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1	(Called to order at 1405.)
2	NP HANDZUK: This meeting will now come
3	to order. Was that loud enough, shipmates?
4	Shipmate Master at Arms, let the
5	shipmates and any authorized guests in and close
6	the door please.
7	MAA: Yes, sir. We may still have a few
8	stragglers, sir.
9	NP HANDZUK: Very well. Shipmate
10	National Chaplain, would you please open the
11	Bible?
12	NCHAP BEHM: Shipmate National
13	President, the Bible is open.
14	NP HANDZUK: Thank you, Shipmate
15	National Chaplain. Cover.
16	Salute the colors. Hand salute. Two.
17	The first session of the 96th National
18	Convention is now in session. Before we speak,
19	just for informational purposes, if you wish to
20	address the chair, as the Junior Past is about
21	to, please go to the microphone, we are being

1	recorded. Shipmate at the mic.
2	JPNP ROBBINS: Shipmate National
3	President, Junior Past is in the uniform of the
4	day.
5	I request permission to come to the
6	podium for a few minutes.
7	NP HANDZUK: Permission granted.
8	JPNP ROBBINS: On behalf of Dave Davis,
9	who cannot be here because him and his wife are
10	both in rough shape, I would like to present you
11	with the gavel from Dave Davis, from Branch 290,
12	and don't throw this at nobody, it's an oversized
13	hockey puck. Dave made these by hand out of
14	white cedar.
15	(Applause.)
16	NP HANDZUK: As a point of information,
17	Dave Davis is a past regional president,
18	southeast. There's a history behind his service
19	to the FRA. He makes these gavels for the
20	regional presidents of the FRA and auxiliary in
21	the southeast region, and I think for a number of

1	years he's done it for the national presidents.
2	And coincidentally, Shipmate Davis and I met in
3	19, late 82. He relieved me as the planning and
4	estimating officer on the USS Persimmony 8019. I
5	was holding an officer's billet as a chief and he
6	came aboard to relieve me when I went to go push
7	recruits. So we go back a number of years, and I
8	wish him and his bride Mary good health too.
9	Again, thank you, Shipmate Robby. Okay.
10	Shipmate NED, are you ready to call the
11	role of officers?
12	NED REID: National President Handzuk?
13	NP HANDZUK: Present.
14	NED REID: National Vice President Behm?
15	NVP BEHM: Present.
16	NED REID: NED Reid, present.
17	Junior PNP Robbins?
18	JPNP ROBBINS: Here.
19	NED REID: Regional President
20	Northeast/New England Rizzo?
21	RPNENE RIZZO: Present.

1	NED REID: Regional President East Coast
2	Oliveira?
3	RPEC OLIVEIRA: Present.
4	NED REID: Regional President Southeast
5	Kirtley?
6	RPSE KIRTLEY: Present.
7	NED REID: Regional President North
8	Central Blind?
9	RPNC BLIND: Present.
10	NED REID: Regional President South
11	Central Smith?
12	RPSC SMITH: Present.
13	NED REID: Regional President Southwest
14	Chapman?
15	RPSW CHAPMAN: Present.
16	NED REID: Regional President West Coast
17	LeClaire?
18	RPWC LECLAIRE: Present.
19	NED REID: Regional President Northwest
20	Faubion?
21	RPNW FAUBION: Present.

1	NED REID: Shipmate National President,
2	all officers are present and accounted for.
3	NP HANDZUK: Thank you, Shipmate NED.
4	Right now at the moment I don't have a written
5	script, I'm going by the standing Rule Number 3,
6	but we are conducting this national convention in
7	accordance with the constitution and bylaws.
8	A couple quick notes. When you approach
9	the microphone to speak, you must identify
10	yourself and your branch and whether you are a
11	delegate, right?
12	Just as a point of information, if you
13	are a visitor or a nonregistered delegate,
14	according to the constitution and bylaws you do
15	not have the privilege of the floor unless
16	granted by the presiding officer, okay?
17	That said, I have a question. How many
18	of you are first time national convention
19	attendees, would you please stand?
20	(Applause.)
21	I wish to welcome you and hope that you

1	consider this, number one, a time for fellowship,
2	getting to know your fellow shipmates, but just
3	as importantly if not more so, a learning
4	process. Irregardless of your age, you are
5	essentially, if you will, new to the
б	organization, and if you were at the opening
7	ceremony this morning you saw introductions, you
8	saw national officers, regional officers recycled
9	multiple times serving the association. We need
10	fresh leadership, not to say that the leadership
11	that we have is stale, but getting tired. You're
12	our future, and with that we need to build.
13	Everybody else, offer a challenge, reach out to
14	these new members who have chosen to attend this
15	convention and encourage the to get engaged. If
16	they ask you a question about the FRA, answer it,
17	share your knowledge. That's what we did in the
18	Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, we didn't
19	keep it to ourselves, okay?
20	This is something I've been very adamant
21	about this year is sharing our experiences and

1	our knowledge. As I mentioned previously, I'm
2	probably one of the oldest serving national
3	presidents in the history of the FRA, but even as
4	old as I am, I've always had a vision for the
5	future, and I try to impart my knowledge and
6	experiences with those who I've encountered. So
7	that said, please make these new folks welcome
8	and engage them, it's imperative for the future.
9	Thank you.
10	(Applause.)
11	Shipmate Hatfield, are you prepared
12	S/M HATCLIFF: Hatcliff.
13	NP HANDZUK: Hatcliff, I'm sorry. Are
14	you prepared for the first credentials report?
15	S/M HATCLIFF: I am.
16	NP HANDZUK: Do you want to do it down
17	there or up here?
18	S/M HATCLIFF: Right here.
19	NP HANDZUK: Very well.
20	S/M HATCLIFF: Shipmate National
21	President, the first credentials report dated

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1	November 12th, timed at 0900. The credentials
2	worksheet is located in the delegate kit at
3	Tab X.
4	Branches represented by delegates, 51.
5	Votes represented by delegates, 431.
6	Branches represented by proxy, 78.
7	Votes registered by proxy, 359.
8	Branches not registered, four.
9	Number of registered delegates, 107.
10	Registered voting strength is 810. Votes not
11	registered, 20.
12	The two-thirds voting strength is 541,
13	and the majority vote is 406.
14	On behalf of the committee, I move that
15	the role of the delegates hereby presented be the
16	official role of the members of this convention.
17	NP HANDZUK: Would you please give us
18	the voting strength for the convention?
19	S/M HATCLIFF: 810.
20	NP HANDZUK: 810, thank you. You made a
21	motion to accept?

1	S/M HATCLIFF: Yes, sir.
2	NP HANDZUK: Is there a second?
3	S/M DURKIN: Durkin, Branch 91, second.
4	NP HANDZUK: Thank you. Any discussion?
5	Any questions?
6	S/M CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch 14.
7	It does not add up. It comes out to 790 for
8	registered voters. Okay, I guess they're adding
9	this; is that correct? Sorry.
10	NP HANDZUK: Are there any other
11	questions regarding the convention credentials
12	report? Go to the mic please, for the sake of
13	the reporter and the delegates, thank you.
14	SPEAKER: The authorized voting strength
15	according to Section 608 is 810. To get to that
16	number you add the votes represented by
17	delegates, the votes registered by proxy, and the
18	votes not registered, adding up to 810.
19	NP HANDZUK: That's correct. Shipmate
20	at the mic.
21	PRPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond,

1	delegate for Branch 22. Yeah, I think 810 is the
2	authorized voting strength, but it should be 790,
3	because the other that are registered,
4	registered voting strength should be 790, because
5	those other, how many were not registered, 20,
6	they're not present. You take those 20 away from
7	the 810 and you get the 790. Registered vote is
8	790. Authorized vote, sure, is 810, but
9	registered should be 790.
10	NP HANDZUK: I concur with that.
11	S/M HATCLIFF: I shall revise the report
12	and do the revised credentials after the next
13	break.
14	NP HANDZUK: We need to fix it so we can
15	conduct business. All right. It's correct that
16	the voting strength is 790 votes between those
17	represented by delegates plus votes registered by
18	proxy.
19	S/M HATCLIFF: Shipmate National
20	President.
21	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate, go ahead.

1	S/M HATCLIFF: The corrected copy,
2	branches represented by delegates, 51. Votes
3	represented by delegates, 431. Branches
4	represented by proxy, 78. Votes registered by
5	proxy, 359. Branches not registered, four.
6	Number of registered delegates, 107. Registered
7	voting strength, 790. Votes not registered, 20.
8	Two-thirds vote, 527. Majority vote, 396.
9	On behalf of the credentials committee,
10	I move that the role of delegates be hereby
11	submitted as the official role for the voting
12	members of this convention.
13	NP HANDZUK: All right, I have a motion
14	on the floor.
15	S/M DURKIN: Durkin, Branch 91,
16	delegate, second.
17	NP HANDZUK: It's been moved and
18	seconded to accept the corrected credentials
19	report. On the question, discussion?
20	All those in favor, indicate by the sign
21	of aye.

1 (Chorus of ayes.) 2 Opposed? 3 (No response.) 4 Motion carried. 5 Now, can you tell us the four branches б not registered? 7 Shipmate National S/M HATCLIFF: 8 President, no, not off the top of my head. My 9 notes are in the office. NP HANDZUK: All right, tomorrow's 10 11 credentials. 12 S/M HATCLIFF: I can do that. 13 NP HANDZUK: Okay. 14 Okay, shipmates. In your convention 15 program on page seven, lists a schedule, if you 16 will. We're going to go through and get our 17 committees established and then recess to begin 18 deliberations for the remainder of the afternoon 19 and tomorrow morning. Tomorrow, let me find it 20 here, I think it's at 1300, MCPON will address us 21 and we will assemble here at 1245 so we've got

1	everybody in the room.
2	Because we were delayed this morning,
3	we're going to continue what I just said, to get
4	the committees on their way so they can start
5	deliberating for the remainder of the afternoon
б	and tomorrow morning. After the MCPON speaks, we
7	will take reports, starting with mine, NVP,
8	et cetera, et cetera, and just move through. If
9	we stay focused and to the point, we can get
10	through this in plenty of time, okay?
11	So, again, I apologize, I don't have a
12	script with all the information I'm supposed to
13	have. I'm going to go through my list of
14	committees and chairmen. Americanism-Patriotism,
15	the chairman is Jerry Lickteig.
16	PRPNC LICKTEIG: Present.
17	NP HANDZUK: Okay. Where are we
18	supposed to meet?
19	PRPNC LICKTEIG: Shipmate National
20	President, Lickteig, Branch 161, chairman A&P.
21	We were supposed to be meeting tomorrow morning

1	in the windward room to go through the report
2	from the regional conventions. In Tab I in the
3	delegate kit, I have the report that I had to
4	submit up to national.
5	NP HANDZUK: So all your grading is
6	done?
7	PRPNC LICKTEIG: The grading is, my
8	report in Tab I is primarily based on the
9	Americanism-Patriotism essay. We will be getting
10	together to review groups one, two, three, four
11	and five for the Americanism-Patriotism's report.
12	That's going to have a list of the best reports
13	in, number of flags sold, number of hours spent,
14	that will be tabulated during our meeting.
15	NP HANDZUK: Okay. PNP Janksy, you were
16	next.
17	PNP JANSKY: Shipmate National
18	President, Jansky, delegate, Branch 31. Please
19	understand that a lot of the committees are
20	supposed to be meeting in the lower level which,
21	the VA clinic is in those rooms currently. So

1	they could, if you're going to stop this meeting,
2	they could use this room.
3	NP HANDZUK: That's correct. Shipmate
4	at the mic.
5	S/M COMBS: Combs, delegate, Branch 161,
6	Shipmate National President, I believe the
7	procedure is to receive the reports of all of the
8	officers and the committee chairmen.
9	NP HANDZUK: And Shipmate Combs, I
10	indicated without having a proper script, I'm
11	flying by the seat of my pants, okay? Have a
12	seat. Okay.
13	Budget, finance and audit? Junior Past
14	excuse me. Shipmate at the mic.
15	S/M HUNT: My name is Floyd Hunt from
16	Branch 214, and I usually do our public relations
17	report. If you open your book their, they left
18	it out.
19	NP HANDZUK: We're going to fix that.
20	S/M HUNT: Okay, thank you.
21	NP HANDZUK: In fact, I believe it may

1	have already been fixed. When we get to that
2	committee, we'll tell you where we're going to
3	be.
4	Shipmate Junior Past.
5	JPNP ROBBINS: You called on me.
6	NP HANDZUK: I'm calling on you now, I
7	know it's in the book. Just for everyone's
8	education, at what time?
9	(Inaudibly off microphone discussion.)
10	NED REID: All of these committees are
11	identified in the program, and the times and
12	locations.
13	NP HANDZUK: Well, one committee has
14	pointed out it was not listed in the schedule, is
15	public relations, and that's Chairman National
16	Chaplain Behm, Robert. Is he here?
17	NCHAP BEHM: Yeah.
18	NP HANDZUK: What time do you want to
19	meet, when? Your call.
20	NCHAP BEHM: Tomorrow morning at
21	nine o'clock.

1	NP HANDZUK: Okay. PR tomorrow morning
2	0900, right here.
3	PRPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate National
4	President.
5	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate at the mic.
6	PRPSE RICHMOND: Since we're doing this
7	today, we can break off. Hospital, welfare,
8	rehabilitation, if you are on my committee,
9	please raise your hand. Okay. We'll do ours as
10	soon as he breaks us up, we will grab a table
11	right over there in the corner, and we'll go over
12	HWR and have it done today, because I have to be
13	at the budget and finance meeting tomorrow
14	morning.
15	PNP LAZZARETTI: Shipmate National
16	President.
17	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate at the mic.
18	PNP LAZZARETTI: Lazzaretti, Branch 18.
19	There is one committee missing from the book and
20	that's time and place. Is that going to happen
21	this convention at all?

1	NP HANDZUK: Do you think?
2	PNP LAZZARETTI: I would hope so.
3	NP HANDZUK: Of course it is. We don't
4	have a time and place committee, I have to
5	appoint one, if no volunteers step up.
6	PNP LAZZARETTI: Shipmate National
7	President, I volunteer. With my experience
8	running two conventions, I am more than happy to
9	sit and conduct the time and place meeting if
10	there are proposals for conventions in future
11	years.
12	NP HANDZUK: There are none that I'm
13	aware of. Okay. Let me get through the
14	microphone, and I will get back to time and
15	place. Shipmate at the mic.
16	S/M FOGEL: Fogel, Branch 294, youth
17	activities. We'll be having our meeting for the
18	youth activities over at the far table over
19	there, so we'll be meeting over there, all those
20	on that committee. Thank you.
21	NP HANDZUK: Thank you. Shipmate at the

1	mic.
2	JPNP ROBBINS: Junior Past Robbins, 126,
3	delegate. Budget and finance, nine o'clock in
4	the cocoa west room, which is downstairs, okay?
5	Until we get done. It should have been noon, but
6	until we get done.
7	NP HANDZUK: It is what it is, until
8	they're done. Shipmate at the mic.
9	PRPNC LICKTEIG: Shipmate President,
10	Lickteig, Branch 161, chairman of the A&P
11	committee. I know I have a couple of regions
12	that was going to be bringing in their first
13	place winners for groups one to five. I know
14	some of you mailed them to me. Those of you who
15	have hand carried them, I need to get them. And
16	as far as the people on the committee, we are
17	going to meet back in that corner. Thank you.
18	NP HANDZUK: Thank you. Shipmate at the
19	mic.
20	PRPNC POSEKANY: Shipmate National
21	President, Posekany, delegate, Branch 12. Thank

1	you, Shipmate Richmond, for the holding the HWR
2	today. That will constitution and bylaws two
3	hours tomorrow morning from eight o'clock on
4	ten o'clock in the stateroom downstairs. I know
5	there's a lot of people that want to attend that
6	because they have issues, so I would like to keep
7	that at that same time. That gives us two hours
8	in that room and we should be able to finish our
9	business at that time.
10	Constitution and bylaws, 0800 in the
11	stateroom on the lower level.
12	NP HANDZUK: Very well, thank you.
13	Okay, shipmates, as indicated, there is no time
14	and place standing committee. Shipmate
15	Lazzaretti has volunteered to serve on it. We
16	typically by the constitution, are required by
17	the constitution to plan two years out. We
18	should have already had one for 26 but we don't.
19	The only thing we have is through 2025.
20	Now that said, I need some volunteers to
21	work with Shipmate Lazzaretti to start working on

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1	planning something somewhere for 2026. So
2	anybody willing to step up before I have to start
3	picking people?
4	S/M (Inaudible): (Inaudible, Branch 24.
5	NP HANDZUK: Okay. Make sure you get
6	with Shipmate Lazzaretti. Thank you, shipmate.
7	(Inaudible response from floor.)
8	NP HANDZUK: Okay. Could I get a couple
9	more please? Anybody? Chuck? Thank you,
10	shipmate. One more.
11	JPNP ROBBINS: Shipmate National
12	President, Junior Past Robbins, delegate, 126.
13	Don't forget, you have to have two auxiliary
14	members on that committee.
15	NP HANDZUK: Thank you. I will get that
16	message over there. Could I get one more
17	delegate please? Donna, God bless you. Thank
18	you.
19	Okay. When we recess, Shipmate Junior
20	Past, will you please approach the auxiliary and
21	get two volunteers for time and place?

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1	JPNP ROBBINS: Yes.
2	NP HANDZUK: Thank you. Shipmate at the
3	mic.
4	S/M HARDEN: Shipmate National
5	President, Harden, delegate, chairman, VSO
6	committee. We will meet in the coastal east
7	room, 0830 to 1100. And I don't care what the
8	thing says, this is what the agenda says, 0830.
9	S/M ANGEL: Shipmate National President.
10	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate at the mic.
11	S/M ANGEL: Angel, delegate, Branch 182,
12	chairman of the hospitality. May I speak on that
13	right now?
14	NP HANDZUK: Please.
15	S/M ANGEL: Okay. I'm sorry I'm late,
16	shipmates. I just restocked the bar, we're on
17	ice right now. We've got plenty of apple and
18	plain, and we've got some good stuff. As soon as
19	we are able, I will be open for two hours, from
20	1700 I mean from yeah, 1700 to 1900, the
21	hospitality room will be open. I will close when

1	we go to the reception. At 2200 I will reopen
2	for one hour. If we get a number of people up
3	there, I will stay open as long as you can, okay?
4	2200, I will reopen. Any questions for me?
5	Thank you, Shipmate National President.
б	NP HANDZUK: You're welcome, shipmate.
7	SPEAKER: Tell us the rooms.
8	S/M ANGEL: The hospitality rooms are
9	360, 361, 362, tower two, over here. No, over
10	here. As soon as you go up to the third floor,
11	make a left and it's right in front of you. See
12	everybody there.
13	(Applause.)
14	S/M HATCLIFF: Shipmate National
15	President.
16	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate at the mic.
17	S/M HATCLIFF: Hatcliff, Branch 49,
18	chairman of the credentials committee. As soon
19	as we break this meeting, I will entertain any
20	late registrations over there in front of the FRA
21	office.

1	NP HANDZUK: Thank you. Shipmate at the
2	mic.
3	SPEAKER: (Inaudible), delegate. We
4	still have 19 meal tickets that have not been
5	picked up, 19.
6	NP HANDZUK: All right. If you haven't
7	got your meal tickets, better get them. No
8	tickee, no washee. Do you have any announcements
9	on the convention, et cetera? Shipmate at the
10	mic.
11	PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159,
12	planning committee chair. The planning committee
13	has concluded its business for the year, so we
14	will meet tomorrow at ten at that table for
15	everybody that's available because as you've
16	already seen, many of us are on other committees
17	and conflicts, so our first idea may be to
18	organize a schedule for the convention.
19	(Laughter.)
20	Our members are around here so Roger
21	Christopher and Marcia Cunningham, stand up.

1	Richard DeHaven is not here. Rogelio Bacud,
2	stand up. Abe Zino is not here. James Richmond,
3	Charles McIntyre, please stand up. Robert
4	Washington is not here, and Christina, who you
5	all know. If you have any ideas going forward
6	for the future, please share them, and I'll take
7	them in and we will center on them around the
8	year. So this is really your committee, we just
9	represent you, and there's a representative from
10	each region. We don't want to do this in a
11	vacuum, we want to do this across the board.
12	NP HANDZUK: Thank you.
13	PRPSC TALBOT: Ten o'clock back there,
14	those of us that are here.
15	PNP JANSKY: Shipmate National
16	President.
17	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate at the mic.
18	PNP JANSKY: The welcome aboard tonight
19	is in the coastal rooms on the lower level.
20	Please enjoy yourselves tonight, you need to have
21	that password that is on your ticket in order to

1	get in. Also, please remember, we do have a tour
2	tomorrow night, there are seats available. That
3	tour is going on. I still haven't run into
4	Mr. Somebody, but he is going around telling
5	everybody that it's not.
б	(Inaudible conversations on floor.)
7	NP HANDZUK: Shipmate National Chaplain,
8	would you close the Bible?
9	NCHAP BEHM: Shipmate National
10	President, the Bible is closed.
11	NP HANDZUK: Thank you, Shipmate
12	National Chaplain.
13	Salute the colors.
14	MAA: Hand salute. Ready, two.
15	NP HANDZUK: We stand in recess until
16	1245 tomorrow afternoon.
17	(The first business session adjourned at
18	1448.)
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