not think a thing about anything except the honor of the organization. I think of that, too, but if we are going to promote the organization we have to do it with funds.

Patriot WEINBURGH. Patriots, I have not said a word all day, and I think I am entitled to 2 minutes' time any way. I want to say this, that if you look over the minutes of the executive-committee meeting, when we made the contract, you will know where I stood. I am not making any excuses because I voted with the other members on the contract, and I don't want you to feel that I am offering any excuse, for I am not. We voted for the contract, as your executive committee, because we felt we were doing the organization some good; however I guess I am learning things, and we never get too old to learn things, and I am still learning. Now, I want to say this: I have done a lot of work and traveled a good deal, not only as a national officer, but I have as your State officer for the State of Michigan, where I held the department commandership for 2 years, and Michigan will tell you that it did not cost the State of Michigan a penny for all I had done. I feel that if we could get along with officers who could pay their own expenses and have the fellowship, money would not be worth a darn to any of us, and I don't want any money in the organization for that purpose if we could do these things without the money. However, what we had in mind when we signed the contract was to increase the membership, and that was the thing I had in mind when I agreed to the contract, that we would increase our membership and that our organization would grow, but would grow of course in fellowship. I can see now that perhaps that is going to create a lot of feeling and we are not going to have the fellowship we should have. To me, the organization is worth more than all the money we can get, and I just wanted to say this, so you will know

that I think more of the organization than any money that will come in here. However, I felt that the executive committee should have been upheld as you upheld it. Now, from here on let's use our heads and go ahead and do the thing that is necessary to bring back this fellowship and get all these organizations united. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Let's proceed with the election.

Patriot SCHNELLER. I was going to make a motion under "New business," and that has passed by. We have to go on. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is on the wane. This is my motion. Van Dusen has not had any money for his expenses. He is publishing a darned good Purple Heart, and he has said if he only had a little more income he could soon release to all the papers. I had a suggestion from several other men, that we find some other income, and here is the plan. Therefore, I move that the executive committee, together with the publishing company, publishing commissioner Van Dusen, try to work out some way in which he can line up, secure Purple Heart subscribers at a dollar a head from men who do not belong to the chapter. I realize that you cannot have two prices for a publication, but it can be worked out in some way. Therefore, my motion: That the executive committee, together with the publishing board, or commissioner, try to work out some way in which it can extend beyond the realm of any chapters a Purple Heart subscription at \$1 a head.

Patriot CEAS. I support that motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Let's proceed with the election.

Patriot BRADFIELD. I move to set aside the rules of the convention and nominate national officers by acclamation and call from the Chair.

(The motion was seconded by Patriot Hacker, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. The nomination for national commander is now in order.

Judge Advocate BEYER. As I understand the motion, to explain it briefly, the commander should call for a nomination from the floor, and I am now making a nomination for national commander without going through the long line of delegates, and we save time of calling the roll. I wish at this time to name a man for national commander who, over the period of a year that I have been on the executive committee, I have had an opportunity to watch, as to what he does, and how he does it, and I am satisfied that he will make one of the best commanders we have ever had, with all due regard to prior commanders.

I know what none of you could possibly know, the great interest of this man in the order. He has gone down there and dug actually in graveyards, developing the history of the Purple Heart, and that is the man I am thinking of; and anybody who is as much interested as that is a man who will go out and be a missionary, and he will go out and be a missionary, and I am sure that anyone of you chapter commanders who invite him to come to your chapter, if it is at all possible for him to come he will be there. He has been in Florida, in Maine, over to New York, Connecticut, over in Wisconsin and Illinois, and every bit of this at his own expense, as your senior vice commander for the past year; and I am satisfied from my own

observations how he has been working, how interested he is in the order, and that if we elect him and get him to act as commander that he will consecrate himself to again build harmony in spite of all that has occurred today, and will build this order into a better fellowship group than ever before. So, Commander, from the depths of my heart comes this nomination for national commander of our order, Dr. Harry B. Weinburgh, your present senior vice commander.

Patriot HACKER. I second that motion.

Patriot SCHROEDER. In high honor and esteem it behooves me at this time to have the Department of New York go on record as seconding that nomination for a great man.

Patriot FORGY. I don't need a loud speaker; I can make myself heard. I, too, want to place in nomination the name of a man for the very high office, for the very highest office in the order, a man I have known and worked with for some time, not just a year but a matter of about 5 years. I have seen him as a sergeant at arms in Chicago; I saw him resign that office to take on the office of adjutant, national adjutant, of this order. He held that position 3 years, and in those 3 years it was my particular good fortune to be associated rather closely with him and to see him work. At the time he took over the office it was in a terrible state. The records of the organization had to be built up as of, and beginning with, the encumbency of this man as national adjutant. In all these 3 years he traveled not from Maine to California, but from Florida to California, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Florida, and Washington, where he represented the national commander at one of the largest functions that has ever been put over in that Capital City. A year ago his connection with that office was severed. I have had occasion to observe him during that year; I have had occasion to observe how he conducted himself here in this convention, and he is just as wholeheartedly a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and has it just as much on his mind and heart, as when he was national adjutant, and it gives me great pleasure and honor to, I might say, propose the name of George F. Bradfield of Chicago for national commander.

Patriot BRADFIELD. May I ask permission of the floor?

Commander CHURCH. Patriot Bradfield.

Patriot BRADFIELD. Patriot Commander, and fellow patriots, I appreciate most deeply the confidence and consideration of this convention body. It behooves me, in the interest of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and myself, personally, at this time, though I would work for the honor of the organization as your national commander, to wait awhile perhaps and withdraw my name from the nomination. I thank you. [Applause.]

Patriot SCHNELLER. In order to bring this before us, I move the rules be suspended and the adjutant be instructed that the nominations be closed, and that the adjutant be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of all members of the convention for Patriot Senior Vice Commander Weinburgh.

Patriot FORGY. Patriot Schneller is "stealing my stuff," but I want to second that motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Patriot WEINBURGH. Patriots, it is really hard for me to say anything to you. I feel greatly honored and greatly gratified that you have placed your confidence in me, and I hope that when my term of office is up that you will feel that—and that I will be able to make you feel—your confidence was well placed. I just want to say this in behalf of Patriot Bradfield. I know what it took for him to do what he did, and I hope in the very near future that your patriots will repay him by electing him commander of the organization for which he has spent many years of work, and I know he has done more than I have for this organization. Thank you. [Applause.]

Patriot SCHNELLER. Patriots, this gentleman here is 97 years old, a delegate to this convention, but because of illness is just getting here. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Nominations are in order for the office of senior vice commander.

Patriot SCHROEDER (New York). We wish to place in nomination the name of a patriot who has been one of your national officers for the past year, and we feel that he would be an intelligent asset to Dr. Weinburgh. It gives me great pleasure and the greatest of honor to put before the body the name of my department senior vice commander, and at present your national sergeant at arms, Patriot Bill Thomas, of New York. [Applause.]

Commander CHURCH. Any other nominations?

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). I move the nominations be closed.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HALEY. I move that the adjutant cast a unanimous vote for Patriot Thomas as national senior vice commander.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

[Applause.]

Patriot THOMAS. Fellow members of the Purple Heart, I only hope that I can fill one-quarter of the shoes of my predecessor. I hope that I can live up to the high hopes you know I have for the Purple Heart. Thank you, very much, and you have made me very happy.

Commander CHURCH. Let's proceed with the election of the junior vice commander of the first zone.

Patriot LANCASTER. I would like to place in nomination for junior vice commander of the first zone, one of the youngest members of one of the youngest chapters in our zone. It is only—it is less than a year old, in fact only a few months old, but they have a present membership of 74, I understand, with the prospects of putting 15 more in when they return from this convention. I also understand he is incorporating, or having another chapter organized in his local vicinity, and I am happy to place in nomination the name of the commander of the Baltimore Chapter, Patriot Segal, for junior vice commander of zone 1. [Applause.]

(At this point the nomination was seconded from the convention floor.)

Commander CHURCH. Any other nominations?

Judge Advocate BEYER. May I make a suggestion. In the election of the rest of the officers—

Patriot HACKER. I move the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Patriot Segal.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. We will now proceed to the election of finance officer.

Patriot FORGY. You have some more vice commanders.

Commander CHURCH. We will leave them for the time being.

Sergeant at Arms THOMAS. I don't believe there is any doubt in your minds that the man I have the honor and privilege of nominating has demonstrated before this convention, and at Indianapolis, that he is perfectly competent to do the job. It is my extreme pleasure to present the name of the present finance officer, Mr. McWilliams, for reelection.

Patriot FORGY. I move the nominations be closed and that the adjutant be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for George McWilliams for finance officer.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. The office of chaplain is next.

Patriot TARVER. I would like to place the name of a patriot for this particular office who has been very cooperative, and in the State of Michigan we have elected him in one of the local chapters as chaplain of that chapter. This man, if he is elected to the office of chaplain, I know will carry out his work as you men would be proud to have it carried out. He has demonstrated in his work for us in Michigan that he is of national-office timber; therefore it is with great pleasure that I place the name of Percy Schell for the office of chaplain.

Patriot SCHROEDER. I second the motion, the nomination.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). I move the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. The next is the office of judge advocate.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). Mr. Commander and patriots, I don't think we have to look so very far for a judge advocate. We have one who has done a good job, and I place in nomination our present judge advocate, A. J. Beyer.

Patriot HACKER. I second that nomination.

Commander CHURCH. Any other nominations?

Patriot SEGAL. In view of the fact our present judge advocate is familiar with every one of the details and wishes of our convention, I make the motion we close the nominations for judge advocate and instruct the adjutant to cast a unanimous vote for A. J. Beyer.

Patriot CEAS. I support that motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Next is the office of historian.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. Patriot Commander, we now have and have had for a long time a man who is most interested, more interested in the Purple Heart welfare than most of us. The man I refer to is now our historian, and a good one, and simply because of illness could not be here. I would like to place in nomination as national historian our present historian, Ludwig J. Nachtmann.

(The motion was seconded from the floor.)

Commander CHURCH. Any other nominations?

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). I move the nominations be closed and that he be elected by unanimous vote.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Now, the junior vice commanders, all except the first zone. Who is prepared? Third zone, Patriot Gildea, I believe yours has been decided. Now, the second and fourth zones. Have they decided on a national junior vice commander?

Patriot PEYTON. In the fourth zone we have been very fortunate to have a man who has done a very fine job this year. He has traveled up and down the zone and done fine and constructive work for the Purple Heart, and we think the world of him, in California especially, so it gives me great pleasure at this time to nominate the present incumbent, Patriot Eugene H. Emery, as junior vice commander of the fourth zone.

Patriot McWILLIAMS. May I have the honor of seconding that motion? I, too, have known Patriot Emery and his work there, and I believe to continue him in that office will be a fine thing.

Patriot HACKER. I move that the nominations be closed, and a unanimous vote by the adjutant be given.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Now, for junior vice commander from the third zone.

FROM THE FLOOR (unidentified). From the third zone I would like to nominate Fred O. Johnson of Duluth, Chapter No. 56, for junior vice commander.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. There should have been a motion to close the nomination, and—

Patriot FORGY. I would make such a motion if I could get recognition from the Chair.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. Now, for the second zone.

Patriot CEAS. No. 75 wishes to place the name of Patriot Hopkins in nomination for junior vice commander for zone 2.

Patriot McMAHAN. I wish to second the nomination of Patriot Hopkins for junior vice commander for the second zone.

Patriot FORGY. If I may have the floor, I will make my usual motion at this time.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot FORGY. Patriot Commander, it has been called to my attention that there is more to the fifth zone than the State of Florida, and that it might be necessary to have a junior vice commander for the fifth zone.

Commander CHURCH. There will be a meeting of the executive committee tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, and installation right here. Installation of new officers to take place at the banquet.

Patriot HALEY. Patriot Commander, you were asked a question about the fifth zone. Certain there are more States than Florida included in the fifth zone. I happen to know that the Carolinas and Georgia—

Commander CHURCH. But only one chapter in Georgia.

Patriot HALEY. There is one in Louisiana, and others besides Florida.

Commander CHURCH. Is there anyone here from the Atlanta Chapter? (No response.)

Patriot SCHNELLER. Patriots, I don't know that we have ever experienced a more efficient convention, and the chairman of that convention is Fabian Minton. Fabian Minton has made himself a friend of ours, and I nominate Fabian Minton for the job of junior vice commander of the fifth zone.

Patriot WEINBURGH. I second that.

Patriot FORGY. I make my usual motion.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Patriot HANSON. Commander, I think you have overlooked something, before you close. Now, you have a zone commander, and I would like to know who is the committeeman from that zone?

Patriot SCHNELLER. The department commander of each.

Patriot HANSON. Harry B. Weeks of Duluth, national committeeman; and Anderson, alternate.

Commander CHURCH. Today we have changed the office of national executive committeeman, so that instead of that office we place the office of the department commander instead. The department commander now automatically takes the place of the executive committeeman.

Patriot HANSON. That is on this convention? The bylaws and constitution—that would not be until the next convention, would it?

Commander CHURCH. It is effective now.

(At this point there was applause for Mr. Fabian Minton who entered the convention hall.)

Patriot MINTON. Boys, I am not going to take but a minute. I know everybody is in a hurry and that you are tired. Let's all go to the banquet; we will have a bus and several cars, and if you don't want to pay for a bus the cab fare out there is very small; however you can ride the bus. There will be one here, and a group of cars.

Patriot SCHNELLER. I move the senior and junior department vice commanders be considered the alternates for the commanders on the executive committee.

Patriot HACKER. I second that motion.

(The motion was voted upon and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. The motion to adjourn is in order.

Patriot HAMILTON. All the resolutions have been passed. I think one thing has been overlooked. I think we have been treated very royally here in Atlanta, and I move that the national adjutant be instructed to write the proper resolutions to be sent to the mayor of the city and the Governor of the State, to the local chapter here in Atlanta, and to the chairman of this convention committee.

(The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.)

Commander CHURCH. The motion to adjourn is now in order.

Patriot HILL (Mount Vernon). I move that we adjourn.

Patriot HAMILTON. I move that this convention be adjourned in the proper manner, with respect to the colors.

Sergeant at Arms THOMAS. May I request two color bearers?

Commander CHURCH. Two color bearers, please. Sergeant at Arms, retire the colors.

(At this point the sergeant at arms retired the colors.)



Chaplain STEARNS. Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Commander CHURCH. I declare the convention adjourned.

(Whereupon the convention adjourned.)

