

00:00:03:16 - 00:00:22:17

Speaker 1

Okay. See anyone at the front door?

00:00:22:20 - 00:00:50:26

Unknown

Yeah. And the morning you.

00:00:50:29 - 00:01:25:09

Speaker 1

Asked about prayer, each one of you. And by now, I'm sure. And I want you all to read along with me. But first of all, I'd like to welcome you to the forums. And this is from all about you young people. And we know that God will guide you through education. So now I think that law maybe in this environment is where there's hatred.

00:01:25:11 - 00:01:53:00

Speaker 1

Let me show you where they stand on where they are. There are scholars are signs you're walking by. I mean, not for I see to be understood is to understand you not what is in given. You see, he was in the army. Listen, I.

00:01:53:02 - 00:02:31:20

Unknown

Know you're going to lose your life and all the colors of a.

00:02:31:22 - 00:02:37:09

Speaker 1

Wrong meaning. The incredible equation like the flag of the United.

00:02:37:09 - 00:03:22:05

Unknown

States of America. Everybody stands and everybody around the convention here. This one.

00:03:22:08 - 00:03:24:03

Speaker 3

20 year old brutality.

00:03:24:04 - 00:03:27:06

Speaker 4

Convention this year.

00:03:27:09 - 00:03:34:22

Unknown

First of all, I'd like to welcome you all. I have been providing a workshop to the American hero, former commander.

00:03:34:24 - 00:03:43:24

Speaker 3

Of the state convention chairmen. Now, most of your state representative.

00:03:43:27 - 00:03:47:05

Speaker 1

It is great to see you all here this morning.

00:03:47:07 - 00:03:47:19

Speaker 3

It took a.

00:03:47:19 - 00:03:52:25

Unknown

Long time, but we've been working on the for almost.

00:03:52:27 - 00:04:00:16

Speaker 3

A year real hard and everything we did, everything I did. I'm trying to make everything as perfect as possible for you.

00:04:00:18 - 00:04:01:22

Speaker 1

Make your stay here.

00:04:01:22 - 00:04:06:27

Unknown

In the next three days. Real capital. We tried to put together a program that you all.

00:04:06:27 - 00:04:09:23

Speaker 1

Appreciate and enjoy throughout the free.

00:04:09:25 - 00:04:12:12

Speaker 3

Wheeling American.

00:04:12:15 - 00:04:14:23

Speaker 1

If we look at our program to sure.

00:04:14:25 - 00:04:28:18

Unknown

There is a lot of changes to the program. We started off with government speaking of our guys. We started with the volunteers who were coming out due to the.

00:04:28:21 - 00:04:34:18

Speaker 1

Destruction of information and some of the changes that are happening today.

00:04:34:21 - 00:04:40:28

Speaker 3

That are large. Our speakers is going to be trying to radio these days in the order.

00:04:41:00 - 00:04:46:05

Speaker 1

Of certain blocks. One of them is.

00:04:46:08 - 00:04:50:09

Unknown

I have a copy of it many, many years ago.

00:04:50:12 - 00:04:52:00

Speaker 1

Obviously, we.

00:04:52:02 - 00:05:00:16

Speaker 3

Are in Europe and I will speak on youth and education. We also have other corrections.

00:05:00:16 - 00:05:01:26

Speaker 1

In the.

00:05:01:28 - 00:05:11:17

Speaker 3

Reformation around providing English is providing some amount of freedom. One of the.

00:05:11:17 - 00:05:13:00

Speaker 1

Great things and it's quite the.

00:05:13:00 - 00:05:16:00

Speaker 3

Courtyard, a there we have an.

00:05:16:00 - 00:05:17:05

Speaker 1

Opportunity to.

00:05:17:07 - 00:05:22:09

Speaker 3

Declare with a computer practice how to get on to the Internet. And we have a couple.

00:05:22:09 - 00:05:23:06

Speaker 1

Of mature.

00:05:23:08 - 00:05:26:06

Speaker 3

Fliers up on the registration table.

00:05:26:08 - 00:05:30:01

Unknown

Take a look at it. We are not by and.

00:05:30:06 - 00:05:39:17

Speaker 3

Enjoy their particular presentation. We also have for reveal who is going to be here around.

00:05:39:19 - 00:05:40:22

Speaker 1

11:00.

00:05:40:24 - 00:05:51:00

Speaker 3

To make a presentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The other honor that we have on the agenda that some of you may not see of the program.

00:05:51:02 - 00:05:58:05

Speaker 1

Is that tomorrow at 11:00, we're going to have the generations brought here to talk about the deregulation.

00:05:58:07 - 00:06:18:04

Speaker 3

The public utility company that is in California today, the year of our beloved park, to make a presentation to the American Europe Forum generally so far. And I believe these are is going to be here between three of the war and provide workshop to the youth on robbery and water and.

00:06:18:04 - 00:06:22:18

Speaker 1

Empowerment of parliamentarians procedures.

00:06:22:20 - 00:06:26:17

Speaker 3

Tomorrow luncheon we were expecting Dan Lundgren.

00:06:26:20 - 00:06:33:07

Speaker 1

Dan Romer can make it. We got to the session with both Gray Davis and.

00:06:33:07 - 00:07:03:18

Speaker 3

Lundgren and the other one to make it first mission. What is going on the schedule of the year This evening, after Friday night's dinner? And we have requested the Speaker for tomorrow's luncheon and that is where all this is. He's a supervisor with the San Mateo County, and he's also a candidate for the state comptroller's office. I don't know if you read the local newspapers here, but you know this what is being made in California this year.

00:07:03:20 - 00:07:04:08

Speaker 1

And it's really.

00:07:04:08 - 00:07:08:07

Speaker 3

Important that you go out and vote because we are going to make history.

00:07:08:07 - 00:07:09:21

Speaker 1

This year and we're going to see.

00:07:09:21 - 00:07:11:19

Speaker 3

Change that happened in seeing in 100.

00:07:11:19 - 00:07:16:17

Unknown

And 30 years. It's really important.

00:07:16:19 - 00:07:44:00

Speaker 3

Work. We are ahead of schedule. I do have the very time to speak. Welcome us all to the city of Newark and last year to have them down to around 945. So when that when Americans and we're going to we'll be able to be walking again. I want to thank you all for coming. We appreciate it. And if there's any questions or concerns of the afternoon prevention, you can contact.

00:07:44:00 - 00:07:46:08

Speaker 1

Me and Celina's or my son.

00:07:46:08 - 00:07:47:13

Speaker 3

At the registration table.

00:07:47:13 - 00:07:49:18

Speaker 1

Vincent in the hearing room.



00:07:49:20 - 00:08:02:12

Speaker 3

You can resolve any problems or any concerns that you may have. Thank you. And thank you for coming.

00:08:02:14 - 00:08:06:19

Unknown

Thank you. And I get a few of.

00:08:06:19 - 00:08:07:16

Speaker 1

My glasses on.

00:08:07:16 - 00:08:20:07

Unknown

Or against you something, and I'm really glad to hear.

00:08:20:09 - 00:08:21:00

Speaker 1

I.

00:08:21:02 - 00:08:29:01

Unknown

Asked our friend to be the guy next to.

00:08:29:03 - 00:08:29:15

Speaker 1

Chair.

00:08:29:19 - 00:08:41:02

Unknown

The provincial committee saying that that's only a closed door and.

00:08:41:05 - 00:08:51:18

Speaker 1

He has accepted. He said that last night and he hasn't changed his mind yet. I also appointed Rooney and chairman.

00:08:51:20 - 00:09:04:25

Unknown

Of the Will read.

00:09:04:27 - 00:09:30:02

Speaker 1

He also accepted. Well, I think that you read, but I have to have the resolution that they So is during the resolution for me, I'm asking for a volunteer to, to chair the nomination committee.

00:09:30:05 - 00:09:56:16

Unknown

Role drawn up, know I'm going to volunteer the award will go away to one now.

00:09:56:19 - 00:10:01:08

Speaker 1

And you will chair your words.

00:10:01:10 - 00:10:17:13

Unknown

Is there any other volunteers who's are stirring the water.

00:10:17:15 - 00:10:24:04

Speaker 1

To recover or. I know that it doesn't seem to have been this morning.

00:10:24:07 - 00:10:44:29

Unknown

If you take a little to that suggestion by.

00:10:45:02 - 00:10:46:02

Speaker 1

Presenting.

00:10:46:05 - 00:11:23:09

Speaker 3

The financial report from the state of California, the state offices and many local families have binders with financial records of the Americans here at home in the state of California, in their in their binders that reflected a period of financial report for the state presented to the midyear conference in February. That report basically was just entered into we have an audit and the audit was prepared in March of this year.

00:11:23:12 - 00:11:27:20

Unknown

And that on reflects where.

00:11:27:22 - 00:11:28:18

Speaker 3

Everything is fine.

00:11:28:18 - 00:11:31:29

Speaker 1

There's no money investing, everything's there.

00:11:32:02 - 00:12:23:24

Speaker 3

But one of the things that we changed from prior year honors is that in the past that either tends to be done sort of said my accounts receivable, So my accounts payable income and expenses. What we did when we changed the audit this year is basically to reflect a cash type of business since we are really only receive income from membership of corporations and other activities that we do throughout the state, that people that receive expenditures are those that we actually write a check for and there are bills and that's I would like to postpone the rest of my report and I like to welcome the mayor of Newark.

00:12:23:26 - 00:12:47:06

Speaker 3

Mayor David stepped up to the podium to give. Thank you.

00:12:47:06 - 00:13:08:24

Speaker 5

Vincent, and good morning, everyone, to be here and to see some very familiar faces again, as some of you just saw yesterday evening at the city council meeting where we issued a proclamation in your behalf. But it is indeed an honor for me to be here, to have the opportunity to welcome the American GI Forum to the city of Newark.

00:13:08:27 - 00:13:22:19

Speaker 5

And this is a special occasion because I understand it is your 50th anniversary celebration. And that is indeed something to be very proud of. I promised Vincent I would show up. I guess I'm the only politician who said they.

00:13:22:19 - 00:13:34:11

Unknown

Shall show up in this thing. You know.

00:13:34:14 - 00:13:57:16

Speaker 5

I was thinking about it earlier in my State of the City address for an this, but I know that we have a very, very full agenda. We are pleased that you've chosen Newark as the site of the 41st annual state convention. And we're hoping to find your experience here, a very positive one and a very pleasant one. And I noticed as I came in, it was a beautiful day in Newark.

00:13:57:16 - 00:14:18:19

Speaker 5

We're going to have gorgeous weather for you all for the weekend. We have a saying here in Newark that we can't guarantee the weather, but we can assure you the climate will always be fantastic. So that's what you're hearing. Your convention now, then a little bit of reading. And I understand that the history of the organization was found in the tradition of Quest for Justice.

00:14:18:21 - 00:14:45:23

Speaker 5

And as you know, your founders were seeking to correct an injustice inflicted upon Hispanic veterans and in so doing, effective in a very positive way. The educational, legal, healthcare and political systems through his vision for a better world for all people from all backgrounds and his vision, in his words, actually applied very directly to this significant portion of the city of Newark population.

00:14:45:25 - 00:15:08:18

Speaker 5

We are rich in diversity here in our city and we have a strong ethnic mix, including approximately 25% Hispanic people and a significant number who serve in the armed forces of the United States. And in fact, some citizens gave their lives fighting for our freedom. And I know that the philosophy of the American GI Forum is to provide equal opportunities.

00:15:08:18 - 00:15:35:00

Speaker 5

And specifically and this is the part that really fires me up is educational opportunities for veterans and minorities. And that's a great, great importance to us in the city of Newark. And I noted with pleasure right here on the front page of your convention program that your motto is Education is our dream. Education is for freedom. And that strikes a real chord with me.

00:15:35:04 - 00:15:55:29

Speaker 5

With all of us in the city of Newark, we share with you the knowledge that the strength of our future is in the education of our young people. In fact, we feel so strongly about it that we are taking an unprecedented step in the city of Newark. And we understand that the first study has ever been done in the great state of California, and that is the city council and the school.

00:15:55:29 - 00:16:00:13

Speaker 1

Board for joining hands. And we are jointly funding this strategic.

00:16:00:13 - 00:16:02:14

Speaker 4

Plan for education.

00:16:02:14 - 00:16:12:04

Speaker 5

In our city and who we working in this regard through community representatives, I think slices through every fiber, every piece of the fabric that makes.

00:16:12:04 - 00:16:16:00

Speaker 1

Up the wealth in our community. We'll be working with.

00:16:16:02 - 00:16:45:18

Speaker 5

Educators and service organizations, parents, the clergy, sports organizations, groups all over our communities to discuss this vital topic. And I assure you that the strategic plan which comes from this is going to forward for for education in Newark for years and years and years to come. And indeed, our goal is to make the city of Newark a magnet for education the type of food that people come to and want to live in because of our educational systems.

00:16:45:21 - 00:17:10:06

Speaker 5

We are indeed happy that you are with us today. We wish you a very successful convention here in the city of Newark, and all of us here, myself personally, indeed salute the people who comprise the American GI Forum. You have a great deal of perseverance in this organization. You have a commitment to our youth. And I'm really pleased to see so many young people involved with this meeting.

00:17:10:09 - 00:17:19:00

Speaker 5

And I want to thank you for recognizing one of America's great treasures, our veterans. Have a great convention. Thanks for being.

00:17:19:00 - 00:17:36:26

Speaker 1

With us and sitting.

00:17:36:28 - 00:17:42:27

Unknown

Have fun. Thank you. Yes, I would.

00:17:42:27 - 00:17:43:17

Speaker 1

Be here at.

00:17:43:17 - 00:17:50:16

Unknown

The opening of some of the galas this weekend, but I have a tradition here. I go back to my stomping grounds in.

00:17:50:19 - 00:17:52:12

Speaker 5

The dark woods, the competition.

00:17:52:12 - 00:18:31:20

Unknown

Again, which I thought it was good to do that. We had a lot of people go out and just go back to a kind of a right myself, come back and I appreciate.

00:18:31:23 - 00:18:32:11

Speaker 5

The.

00:18:32:14 - 00:18:58:04

Speaker 1

Many games, the victory over almost 12 times, but I think is important in a small community of not just long hours, about 20 500,000 people there in about 30%, 35% on the weekends. So we're growing out of there.

00:18:58:06 - 00:18:59:05

Speaker 3

We had worked it.

00:18:59:12 - 00:19:10:04

Speaker 1

Up in Sacramento with the Latino golfers. We had meetings with them. My brother went to Modesto to have a Latino kickoff.

00:19:10:06 - 00:19:14:17

Speaker 3



To get them involved with our community, let our community.

00:19:14:17 - 00:19:33:21

Speaker 1

Know that we can learn. Sacramento working for us is all your brothers and sisters in Sacramento doing great things to help Jay make changes in this? We have to stabilize, and so we need.

00:19:33:21 - 00:19:34:20

Speaker 3

To get them out and.

00:19:34:20 - 00:20:13:20

Speaker 1

Support is. So we feel that that's one area that we need to push simply because we're talking about education and education needs to be made a big change that can be raised to young people. We're losing a lot of youngsters because we're impatient with the plays. They seemed not to do them. So we feel that by working with these single people and people that are involved in the fast will is very important.

00:20:13:22 - 00:20:44:07

Speaker 1

We need all of us to get out the vote in our own communities and we will continue doing that. We also train some of the youngsters to help us to get out the vote through man developments. We we are so very involved with the Proposition 27. At that time, that uniform was part with a League of Women Voters.

00:20:44:09 - 00:20:59:03

Speaker 1

In the beginning, we run the for the podium there. Just last week I was there, Francisco Leon Black also, many of us.

00:20:59:03 - 00:20:59:17

Speaker 3

Were there.

00:20:59:17 - 00:21:36:03

Speaker 1

Present doing what was important with our community and trying to bring down that that due 27. It hurts. But I think we can work with it and we can let the politicians know what needs to be done with the seven to make it successful for the young people at large. I'll we up and get involved. Like I said, very much with the city council people in the city politicians, and so they know us and the community.

00:21:36:06 - 00:22:10:17

Speaker 1

They will be very active. We are also the one that is the school system and some youngsters have been mixed all from the school because of our state. The things that now they think they are the ones that can dictate the values and the values has nothing to do or say anything about that matter. And so we are saying no, the values of the most important thing and they're the ones that they can decide for the children.

00:22:10:20 - 00:22:49:22

Speaker 1

So we tried to make some changes there and in the education or superintendent, the school is a board member of us. And so we also put them on the carpet to make sure those changes will come about. We believe that the system of education, as I said, it's it's really against was not not for us. And so we have to continue working in all cities to let these people know that we very much opposed to having our children treated.

00:22:49:25 - 00:23:11:22

Speaker 1

Also, we we got involved with so many things that in brought me before me in our. But just to say that our chapters very active in any in all facets of what's happening to the general and we maintain until we die. So.

00:23:11:24 - 00:23:25:00

Unknown

Schumacher Thank you. Thank you. You can see the.

00:23:25:07 - 00:23:34:23

Speaker 1

End of chapters and doing their homework. They're in their own backyards and also Sacramento to a certain degree.

00:23:34:25 - 00:23:49:12

Unknown

And when your need is little more than thank you, take care of this issue, you put.

00:23:49:14 - 00:23:53:00

Speaker 1

Your does let me recapture.

00:23:53:00 - 00:24:21:05

Speaker 3

What I was trying to present earlier before the mayor arrived in the parish to do on accounts receivable account you have a of of budgeting and also for our financial records. And so through 1997, that's what the project is to continue all the way up to 1998, January 1998. We change that. We change it based on the audit that was done for 1997.

00:24:21:08 - 00:24:51:14

Speaker 3

Let me give an example. And in the virus commanders and the state officers, they have a tentative period for an action report that our father, Michael, that in 1997, the tentative argument on it was \$26,140. When we did when we did when we asked the CPA to do the after 1997, the CPA and I sat down and we went over the entire record.

00:24:51:17 - 00:24:52:23

Speaker 3

She she basically.

00:24:52:23 - 00:24:55:12

Speaker 1

Explained to me, is that the type of.

00:24:55:15 - 00:25:21:27

Speaker 3

Organization and the way we gather our money, it should be a cash tied of operation, meaning they come from their expenses throughout real sample simple accounting for this organization. And I said, okay, we'll do that from now on. And that's what her was based on. Her audit came up with a a balance with the end of the year of 23,002 earned \$15.

00:25:22:02 - 00:25:46:14

Speaker 3

And after the audit report, what she had to do is go back to the part of the back to recover the records or to look at the documents. She also talked to the last auditor to basically review some of the information. You have to make sure all her work was correct. So based on that, are you checking accounts in our new budget?

00:25:46:14 - 00:26:35:06

Speaker 3

I reflect upon our opening checking account from the beginning, the very first 1998. There's \$23,215 and state officers and the local commanders see a year to date for an actual report. Also, in an environment that shows that based on the audit for 23 to 50, all the way up to June, the 18 of our income and expenditure and as of June 18, we got a balance of \$22,449.

00:26:35:09 - 00:26:40:05

Speaker 3

There's a there's a couple of items also on the agenda for me.

00:26:40:07 - 00:26:41:23

Speaker 1

To mention at this.

00:26:41:23 - 00:26:52:06

Speaker 3

Particular time. Number one, see, is there any questions about the financial records, the audited for the year to date Financial.

00:26:52:06 - 00:27:00:24

Unknown

Report not appearing? And so in some way.

00:27:00:27 - 00:27:13:02

Speaker 3

But I think we need to just accept the audit report and now we have an audit was done. There's an audit in the financial report.

00:27:13:04 - 00:27:38:15

Unknown

This idea of I will set up an audit report in the company and that so we have a copy of that as well, which I see just the office. We do not have that data. So how can we judge that? And secondly, I rely.

00:27:38:18 - 00:27:39:08

Speaker 4

Or they ought.

00:27:39:08 - 00:28:07:14

Unknown

To take a good look at this report and and see what type of changes were made and see that he was the father. And according to the bylaws, he did that for his father's report and his daughter report. Now, in exchange for that, my wife, too. But I think you have to change. Sorry.

00:28:07:16 - 00:28:11:01

Speaker 3

Well, you know, I did mail Mr. Obinna the copy.

00:28:11:01 - 00:28:12:27

Speaker 1

Of the audit report.

00:28:13:00 - 00:28:50:26

Speaker 3

Back for my mail. The copy is in the honor report back, and I believe the first week of April and mailed it out to all the state offices. And I also made a copy to Mr. Obinna. So as the trustee Treasurer, I provided that information. And while I was dictated to do by the part of the Constitution about whether there organization and also by the state commander, and here are the questions on the audit.

00:28:50:28 - 00:28:57:23

Unknown

There was no there was you didn't mention that they went back there work. No problems.

00:28:57:26 - 00:28:59:06

Speaker 1

With that. Exactly.

00:28:59:08 - 00:28:59:27

Speaker 4

You know, based.

00:28:59:27 - 00:29:13:25

Unknown

On that, let me get back to the motion. And of the second.

00:29:13:28 - 00:29:15:00

Speaker 3

In the report that I.

00:29:15:00 - 00:29:16:26

Speaker 1

Think most of you are seeing.

00:29:16:28 - 00:29:36:16

Speaker 3

Shows of the shows like the shows like there's a difference. But there is a there is no loss. It's based on accounts payable, accounts receivable type of information. Does that. That's why when you see the new audit, the new audit, does it show like an.

00:29:36:16 - 00:29:38:04

Speaker 1

Accounts receivable.

00:29:38:07 - 00:29:55:27

Speaker 3

From the sounds that these felony charges were the before the 1997 state convention? So it's only noted in the audit. But yeah, the sounds, at least in all the chapter of the city of California, \$3,000 for hosting and preparing for the state convention.

00:29:55:27 - 00:29:57:28

Speaker 1

In 1937.

00:29:58:00 - 00:30:13:18

Speaker 3

Another item in the the audit was a \$3,000 to the C.D. So basically Colorado's had it gone as a separate account and so forth. So we basically attribute that back to being our our cash.

00:30:13:18 - 00:30:14:19

Speaker 1

Was never clean.

00:30:14:24 - 00:30:39:27

Speaker 3

So that's another question regarding the other part of the audit showed like a -1000 when we got done, but when the auditor and the auditor went through the 97 record, she also saw 96 records and she's basically interpreting that is error, because what she saw is that she saw all the money he received and the money that was expended.

00:30:39:29 - 00:30:43:06

Speaker 3

And she said the only thing that you can look at is that there.

00:30:43:06 - 00:30:44:18

Speaker 1

Were some transposed.

00:30:44:18 - 00:30:45:27

Speaker 3

Errors.



00:30:46:00 - 00:30:52:24

Speaker 1

So this is the reason why we're going to a cash type of audit and report.

00:30:52:26 - 00:31:03:16

Speaker 3

Income expenses only. No account receivable back of this year, years date from January 1998 to June 18th, 1998.

00:31:03:19 - 00:31:04:07

Speaker 4

You still.

00:31:04:12 - 00:31:10:01

Speaker 3

Will see at the bottom of that report that is sound that you started chapters two.

00:31:10:01 - 00:31:11:03

Speaker 1

Or.

00:31:11:06 - 00:31:45:21

Speaker 3

\$3,000. So that's how we're going from the past to the future. When an audit done when your checkbook starts at 2315, and when we get down to the end and the balance by your standard right now is 22 three 4947, that checkbox that we're getting and whoever takes over as the treasurer of the future is just so I would I to have this amount of money in the bank verified bank statement.

00:31:45:23 - 00:31:47:24

Speaker 3

We make this expenditure is provided.

00:31:47:24 - 00:31:48:13

Speaker 1

The expenditures.

00:31:48:21 - 00:32:05:12

Speaker 3

Are balances of actually this amount simple. There's no gold card wrapper relating to that particular audit or the future financial reports checkbook balances with the auditors or for easy. Thank you.

00:32:05:15 - 00:32:22:11

Speaker 1

There's a motion on the floor. There was a second to the motion to seal it all in favor of the motion as well. Again, the motion passed saw.

00:32:22:14 - 00:32:30:15

Speaker 3

The see the other part of all of my job portion? Yes. I wanted to.

00:32:30:15 - 00:32:43:26

Speaker 4

Ask one question and that is regarding the esthetic value chapter. You say that this is on the terms of the report that we were I was we were asked if it was a discussion and I heard.

00:32:44:00 - 00:32:47:02

Speaker 3

That letter on the agenda. That was no discussion on that.

00:32:47:02 - 00:32:54:28

Speaker 4

Right now, one of the things that I wanted to ask was, has the bill been turned over to the state?

00:32:55:00 - 00:32:59:11

Speaker 3

No, it happened. That's why you see the reports that were blocked in a 3000 gallons.

00:32:59:11 - 00:33:01:00

Speaker 1

From some of these objects.

00:33:01:01 - 00:33:02:21

Speaker 4

Well, I think that that should have been.

00:33:02:21 - 00:33:08:19

Speaker 1

Done before we accepted the reports.

00:33:08:21 - 00:33:33:24

Speaker 3

No, I follow procedures as to your financial report. The financial report shows an outstanding balance. Non income expenses, just the balance due to us from the East Valley Charter. That's what the report says, because we're no longer operating as an accounts payable accounts receivable organization like Your Honor. Yes, sir.

00:33:33:26 - 00:33:39:07

Speaker 5

In other words, the detail \$20,000 total state.

00:33:39:09 - 00:33:40:11

Speaker 3

Does not been.

00:33:40:13 - 00:33:43:24

Speaker 1

To be assigned there. And that's.

00:33:43:26 - 00:33:48:23

Speaker 3

Where and that's not my decision to make.

00:33:48:25 - 00:33:55:19

Speaker 5

In Orange County. My being this and that, that's not that item.

00:33:55:21 - 00:34:07:21

Speaker 3

That was item on the agenda. Talk about the notice of an audit for these now value the 96% of Upper Modesto. You can bring up those question 100 votes. I 50.

00:34:07:21 - 00:34:08:29

Speaker 1

Five you might be able.

00:34:09:01 - 00:34:16:11

Unknown

To spend another vote in a of all.

00:34:16:13 - 00:34:21:18

Speaker 3

Here to ask you whether and also I believe are on television.

00:34:21:24 - 00:34:22:06

Speaker 1

Whether.

00:34:22:08 - 00:34:26:24

Unknown

You want me to overturn the fact that the.

00:34:26:27 - 00:34:28:03

Speaker 1

President.

00:34:28:06 - 00:34:56:07

Speaker 3

Of the commanders have their own chapter members paid today. Those are the are they're going to be used for credentialing. I already gave the opportunity to all the state commanders to correct any mistakes or whatever to the membership list. And as to this very day that walks from matters is correcting it. So I'm assuming that it's all are insured today.

00:34:56:09 - 00:35:08:05

Speaker 3

So when the credentialed person began their resume production, that should eventually those junior hours the book who I go.

00:35:08:06 - 00:35:09:15

Speaker 1

To register.

00:35:09:17 - 00:35:38:25

Speaker 3

All the membership everything that you are doing cross-checking is already doing cross-checking for you and any questions you have on that, you can bring it up to him. You also have the the database of the membership and registration membership. If you have any questions on the membership rosters, paid members. That's why earlier that the state commander recognized rank members of the characteristics sacrament.

00:35:38:27 - 00:35:41:19

Speaker 1

Excuse me right.

00:35:41:22 - 00:35:42:16

Speaker 3

As gay goes.

00:35:42:16 - 00:35:43:09

Speaker 1

Through.

00:35:43:11 - 00:35:49:10

Speaker 3

To his chapter with chapter five, it is due to the state. So that's why Brian is a yes.

00:35:49:12 - 00:35:50:04

Speaker 1

So obviously.

00:35:50:04 - 00:35:56:00

Speaker 3

The track from this will in this is in my government and I.

00:35:56:00 - 00:35:57:09

Speaker 1

Don't work and nobody has a.

00:35:57:09 - 00:35:59:00

Speaker 6

Roster for 50 or more.

00:35:59:03 - 00:36:03:05

Speaker 5

Years where they are members. Do we have a record from the union if you have a roster for.

00:36:03:05 - 00:36:10:26

Speaker 1

That man, yes, you do. And there will be one officer who you're going to do and the other here about.

00:36:10:29 - 00:36:20:08

Speaker 3

All the state officers have a complete list of all the members, both the senior, the union, the women, the credential committee binder, all the people.

00:36:20:09 - 00:36:30:17

Speaker 1

Members of the senior, the new and could give me, you know, their.

00:36:30:19 - 00:36:41:14

Speaker 3

Availability you sit down with Jared will say, okay, here's the number of members that might be likely this is working.

00:36:41:17 - 00:36:46:07

Unknown

With the court here. Here's the total for you.

00:36:46:10 - 00:37:18:18

Speaker 3

The topic for another 2444 here, assuming that we have a corrections to your yesterday and that's what we think the changes reflect what being over one page before. How many youth are that list all together? 24. Right. I do want to make a copy of a page as of 20. Now the questions on the membership and the persons with the credentials committee.

00:37:18:21 - 00:37:26:18

Speaker 3

So, you know, right over the back, back to the second segment.

00:37:26:20 - 00:37:28:06

Unknown

Then the events.

00:37:28:08 - 00:37:29:27

Speaker 3

We have one more.

00:37:30:00 - 00:37:37:26



Speaker 1

Young lady as we were to her, get her report.

00:37:37:29 - 00:38:23:13

Speaker 4

Back throughout the time I have been attending Higher Education Foundation at the national level. And at this time we have some very good news for me, that foundation actually have money. However, chapters that are not applying for scholarships, the limit right now is \$500. You saving \$500, you get like \$1,000. There's so much money in there that we extended the deadline to July 31st so that we can make this announcement here and let you know if you have time to apply for that scholarship.

00:38:23:13 - 00:38:55:11

Speaker 4

So please send it in. Also, there. And that meeting that we have in Albuquerque to work for, for bringing in some business people that want to set up for that sponsor, we've got some nice sponsors when they're not through or do you need a camera and we were in have taxes by your first national bank. They contact the foundation to offer money and that's never been done before.

00:38:55:11 - 00:39:22:01

Speaker 4

We've always you have to go out there and get paid for that. And I really like them because, you know, I work in a collector and I collect a lot of money from them, especially now that I know that they have outfit, but we're not. Please. It's very important also because of states that have small chapters or not enough chapters or have to pay for that.

00:39:22:03 - 00:39:46:16

Speaker 4

They're putting that you're right captured and it really helps to go for membership where the population is only \$10 in here and that we do strictly scholarship. That's for us doing our part do and we all of that are you know, they have the scholarship to pay. So \$10 a year is not going to hurt us. We go to McDonald's to buy junk food for our kids.

00:39:46:16 - 00:40:12:18

Speaker 4

Sometimes I can get \$10 for you and something that they'll be able to negotiate your money to get an education. It is very important. Also, I urge all of you to please enroll active members to the foundation and for my friend to be required to have at least when we have the training, even before the requirement is there.

00:40:12:21 - 00:40:43:02

Speaker 4

But you're fired and you're not paying your dues. So it's very important. You don't have to give me that. You can imagine terminating to make a check for the foundation, but you can never directly grab our perfect. All the memberships expire at the same time, the same after your membership December 31st you have great period. Outstanding you do by Lampert for you saying by November 1st it'll covered for the following year.

00:40:43:04 - 00:41:11:20

Speaker 4

If you send it in right now, it will be covered with 57/31. So you see it's very important that we get them. And even though we're going to expire on December the 31st, it's to our advantage to pay those two things. And it is only for the next six months and we need to if we don't have those numbers paid out, we're only going to have one member on that board.

00:41:11:22 - 00:41:44:10

Speaker 4

We're allowed to. But if we don't have enough members that goes to lock donations. We don't have to have paid up members that belong to the Fellowship Foundation, then we won't have a representation on the board. But you can see I will qualify for the 500 to that. Also, like for example, chapters that have men, women and youth, they can send in \$500 for each chapter and it would be matched.

00:41:44:12 - 00:42:19:11

Speaker 4

Okay, like that, you can send them 500 and they can give back a thousand where we send in 500. It's like a thousand effective signatures. That was never done before. We got lack of money. That money is there. We're not using and please apply for it. Never before has that it's been extended. You know, they had a deadline exactly two years, but we had an excellent working for this time and we really want our youth to apply for this scholarship.

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Speaker 4

And I think that have to be very happy with that. Yes, it does happen.

00:42:26:27 - 00:42:29:03

Speaker 5

Because everyone it's our money, basically.

00:42:29:05 - 00:42:33:26

Speaker 4

I find it a little silly. It just happened.

00:42:33:28 - 00:42:34:17

Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:42:34:20 - 00:42:42:21

Speaker 4

I think I'm making money. Here you go. Send it here and I get Yes, okay. Money.

00:42:42:23 - 00:43:12:06

Unknown

I have. I have I haven't generated \$500 for scholarship matching funds already on. About six weeks ago, I made a request to go get that money from 1990. Coming here. We have all our queens here.

00:43:12:06 - 00:43:34:04

Speaker 4

They arrived yesterday and they were all working hard for the organization. So now you have them yesterday. I'm honored to say that we continue the tradition from last year when we started a tradition that it's the second year in a row. So we make it. It is a veteran hospital. And how so? And it was a really good experience.

00:43:34:06 - 00:43:53:04

Speaker 4

We went from room to room, all the girls and talk to the patients. They just stay there for a couple minutes in person and see how they were doing it to cheer them up a little. Because sometimes when you're in the hospital, in your car from home coming out from Hawaii and there's people coming in and these are just a chair him up and we took pictures.

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Speaker 1

And we some of them.

00:43:54:01 - 00:44:20:13

Speaker 4

Totally alien pictures they were excited to see Queen. And we see that those are really positive experience for everybody. And now they have to go through continuing our practices and having our preparation for tomorrow night. And they're all wonderful contemporary. They can be tough to choose because they all would be perfect going. They have great personalities and their engineering and education and they have goals.

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Speaker 4

And so all of them are beautiful and they're in good writing for it. So any of them would be a perfect queen to represent you next year. So we're continuing our work and I hope we continue to see you guys and give the talk to each of you this weekend. And thank you.

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Unknown

A.J. That was a beautiful.

00:44:50:14 - 00:44:58:23

Speaker 1

They all are. You know, we're very lucky in the Hispanic community.

00:44:58:25 - 00:45:00:09

Speaker 4

We have the most beautiful.

00:45:00:09 - 00:45:36:23

Speaker 1

Woman and ladies in the world. The I'm going to give them to my record. My best of all, I have written letters. But in regards to probably when I first of all, I would like to thank you again by thanking the American gathered on the membership for the conference, expressing my reaction to the demand in June of last year and reserve.

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Speaker 1

I think the San Jose is going to be really and put a lot of time. Remember the month after the convention, I can remember the first time the person board meeting again in San Jose. At the meeting we had a good brainstorming session where everybody, every one of our state board members.

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Speaker 3

Present.

00:45:56:16 - 00:46:20:04

Speaker 1

In a room with a better perspective of what we wanted to do. My next main event was attending the national convention in Kansas City, and I again my company, Mr. Kansas City, they did a great job. Our biggest objective at the national convention was to reelect our National Congress.

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Unknown

And go through. It was a tremendous growth opportunity and meet us real.

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Speaker 1

That's a good word to make sure.

00:46:34:21 - 00:46:39:09

Speaker 3

I don't want to bore you with the number rooms.

00:46:39:12 - 00:47:30:23

Speaker 1

I think what we did is we went just a little too high. And you you know, we wanted to be done in a hurry and they kind of backed up, but they're coming back because we gave them a budget and a breakdown of what we wanted. And that was that looks like it's going to come from our. The thing is that in November we had a state board meeting and in Sacramento and on and not in, but we had a meeting, we had a brainstorming session and Will and, and I rely on I'll work in general.

00:47:30:23 - 00:47:37:28

Speaker 1

We had a very long time. We had a good meeting, but another.

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Speaker 3

Hour this is get close.

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Speaker 1

But we don't have great reviews.

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Speaker 3

About it's a great writer going to be making a speech today but today, even this morning, I would like to introduce Mr. Edward for you. He's a representative from the Department of California Veterans Affairs.

00:48:03:10 - 00:48:07:26

Speaker 1

And representing Mr..

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Speaker 3

Jay Pakistan. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I and he's representing him today. And he's.

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Speaker 1

Going to.

00:48:16:10 - 00:48:18:12

Speaker 3

Make a presentation on veterans issues.

00:48:18:12 - 00:48:20:02

Speaker 1

Today from the state and from the.

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Speaker 3

Local government.

00:48:21:21 - 00:48:24:04

Speaker 1

You know, veterans issues.

00:48:24:07 - 00:48:36:26

Speaker 3

So I'm going to give thanks for Mr..

00:48:36:28 - 00:49:02:23

Speaker 1

Good morning. This is yes, it's a it's a real pleasure to be here. I remember the executive staff for our department and our undersecretary, Mr. Bennett, when they were planning the convention, said, why don't we send the trivia to the Americans? You get the convention. And then about two weeks later, I heard about that and I said, Yeah, I'd love to go.

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Speaker 1

I used to be a member and I knew of the checkbook.

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Unknown

And the sign up for active in.

00:49:12:29 - 00:49:17:22

Speaker 1

For Sacramento would be here this morning, but I haven't see it. Maybe they'll be here later.



00:49:17:24 - 00:49:23:12

Unknown

We are coming.

00:49:23:14 - 00:49:47:23

Speaker 1

We're trying to decide what to talk about. I received some bullets from our department in terms of issues to talk about, but I really want to combine some information about what the department does and presents some things that are of interest to me. So I like to do this first. Introduced myself. My name is Richard. He was born in Sacramento, California, in 1940.

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Speaker 1

My father was from one Mexico. He came here with his he never became an American citizen, but he was always pushing us to educate ourselves and to get out and vote. And so I want to talk about that a little bit. But I graduated from the California State University in Sacramento with an anthropologist major candidate. I worked for several agency from the state Personnel Board.

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Speaker 1

I'm an expert in personnel classification improvement. where I came to when I left the state personnel where I worked for the Department of Health in keeping those plans to be national insurance companies, I worked at French Dashboard as an assistant person. I ended up working in Las Vegas about 12 years ago, as in personnel. So I wanted to have an opportunity to work with the director.

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Speaker 1

At that time, Colonel Garvey was from South America to serve with the, family of the Green Berets. And so I services affirmative action officer, civil rights officer. And so I had a real commitment towards trying to get our, Hispanic representation up in the job fairs, served on energy panels, and went up and down the state to Hispanics in our department.

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Speaker 1

And I subsequently became the personnel officer at the Veterans Home in Yountville. We have a facility there in the Napa Valley that's about about 1200 members there. And then they opened they came back to Sacramento, where I served as the personnel officer for a while, and also just recently a civil rights officer again. And now I'm the sales manager for our Calvert Home Loan program.

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Speaker 1

And you see that responsibility two months ago. But as I said, my background is basically in personnel in civil rights. Our department, the California Department of Veterans.

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Unknown

Affairs, has, three major programs, television program and services programs.

00:52:12:23 - 00:52:41:20

Speaker 1

And we kept our veterans homes, a lot of them in Yountville. We have a very new home in Barstow, and we have a home that we're building in Chula Vista, San Diego. Ah, I always keep a kind of a tab on our Hispanic representation in the department. If I go shopping. A new civil rights officer to monitor the seniors policy personnel.

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Speaker 1

And we are at parity and most of our classification where we're under represented in Spanish is in the nursing area in the Bay Area, you know, and in with our food service workers. So we'll be developing a plan to try and recruit more and more people in those disciplines in our department, in our number one program.

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Speaker 1

I think we're fairly well represented in terms of Hispanics. And the number two, one of the number two guys for our California program. So I'm proud of that. As a matter of fact, Mr. Frank's embarrassing just

walked in there. He was also red for our Department of Veterans Affairs, and he was in Singapore, where I was also the number two of our secretary, Colonel Vargas, is he can't be here.

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Speaker 1

He he recently resigned because in health reasons his health and also quite selflessly on the civilians. So that's why they asked me to this place. And it was a great honor. I talked about the care, but I think it's really important that we're going to reach reaching parity in, in our department or any state agency or any of this.

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Speaker 1

There are some some key things that we have to do, and that's what I'd like you here. We have to focus on education, which is what your motive is. Our motto is from the very first, your motto is the education. We have emphasized education. You have to get our kids into into the great schools, the high school, to reduce the dropout rate, to get our children, you know, just like somebody found out he's got a daughter on a San Francisco state line.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, that's my daughter's right now. She's a junior we hope she graduates in May because my pocket was getting a little. But she's a finance major. I don't think it matters what your major is, is upon the education. There's that old saying in the language of Y community, and that applies education. If you don't have the education, you're relying on new people in your family, you know, you don't want to have.

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Speaker 1

That same principle applies to global security, right? This is big. I've been caught up in some. So I think that while my dad, my dad can vote, he pushed us to vote. He showed up. He was from Mexico. And so he was American history. What was magnificent. So he emphasized the right to vote. And I think if you don't exercise that right, then then you really can't complain about anything else that people who who should have voted on certain legislation that was kind of like Hispanic who were going to protest.

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Speaker 1

And I said, well, did you vote? They said, no, you can protest all you want, but if you didn't vote, there's a reason. So we have to push our children and anybody who's a citizen has a right to vote and get out there and do it so that we're not go of my right to have such a small electorate that small people seem to be making decisions for us.

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Speaker 1

I mean, no, I didn't pass away a few years ago. If my mother died kind of funny. You know, you always think, you know, always predicting the future. And my dad always thought that he was going to die first. My mother died first, and then the outside, nine months later.

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Unknown

He just the reason that you say it.

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Speaker 1

Was on, you know, we had a very high biodiversity off every year. And one of the things with my dad was that when he wanted to become a citizen, you had to go to.

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Unknown

An education class and you had to.

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Speaker 1

Test chemicals in this class. And so he was starting a class, but he knew his history for tobacco somewhere in the history. And so he agreed to take the test right then, but they wouldn't let him take it. So then they changed the law and they said, well, okay, ready to take the test and that kind of thing, you know, they didn't want to get what they wanted to do in the government anyway.

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Speaker 1

So that's what he did. But but he raised all of our kids. And so I just want to I just want to make sure that I am in sync with you all in terms of making sure that our youth goes through eventually. We also have voting age and speaking about youth market environment right now and how that home loan program, we think we've made some some major changes, knew that some of the programs that the we have a need for for help in our program processing car for child at home loans we had to have access to this program technicians that we used to use.

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Speaker 1

And so what we're doing now is we're filling those type of jobs with student assistance and student assistance. So that classification that's used in the service and what you have to do to change the workforce of the student system is you have to be registered in college now as a support. And you can see it from anywhere from freshmen that well, actually graduate student.

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Speaker 1

But to get in the door. So your freshman, you can apply with our department in our district offices, for a job as a student assistant, the pay is determined by the number of units of the college. So just beginning freshman as well, you know, so you get to then if you work your way up to be a senior or as a graduate, students, it takes time.

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Speaker 1

So we're in a real, real need for our student assistance right now to help this process are capped at home loans. We set a goal for our for ourselves for this year that we have to sell \$336 million short. Of course, we have a five year plan that the governance board is looking at right now. We're ready and waiting to sign off on them, but part of our the process was once the nearest we have hearings in Santa Clara County and responsible statewide for all our district offices.

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Speaker 1

We have office in Fresno, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and the Santa Fe Springs. And then we have satellite offices in Bakersfield, Redding, Redlands, Concord and Tura. So I have the responsibility for our Veterans Affairs, for all those offices so I can make my periodic trips, each of those offices. And right now is a see, we really do need assistance.

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Speaker 1

We need, we're also looking at the time that seasonal workers, seasonal work in this commercial workforce, they don't have to take a civil service and we're going to be putting fliers up air and we're hoping to be able to make some referrals to our department for some supports. So we are we are reaching out to the communities to help us, obviously, because like there is such a situation that some of the programs that we have I mentioned.

01:01:10:14 - 01:01:15:23

Unknown

The California Home Loan program, we've made some changes.

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Speaker 1

In that program. Our interest rate now is only 6.995%. We're very competitive, we're hoping in the fall they can drop that percentage rate down to about six and a half percent. We have a fire and disaster insurance plan that's self-funded, and we have an excellent blended coverage plan for our life and disability, which is a program has been revised to reduce cost.

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Speaker 1

And we're as I said, we have a five year plan with the goal is to improve customer service. That's one thing I've noticed and I'm making a little sheet and then I'm going to collect the complaints from people and they say they're not being treated properly in the district office. And we're going to have a meeting with the managers this day and say, okay, here's the place you guys want it.

01:02:10:21 - 01:02:14:13

Speaker 1

You need this.

01:02:14:16 - 01:02:20:22

Unknown

Thank you. And somebody calls in.

01:02:20:22 - 01:02:34:27

Speaker 1

And the veteran policy man told me yesterday that I got hold of manager and is insulted And you're you seem upset because like I just read the line and said the veteran said that I felt ashamed.

01:02:34:29 - 01:02:39:03

Unknown

And I said you shouldn't feel that way. Right?

01:02:39:06 - 01:02:39:14

Speaker 1

Yeah.

01:02:39:14 - 01:02:49:06

Unknown

The question that was asked halfway through is, yes, we did. And recently, right.

01:02:49:09 - 01:03:16:17

Speaker 1

As a matter of fact, I'm not an expert on all the programs yet, but when I did it in the Bible region, at the front of the front desk are these brochures. You know, they're from one program and it's got information there on the ground from improving construction instruction, supplying them all, all that information and information on the transcript.

01:03:16:17 - 01:03:36:12

Speaker 1

And so when I began customer service, I said we have to treat the veterans with respect, and we're not doing that for losing or losing customers, and we can't afford that. We're going to be our goal for \$36 million in the camp.

01:03:36:12 - 01:03:44:02

Unknown

We kept insulting people in in like for.

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Speaker 1

In our veterans services area. We have a fee waiver program. That program allows us dependents of veterans, eligible veterans to have their college fees, raise their registration tuition that programs be going on for the same amount of time for a while. So far, we helped 6000 students last year. So that's something that we're going to we have a vehicle license plate program, so we've distributed over \$200,000 to the county government services officers.

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Speaker 1

You can request the vehicle license plate from the Department of Motor Vehicles with the different logo. As one of our attorneys from our department will be here and will be here later on. This also has a picture of our local as a license plate with the GM orange logo on it. You can you can get those catalogs. I forgot to mention the thing about Secretary Morris.

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Speaker 1

He was he was a medal of Honor. And in our department where it can be kind of Sacramento, he can look me up, give me my phone number six if you want to write it down some of six by 35119 mark our buildings had an interesting we got a916. There's a916 here but we have we modernized our building.

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Speaker 1



We have a it's area for 966535159. Anyway in our building we have a room like this larger is called an honor roll and in that in that room we have plaques of every inch of every Medal of Honor. We're with their name on that wall. You can see that's pretty impressive. And then across the street from our work is tangible on the north side, and we've got the Vietnam Veterans Memorial there.

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Speaker 1

And then a friend of mine, Michael Kilby, he's the one who's putting together the veterans Memorial right now as we speak. As we speak. So here. And they were beaten up by an opportunity to tour this those memorials. But there's also the Mexican War organization, Montreal, over there by the state Library. Now, Sandwich Ortega San Ortega is working on that.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, I guess I should mention honoring the Warriors that especially new if you can contribute \$50 in tax deductible, you can include your service picture in your story and memorials would be in on any kind of a memorial site. And Trujillo served in Vietnam ever before, served the Baghdad General Hospital. I get like a touch screen electronic screen.

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Speaker 1

Touch your name and then your and your story will appear on the screen for photographs. And of course, like I said, just \$50 to do that. And that \$50 goes towards the different cost of construction. But federally, and I know that the speed on this with USDA, which is in charge of guarding roundabout cemeteries and in California. So that's that's kind of a runway project.

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Speaker 1

I really can't tell you where that is right now. We are having a lot of great discussion, which is about responsibility for cemeteries in general. And we have a bill in the federal level, H.R. 1241, which is an account by the state of California, to to allow us to be able to serve war veterans before in our program.

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Speaker 1

You know, these are veterans who were born in California or who were in the service, and we changed the state law that said that any veteran residing in the state of California can't get Cal that long to get benefits. Now we're trying to get a federal law. Change will allow us to expand expand our eligible candidate pool.

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Speaker 1

We need that that law. It's H.R. 1241 and you need to feature California immigration leaders and Senator Boxer to support H.R. 12 1241. So want to thank you very much for being here and giving us all this inside job. A little bit of the external threat and even external warriors, even though we understand that we haven't selected Davis or the Gorman anywhere and I'm right in the center, will appoint their own secretary of Veterans Affairs and so we have to be involved in the selection so we can make sure that we have our voices to who is elected is the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Speaker 1

And I think right now there's many.

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Speaker 3

Many more questions. I think we'll break for.

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Speaker 1

Lunch.

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And we can be sure.

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Speaker 1

To fill out.

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Girls as well.

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Speaker 3

So one of the things that the GI Forum does is we do have some prayers to say before we eat our meals. So if we could have your attention for a few minutes, we have our state chaplain, Raul Ortega, who was going to say a few words for us.

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Speaker 1

Thank you very.

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Speaker 3

Much. Everybody stand, please. I'm going to go away from our regular prayer. And I would like to start by asking God to.

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Speaker 1

Bless the food we allowed to and also bless these young people that are among us.

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Speaker 3

And give them direction toward education, bring them to our final gratitude for them, for their communities. And also our brothers can go back with their families and support them in a direction that is necessary for them to be children of God and God. I pray. Thank you. Amen. Please enjoy your meal. We'll be starting our presentation in about 30, 45 minutes.

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Speaker 3

We don't want to interrupt your meal and so we're not going to have any words to say at that particular time. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

To.

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Speaker 3

The company of the people you're with this afternoon. But first of all, I'd like to really really thank you all for coming to the convention, to the luncheons, to the program that we have for these next couple of days. I've been counting the years. You know, it's like the new park ballpark in San Francisco. You know, how many days they keep counting the days before it gets there?

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Speaker 3

Well Two years ago, I was doing the same thing. I would say, man, here's a day more last day, last day last. And it's coming here. And it's coming here and it's coming here. And I'm saying, God, I only got three more days to go. But I can see why Candlestick or whatever they're going to call it now, PAC Bell, I can see the enthusiasm of the people who are putting that together, because that's the kind of enthusiasm the committee who put this convention together had that same type of enthusiasm.

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Speaker 3

And they really, really were counting the days, just like PAC Bell Park that's coming in a couple of years. I'm talking about the committee. Before I introduced that, the head table. I would like if you would assist me here and give a round hand of applause for my committee. And at this particular table, we have Gloria Olson and Gary Olson.

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Speaker 3

And at the far table have Mr. Juan Rodriguez. And the list of committee members just goes on and on. They're not here, but I'd like to thank them. But I really like to thank is the two people who are at the front desk all day yesterday and all day today. And that's my son, Vincent Salinas, Junior, and my wife, Silvia Salinas.

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Speaker 3

I'm going to introduce the head table first, and then I'm going to recognize a few people on the audience to my immediate right and right. Your left we have Francesco Ibarra, the first national vice president of the American GI Forum. Next to him we have the national commander of the American GI Forum, Mr. Jake O'Leary. So to Jake is our State chaplain, Raul Ortega.

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Speaker 3

Next to Raul is our state. Woman Chairperson Mariana Tinoco and next to Mariana is our state queen, is Diana Romero. And next to me is our is our desperate state commander, Mr. Fred Gorka. Now to my left, your right is our guest speaker this afternoon, and I'll explain that after I do the introductions. Is Charlie through he'll sitting next to Charlie and remember they told me to make sure I call him Charlie is our state secretary, Alan Galvan next to Holland is our first vice commander for the state, Richard Martinez.

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Speaker 3

Sitting next to Richard is our second vice commander, Rose Flores and also our state Queen coordinator for the Fremont Newark chapter of the American GI Forum. But I'd like to introduce a few people on the audience. Let me start with a real long time friend who's been around for many years with a couple of organizations that I used to belong to.

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Speaker 3

Presently, he's the vice president, Board of Education of Alum Rock Elementary School District in San Jose. Mr. is are here to where where do you go? We had to go to court. He's an attorney also I also like to introduce one particular table is there's a mr. John do trust table Mr. John Dutra who is not only a

lifetime member of the American GI Firm of the Fremont Newark chapter, he's he's also a candidate for our district Assembly district, even though he's not here.

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Speaker 3

But let me introduce his son, Dominic Dutra, one of the several of the important people that help us put on this event, our corporations. And I just want to introduce the corporation's name right. Sitting at the back table is State Farm Insurance Company. Sitting sort of of to the center is Lockheed Martin missile and space. And to my left is Cargill Salt.

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Speaker 3

First of all, I'd like to apologize for a change in the agenda. This for our luncheon today. We did have Gray Davis, who's a candidate for governor, was planning to attend. But what can you read in the papers lately? Whether he was or wasn't. But we are He apologized for not being able to be here. He gives us all his best and we wish him well.

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Speaker 3

And the upcoming election in November. The next person I'd like to introduce right now is our state commander, Fred Gorka. He would like to say a few words. Fred Gorka That's one of the.

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Speaker 1

Requirements to wear your hat.

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Speaker 3

Or your pin. I like to wear my hat.

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Speaker 1

Because it means a lot to me. I have that. The one.

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Speaker 3

Thing.

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Speaker 1

That I have is the name.

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Speaker 3

And that.

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Speaker 1

Is my combat infantry badge.

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Speaker 3

And that kind.

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Speaker 1

Of makes me a little.

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Speaker 3

Happy for that. So anyway, that's why I like it. I really want to thank.

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Speaker 1

Each and every one of you.

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Speaker 3

For being here today.

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Speaker 1

It's it's a tremendous.

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Speaker 3

Enjoyment to see you.

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Speaker 1

All here and and participate with us.

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Speaker 3

In this convention. I want to thank a few certain people at.

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Speaker 1

This point in time.



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Speaker 3

I want to thank number one be Robinson, Hector Carrera, Mary Merry. Then for their Youth Opportunity program.

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Speaker 1

And their generous use of their.

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Speaker 3

Computers. Okay, so for of you who haven't seen the computers, it's in the back room.

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Speaker 1

Go there.

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Speaker 3

Visit the website, see what we have, and see an.

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Speaker 1

Individual like Gus Lerma has put together. It's a tremendous thing and it's something that we been looking for.

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Speaker 3

And other than that, I just want to say thank you to each and every one of us for being here and helping us.

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Speaker 1

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Speaker 3

Leave this go to. Our convention chairman. You know, as, as we look to the future and we look to the future of computers, that's where the American GI form is going. Fred Coca is working real hard with Novell to provide that for the organization throughout the state. But as we look at to the future, we also have to look to the past.

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Speaker 3

And the next person I may introduce is a writer of the past, and he lets us not forget where we were and where we are today because of veterans. The person I'm talking about who's a writer educator is Charlie Trujillo. When I was looking at his his his brief bio, you know, he comes close to close from my home town of this area.

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Speaker 3

And when I saw that he was from Corcoran, I said, Wow, that's close by. And so when I was reading the rest of his information and, and the term that he in Vietnam, and then when he got out of Vietnam, he attended college and received his master's degree from college. He's he's also an educator. And as I understand, he's a retired educator.

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Speaker 3

But his his love is writing and publishing. And Charlie, when when I met him about, it's going to be about six years ago at a lonely college, I was walking through there with my wife and we have to stop by his booth and he was selling his books and so forth. And I just stopped by and I picked up one of his books and I was looking at it as, Wow.

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Speaker 3

So that was and that's what the American GI Forum is, is about veterans. And it's important that we look to our past so that we know where we go to in the future as that to remember those situations. Remember our vets, remember that that's who this organization is fighting for. And that's what Charlie writes in his books. And he has a love for writing, a love for publishing.

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Speaker 3

Let me now introduce to you Charlie Trujillo right here.

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Speaker 6

Can you hear me back here? All right. I still get nervous, but as I go along, I probably I'd probably have to pull the hook and get me off stage here. anyway, I like to talk about education today, and especially particularly for the young people and how it's helped me out in my life and even though where I've been taught by my parents not to boast about myself.

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Speaker 6

So I hope you don't look at look at it as if I'm boasting or just certain things that I've gone through. And and a lot of the people my age here that we have gone through in our lifetimes, especially, I believe most of us here are probably from working class families, okay? Our parents were working class people and everyone, but I'm at least people I know here they were working class.

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Speaker 6

Okay. So I grew up as a farm worker there in Cork, in California, there in the San Joaquin Valley. I guess, to use the cliché, our latest claim to fame. To fame there is we have a Charlie Manson, we're in prison and Sirhan Sirhan. Okay. So once in a while you'll see Corcoran in the news because of that.

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Speaker 6

But other than that, it's a very, very small town about at that time when I was raised there, about 6000 people. Well, the population has doubled since I think we have 6000 prisoners now. Okay. So they're included in the in the population because they have two prisons. Okay. So anyway, and half of my relatives are in there and the other half are guarding them.

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Speaker 6

Okay. You know how we have that dichotomy in our families a lot of times. Okay, So I just wanted to tell you a few things about my experiences, my life experiences. And I said, I grew up in Corcoran and we basically were farm workers picking grapes and cotton right now would probably be in, some would say, picking prunes.

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Speaker 6

And it seems like in those days I thought, man, I'm never going to get out of here. But my parents always, always stressed education, constantly, constantly stressing education because they did not want us to work like they did. So, you know, but at the same time, we didn't get a lot of support in school. Basically, we were told, you know, you're not really going to do much.

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Speaker 6

You're a mexican right, just get an education. So you could be a janitor or something like that. Okay. So but I did finish high school and that was it for us at that generation. Finishing high school was I guess the equivalent of finishing college now. Right. I graduated in 68, and before that it was very, very difficult. What, 60, 70% dropout rate, probably Barossa throughout the nation.

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Speaker 6

So I decided to join the military. This was in 68 and some of the reasons I did was because, you know, I didn't want to work in the fields anymore. I wanted to go to college, but I thought it was boring. I couldn't see my father and especially my mother working out in the fields while I'm sitting in a nice, comfortable classroom.

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Speaker 6

My father and my uncles are War two veterans and Korean War veterans. So I figured I had to do my my bit, you know, I had to do my job. And patriotism was another reason. Also, I guess I wanted to be like Audie Murphy. You know, we watch these movies and all that. And so I wanted to be to do that and and the movies do play an important role in our perception of war and what war is about.

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Speaker 6

Now. We have Rambo and Ninja Turtles and those types of things. So that's what we get in terms of what war is like. So with all those reasons and adventurism, right, they're basically adventure. So I thought I did join the Army and then I eventually volunteered for Vietnam and I wound up and about the only thing I got out of there and I lost part of my body over there as well.

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Speaker 6

But one of the first thing that I got out of there is I think I, I gained a lot of self-confidence, a lot of self-confidence, in terms of being in a combat unit. And by the time I left, I was basically the platoon sergeant at the age of 20, a lot of responsibilities. However, that's also a double whammy, shall we say, because when you get back, it's a lot different.

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Speaker 6

And things don't seem very important to you because you know what? Like when I was going to school, to college, even though I wanted to finish, I mean, so I couldn't take it serious because things didn't seem to be serious unless it was a life or death situation. That's it. You're going to give an F that's not serious, you know?

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Speaker 6

I mean, you know, for for trying to get along. But eventually I did work it out and I did okay. It's cool. It became because of my family and a support system that is very important for us. And by the way, some of you who are Vietnam veterans or who have relatives who are Vietnam veterans, I will give you my card and I'm putting together a packet for for veterans and for them to know how to apply for post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Speaker 6

Okay. A lot of us have that problem, I believe, or that we're afflicted with that, but we don't want to go and get treatment and and I do go and I really recommend it to veterans start going, especially Chicanos. We have a high incidence we have a very high of PTSD as other amputee, especially the infantry soldiers. So if any of you would like my car to have the veterans talk to me and sometimes you'll listen to what I have to say since I am a veteran myself.

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Speaker 6

So anyway, I had these problems, but I always had these goals. I always had these goals. I mean, you know, it's pretty disappointing when you come, at least for me, when I came back from Vietnam, besides just going through that terrible experience. also, you know, when I came back home, I was still being treated for my wound.

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Speaker 6

When I was in convalescent leave, I lost my right eye, so I was still wearing a patch and I went out to to work in the fields for a few days because my friends were out there and my dad told me to go to work. He just didn't want me laying around. Contrary to popular belief, Mexicans are not lazy all my brother is, but he's an exception.

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Speaker 6

Okay, but we have very strong work ethic and, you know, and I got stopped by the Border Patrol. Wow. What do you got to do for these guys? Right I thought it was kind of funny, but then kind of sad at the same time. They're still questioning you. Okay, So anyway, I did have these goals, and then I went to college to careers in Visalia, Fresno City College, and then I went to UC Berkeley.

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Speaker 6

But one of the counselors there told me that I shouldn't go to Berkeley because I would not be able to make it there. Okay. They're actually trying to tell me not to go, even though I got accepted. He said, No,

I don't think you should go to Berkeley because you will not make it. But I did. Okay. Actually, I got better grades in Berkeley, and I did in college as a coyote.

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Speaker 6

So And once again I hope you don't think I'm bragging, it's just certain things that I've gone through with people constantly telling you, You can't do this, you can't do that. But you can if you put your mind to it and not that easy, but if you put your mind to it, there are a lot of obstacles up there, but you can overcome those obstacles.

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Speaker 6

Okay. And then I did finish there. Then I went to San Jose State and then I was teaching college there at the end of college for about 12 years. I taught there actually, I was one of those freeway instructors. I would teach at the ends of a couple classes. Then I go to Evergreen College and teach another one, and then I'd go to an off campus site in Milpitas or something like that.

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Speaker 6

They call us the freeway instructors. Okay, you just go to different places. And sometimes I would be full time, sometimes I would not. San Jose State. So anyway, but that was a very good experience for me. And then in the early the early 1980s, I began to read a lot of books on the Vietnam War, especially those books dealing with the soldier experience.

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Speaker 6

And I noticed that Chicanos for the most part, were either not met, not talked about or written about, or we were very glossed over, just like in the movies, you know, like when you see them, the guy with a donkey in, the background or something is always the Mexicans are in the back. So I said, Wow, you know, it's I think I could put a book together like that.

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Speaker 6

And that saying that Chicanos were the only ones. But we were probably, I would say from 15 to 20% of those soldiers who served, or at least the casualties were Chicanos and Puerto Ricans. So that's that's a large percentage of soldiers who served in Vietnam, especially in the infantry units. So I see I could put a book together like this.

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Speaker 6

I have the educational background. I am a veteran. So I started interviewing those soldiers from my home town of Corcoran, and basically I stayed there. Well, I just did stay there, so it's very limited. But each book is limited in its scope and what it's going to cover. So I dealt with those guys. I interviewed 18 Vietnam veterans and my son, I wrote my part and I put this together or a collection of testimonies.

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Speaker 6

So that was Chicanos in Vietnam came, and then it took me about four years or something of that sort. Of course, I was still teaching college at the time and then I got laid off, so I was able to concentrate on it full time. I began to get unemployment. I could tell my friends, I just got a grant from the state to do my book writing the unemployment rate.

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Speaker 6

But that makes you look good anyway. So I put it together and it was amazing what these guys told me of some of the experiences they went through. and it was I said, it's limited from these guys from Corcoran, but if I, if I put that, for example, Pretty Delgado He's from Texas. You wouldn't know the difference in Arizona because we do have a common culture and there are certain experiences that are that are common to us.

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Speaker 6

Of course, each individual views the world differently. Of course, but still there are some generalities that are that are very common. Who came? the elements of these generalities. So I put it together and then I spent two years looking for a publisher, two years, who were all book publishers that that I talked to where McMillan and Company, Simon and Schuster.



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Speaker 6

I did get through some of the big New York companies and but they eventually all turned me down. And of course, in New York, I'd been there several times for publishing things and they I, they pretty arrogant. They act as if the Vietnam War took place in New York City. I don't know. Something that's anything west of New York is, is regional.

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Speaker 6

Right? So it's very interesting the way they look at things. So I got turned down by, I think, 85 publishers. Okay, 85. And then finally the Dean, Olivia mercado, where I was working that when I went back to Diane to college, she said, Charlie is going to do it yourself. So I said, You're right. So my friend Adam Aviles, who's a graphic design student at the time, we got together and he put together the the book in terms of formatting it and all that and, I got, money from my mom, from my dad, Michael, Mario, my computers, my sisters, my beer cans, everything I could get.

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Speaker 6

You know, I know my not my brother Is this tasty type. Anyway, so yeah, I got to get this money. And then. Then I had 5000 books in my small apartment, and then, I only saw so many to my mother. so let's say. Well, now, what am I going to do with these 5000 books? And I just started going to things like this and just out there, guerilla marketing, as they say.

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Speaker 6

And I sold those. I think in the first year I sold the first the first 5000 that I published. so and then I won an American Book Award, which I received in New York City. and I felt pretty good about that. And so then my friend Gilbert Garza told me, Hey, Charlie, since you have one book, might as well publish another book.

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Speaker 6

I said, You're right. I'm out there. Anyway, so, I published the book Undocumented Love was a Montoya's book Information, 20 Years of Horror and Other people. And so I and then I eventually just

quit teaching, and I'm doing this full work. Of course, now, since I'm not a politician, well, for one, I'm too short. And the other one.

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Speaker 6

So you don't have to worry about. I'm not going to ask for your vote. I'm just going to ask you to buy my books. We all have an angle. So, then I have published several other books. This one just came out about six months ago, is called Peace Time. The Spirit of the Eagle, I call a Good One.

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Speaker 6

It's about it's about a Chicano in the Army. I think the first book of its kind. Okay, I have also published It's A Dream by Art Rodriguez, who's back there. Art, there will be some of his.

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Speaker 4

Book.

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Speaker 6

Came out about six months. It's about he growing up in samples in his first book. Actually For the most part, I'm publishing new writers, okay? And I have other books that, as you will see at the table, But I'm publishing new writers because I know that the established writers are. We already have publishers. So as a matter of fact, I have a, a manuscript by a young Chicano from New Mexico, 18 years old.

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Speaker 6

I won't be publishing her novel. Okay. So and I published an anthology of Chicano writers all the way from the ages of 22, I think. One. Maria must be 78 years old. Okay, so there is a big market out there, and the big companies are beginning to realize that now. But, you know, the main problem with all this is marketing basically what we have to do.

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Speaker 6

And then I publish my novel Dogs from Illusion. I call it a postmodern, picaresque novel. I don't know what that means, but it sounds nice when I go to the.

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Speaker 1

University.

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Speaker 6

Of Illinois. He must have something, right? So and this? We're going to make a movie of you. Can I finish writing the script? and my mother, who I. That's a very big project. My mother, who's one of my best supporters, she just looks at me and shakes her head, is is for He told me I dropped him on his head many times or something.

01:38:30:13 - 01:38:48:24

Speaker 6

And even though she's one of my greatest supporters, you know, it's somebody, you know, from the socioeconomic background that our family's from. It's something, you know that you really don't think of. And people still shake their hand. I don't think you're going to do it. But I've written a script. I have a producer, not the money producer, but the one who could organize it.

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Speaker 6

And we should have it. We should start filming next year with with all if everything goes well, which I don't see why not. So that that's that's a hard project. But one of the things getting back to education, the education has helped me in that it has given me choices. You have many choices. You can do things that you want to do.

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Speaker 6

It's not just about money, which is also very important, the economic aspect of it, but it's also to do what you want to do in your life and to be role models, your brothers and sisters and the younger generation coming up for those of you who are young. So it's very important and that you do something with your life that you like doing that's something that you have to do.

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Speaker 6

But that's what education is brought to me is choices. And to do things that I want to do. Okay, Well, thank you very much.

01:39:53:17 - 01:40:16:20

Speaker 3

You know, as Charlie was talking about his days in Corcoran, and I was just saying, you know what I would do colleges and careers. I didn't run into them, but of course I was probably a little younger than he was at that particular time. But I think I'm catching up to him after the convention. So when I accused me, he says, Guys, you look an older, you retired, this is what I get done.

01:40:16:20 - 01:41:31:01

Speaker 3

By Sunday, I probably will be. I would like to make several presentations this afternoon. It's important that you recognize some people for, well, people and corporations for their contributions to making things continue to evolve in the community and their commitment to the Bob Bob and Bob don't run out of me like that. Well, since it looks like Bob's in a hurry, if Bob can come up here, I would like to make a presentation to Salt and since since Bob was running out, I wasn't prepared yet.

01:41:31:01 - 01:41:53:24

Speaker 3

I was going to, you know, do my little first and so forth. But I didn't want Bob to run out without me making a presentation to Cargill soft for their support with Cargill salt support, they're also sponsoring the scholarship for tomorrow's Night Queen, the winner of our Queen pageant. And so I would to thank Bob for being here.

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Speaker 3

And I also like to thank Cargill SA for being a supporter of the American GI Forum. Okay.

01:42:05:11 - 01:42:24:22

Speaker 7

Vince, I apologize for I did have a business engagement, but I didn't tell you. So I want on behalf of everybody a cargo. So I want to thank you very much and to since I've got a microphone, I never pass up a chance to talk. I must say, Charlie, how much I enjoyed your speech. I'm a Vietnam vet myself, and I know there are some Marines out there.

01:42:24:22 - 01:42:46:27

Speaker 7

Semper fi to you, Marines. And I want to talk to you about an issue that's important to Cargill Salt. If you've been reading the papers lately, the San Francisco airport needs to expand and build a third runway. And I'm sure you're wondering what's this about? Well, the what's been suggested by the Environmental Committee is they buy cargo salt and put us out of business.

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Speaker 7

We have a really diverse workforce. I'm from a blue collar family myself. My dad swung a wrench for Dow Chemical for 30 years, and I grew up in Antioch in probably what be called the barrio because half my neighbors were Hispanics. And our workforce is very diverse union jobs. And we had the president Cargill sold out today talking to us about that.

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Speaker 7

And when this issue becomes public, I appreciate your support. We want to stay in business in Newark and we want to keep those jobs. So that's my message. And thank you very much, Vince, for this opportunity, because.

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Speaker 1

You are a great Yankee very much. You. Thank you.

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Speaker 4

Soldier.

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Speaker 6

Wait a.

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Speaker 3

Minute. Wait, wait, wait.

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Speaker 1

Wait a moment. Thank you. Thank you.

01:44:29:04 - 01:45:02:27

Speaker 3

the the next company I'd like to have come up is, Maria Webb. Sharon from State Farm Insurance Company. In case, since I didn't have an opportunity, Bob, to read the inscription, let me read it to you. The American GI Forum of the United States presents to State Farm insurance companies and celebrating our 50th anniversary, 1919 48 to 1998.

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Speaker 3

We would like to recognize you and your continuous support and dedication to our organizations of veterans and their family. Dated during the 26th 1998 Newark, California. And the bottom is our motto that state education is our freedom. And freedom should be everybody's business. Maria, thank our our tax day farmers, women.

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Speaker 4

On behalf of State Farm, I would like to thank Vincent for inviting us here. And not only am I representing State Farm, but I was really proud to come here today to find out that it was Hispanic American GIs. I, the mother of a Hispanic American GI located Bosnia right now and really proud to know that we have an organization when he gets out in two years, four months, three days, am one wake up.

01:45:56:26 - 01:46:08:05

Speaker 4

Thank you.

01:46:08:07 - 01:46:39:21

Speaker 3

And you know, when I was looking for a representative from Lockheed Martin missile in space, I was the reason why I keep saying that is because I was corrected. Make sure I put in missile and space. The person I was looking for was his name sounds so familiar. And I was saying, you know, when when they come here, I'm going to ask this gentleman, Carlos Salinas, to come up and accept it for him.

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Speaker 3

But since Carlos didn't show up and I apologize. But hey, Lockheed Martin missile in space has been supporting the American GI Forum for quite some time. And I like for Frank Roach to come up here and accept the award on behalf of Lockheed Martin's Muslims.

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Unknown

We should be.

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Speaker 1

Right.

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Speaker 7

On behalf of the Lockheed Martin missiles in space. We thank you for this award and we accept it proudly.

01:47:20:29 - 01:47:37:20

Speaker 1

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for the.

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Speaker 3

And you know, what's really surprising is that when you have people working for other corporations and corporations, when they come into California and they're looking to become part of the community, what was strange is this gentleman gave me a call and says, you know, there's a new corporation coming into California. You know, they really would like to participate in the community.

01:47:59:29 - 01:48:48:05

Speaker 3

And I would like to have Frank Ramirez to come up here and accept a presentation from corporation excuse me, Corrections Corporation of America, a new company that's coming into California. Frank Ramirez, welcome to my golf hat. Before I say a few words, I also want to see us. So we have three year serious alumni here that's done by the Thalia.

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Speaker 3

It's the big college in that whole central valley, Right? The biggest, The biggest. Anyway, I don't work for these folks, but I met them. They were interested in participating. They sponsored part of the Modesto GI Installation dinner, and they proudly became a sponsor. This event and there's some artwork they donated to the Modesto chapter and also to the the state convention.

01:49:18:00 - 01:49:19:23

Speaker 1



We have some posters there for sale.

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Speaker 3

35 bucks by and quickly, because there's a couple of people up here in the middle End that have controlling interest in most of the posters. It crosses there's there's a couple of items we're going to do and then we're going to let you all go, okay. I'd like to I'd like to introduce Marianna to Norco. She's going to make a little announcement of for some of you who may not be aware of Marianna.

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Speaker 4

We're not even Bernie. Those are know California Hospital. Those don't want the M for E preferential space in several. And the reason I want you all to be well rested and ready for Saturday night is because we have some beautiful young ladies that are going to be in need of dancing partners. So I hope that are you men know that your principal duty on Saturday night is to dance with our beautiful queens.

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Speaker 4

I would like to have our lovely Miss California come up here. We're both going to introduce you to some young ladies that you're probably not aware are even here. First of all, Miss California, I will introduce them by chapter and she will introduce them by name. Miss Fremont, Sonia Sullivan, Miss East Valley. Clare Mendoza. Miss Oceanside. Erica Fierro and Miss San Jose.

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Speaker 4

So not that many. So get your dancing shoes ready. Okay. Thank you.

01:51:40:10 - 01:52:05:06

Speaker 3

For some of you who may not be aware, Cruz Bustamante is going to be here this evening to be our guest speaker at our dinner this evening. We have basically a no host cocktail hour from 530. Dinner would be at 630. So those of you who need your tickets, make sure you arrive early, get your tickets to come into the event.

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Speaker 3

Members and those who paid registration, make sure you wear your name badges because that's what gets you in and out of the event. And I'd like to thank you all for coming again. Agenda Update 2:00 The convention reconvenes and our forum the next hour. Thank you for coming. Appreciate it.

01:52:37:03 - 01:52:42:15

Speaker 1

This is one of the great.

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Speaker 3

Year worthy cause you gave this week because you gave one of these.