

00:00:01:04 - 00:00:08:14

Speaker 1

My name is and.

00:00:08:17 - 00:00:28:07

Speaker 1

It was. I remember that time and. Down. Magic. My memory.

00:00:28:09 - 00:01:14:19

Speaker 1

And I'll just say that. That the outstanding chapter of one of Abraham and Jack, former State of California chapter and we all know about that, has been working hard for the last 20 years. Way active in the Valley. Raises a lot of money for the for scholarships. And puts back into the community. So I can only say that number one is still own number one.

00:01:14:21 - 00:01:18:17

Speaker 1

You.

00:01:18:20 - 00:01:38:08

Speaker 1

And I like to say for on behalf of the family, get one that we appreciate as a work and I want you to feel that if any of you in this board will try to work this way with the money. And I'm very happy to see this award. And like we've always been told, number one, I would be willing to help anybody be felt.

00:01:38:08 - 00:01:50:00

Speaker 1

Thank you.

00:01:50:03 - 00:02:17:03

Speaker 1

For the outstanding number, you have to. We have five people that have submitted their name was submitted, and I can tell you that it was a difficult decision to make this is always people to give to their community are represented. So you recognize whatever they do in their everyday business and wherever they work, and they're always working for their communities.

00:02:17:06 - 00:02:47:29

Speaker 1

What do you recognize? Well? But. You selected one individual who was recognized not only in the state of California, but actually this year his name is George Lopez.

00:02:48:01 - 00:03:01:06

Speaker 1

You know, we're going to say, who do you think is here to talk about what we need? And, and really, I mean.

00:03:01:08 - 00:03:02:23

Speaker 1

And the is that.

00:03:02:25 - 00:03:03:28

Speaker 2

00:03:04:00 - 00:03:28:04

Speaker 1

That's good. You have, certainly those good work on there. And there's a lot of very, very deserving jackpot members that you get there. But I'm going to go into the agency of one, which is Marcus.

00:03:28:06 - 00:03:42:19

Speaker 1

I really feel proud. And I'm happy to be part of an organization like this that brings our young people up. Thank you very much.

00:03:42:22 - 00:03:49:19

Speaker 3

You know, the way this works. a few years ago, we established a.

00:03:49:19 - 00:03:51:05

Speaker 1

Professional trophy.

00:03:51:07 - 00:04:11:17

Speaker 3

Of every Ohio award. The winner of the year. We think the goalkeeper of the year. And at the end of the year, he brings it back in running for the return of of his home. So, George, we will present to for the glory of my.

00:04:11:19 - 00:04:12:15

Speaker 1

Work.

00:04:12:17 - 00:04:30:01

Speaker 3

Will be yours to decorate for my full. Please. we're over here and you can look at 30.

00:04:30:04 - 00:04:54:08

Speaker 3

Just because I would both like if I looked at him. Glaring image on I throw you will gain the inspiration from my Meyer. The blurring of my this organization over many years. And we hope that a very few of.

00:04:54:10 - 00:05:30:05

Speaker 3

The only rest for me to award a Irvin water to the recipient. last year, Mr. removed the of all the.

00:05:30:07 - 00:05:42:03

Speaker 1

Way to south of us. Thank you.

00:05:42:05 - 00:06:11:13

Speaker 3

And again to all of you. The third with your, like, warm, I thank you. I think this is something that we can only be appreciative of. The hard work. A great group of players. for the recognition. But we are doing good for our community. And, to the young ladies here, extend my personal congratulations to each and every one of you.

00:06:11:16 - 00:06:33:11

Speaker 3

you've done a remarkable job, beautiful girls. And we know that whatever you approach, that's what you're going to do. And we believe that you.

00:06:33:14 - 00:06:38:27

Speaker 2

This time, I'd like to call every time my.

00:06:38:29 - 00:06:49:14

Speaker 1

I really.

00:06:49:16 - 00:06:50:06

Unknown

This is going to.

00:06:50:06 - 00:06:56:21

Speaker 1

Be great pride. And if you sent this off a trophy with a properly. So this person.

00:06:56:24 - 00:06:57:00

Speaker 3

One.

00:06:57:01 - 00:07:04:12

Speaker 1

Of the hardest working person, began on the last two years, and probably for the last 20 years and become.

00:07:04:13 - 00:07:07:05

Speaker 3

Part of the team, have been a role that.

00:07:07:07 - 00:07:15:02

Speaker 1

we have on program. The work with done part of the, for the last two years with the commander Arbeloa was.

00:07:15:05 - 00:07:15:22

Speaker 3

Is one of the.

00:07:15:26 - 00:07:17:05

Speaker 1

Hardest working persons.

00:07:17:08 - 00:07:17:28

Speaker 3

On the market.

00:07:18:03 - 00:07:44:02

Speaker 1

When we've had a long time.

00:07:44:05 - 00:07:48:15

Unknown

And there's a beautiful part.

00:07:48:17 - 00:07:53:15

Unknown

Of what I say. Because I really appreciate.

00:07:53:17 - 00:07:54:07

Speaker 3

Everybody agree.

00:07:54:07 - 00:07:58:15

Speaker 1

With me.

00:07:58:18 - 00:08:01:10

Speaker 1

That I want to thank you.

00:08:01:13 - 00:08:03:18

Speaker 3

But I have enjoyed.

00:08:03:20 - 00:08:04:02

Speaker 1

Working.

00:08:04:02 - 00:08:23:17

Speaker 3

For the for the department, not only for last year, for the last 30. But more for love. 30 more, a little more. But for whatever length of time I do that I am going to continue working at behalf of the very war, because I believe. But what the dark form.

00:08:23:17 - 00:08:24:06

Speaker 1

Of the bottom.

00:08:24:06 - 00:08:32:15

Speaker 3

Is right?

00:08:32:18 - 00:08:33:13

Unknown

I believe that this.

00:08:33:13 - 00:09:07:18

Speaker 3

Country needs that they are form. I believe that we take positions, right? The wrongs are afraid of against the community. We have to speak up with a strong voice and let these people know that we will no longer be the humble people that bend over and say no, because hopefully those days are gone.

00:09:07:21 - 00:09:10:22

Unknown

You love and.

00:09:10:24 - 00:09:16:09

Speaker 3

With me you deserve service. Because ladies and young people.

00:09:16:11 - 00:09:18:20

Speaker 1

In our communities, in our country.

00:09:18:22 - 00:10:00:11

Speaker 3

We got to support their endeavor and remember they have to support us. We support each other, and collectively we're going to succeed and we're going to keep moving forward. And I think the very forum for the opportunity to thank you for having given me the problem of serving me, because I think it is a problem. I thank you very much for.

00:10:00:14 - 00:10:01:05

Unknown

At this time, I.

00:10:01:05 - 00:10:03:24

Speaker 2

Think it's also important to ask.

00:10:03:24 - 00:10:33:19

Speaker 3

The legal because we are waiting representative at our National Convention summit, where next month, once we get on it, come on. Others.

00:10:33:21 - 00:10:38:08

Speaker 2

Good morning everyone.

00:10:38:10 - 00:11:03:05

Speaker 2

It was. It was great. last night and this morning to, have the privilege to be a queen, and I. I do my best that I can throughout the year to represent the American GI forum. Thank you.

00:11:03:08 - 00:11:18:24

Speaker 3

Thank you. Veronica. Thank you for participating. Also, thanks to the other young ladies that participated in 91 through three of you. Here are there's more of your time. Yeah. well, there's two young ladies up here.

00:11:19:01 - 00:11:23:25

Speaker 2

but.

00:11:23:27 - 00:11:56:13

Speaker 3

Ladies, though, I'm preparing for those of you of, the efforts of those who are, in the personal courage of being, standing up there and expressing their feelings or emotions are thoughts I think are indeed a

very good thing for all of us. And, we wish you, Veronica, the rest of your world. you know, I don't recall her name, but Veronica looks like Veronica for both of those here.

00:11:56:15 - 00:12:22:03

Speaker 3

Became, I wish you a bigger success in her schooling. And I know we look forward in the future to having you continue to participate with us. Because the only way we're going to succeed and get ahead by having people like you get out there and do it, we really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

00:12:22:06 - 00:12:24:14

Unknown

Well, we all.

00:12:24:17 - 00:12:52:24

Speaker 3

Stated earlier that, we have with us, I'm proud to say a member of the United Forum, a person that, many of us have been here for many, many years. and, he was a formidable storm, humbled by his problems because my level of level of does so much for us. He does it so well.

00:12:52:26 - 00:13:06:11

Speaker 3

has the respect of so many people in this country that, I am delighted that you're here because of what you say. A few words from a voice.

00:13:06:14 - 00:13:44:18

Speaker 1

Thank you very much. And the American GI forum will be meeting there, next week at the state convention. But it was in 1955. We're going to be at the University of Texas. And I went to my first United State convention. And at that convention, I raised my right hand, and then I took it over, and I made a pledge to listen to the convention delegates that I would devote a portion of my life for the rest of my life to the struggle for the equal rights of the Mexican-American and people who are similarly situated.

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Speaker 1

And I'm going.

00:13:50:28 - 00:14:37:16

Speaker 1

To make that claim. Now, remember, growing up in San Antonio, seeing all the injustices and again going then someday, I would hope that I would be in a position to try to do something about police brutality, inadequate housing, inadequate and inefficient educational facilities, job opportunities for people. Election officials that would represent our interests. And yes, some things have changed and others have not.

00:14:37:19 - 00:14:52:10

Speaker 1

And in fact, in my opinion, after my experience over these last 40 years. Our situation in some respects is even worse with this, what we face here.

00:14:52:14 - 00:14:55:19

Speaker 2

Today in this state.

00:14:55:21 - 00:15:43:16

Speaker 1

What we comprise, 30% of the population, 30% of the population, and we are being used and as the reason for the economic problems faced by California. And you and I know full well that for demagogues to use that excuse is highly immoral and un-American, if you will. And I claim that the governor of this state is immoral if a Democrat is an American, in exploiting that emotional issue for political gain.

00:15:43:19 - 00:16:04:02

Speaker 1

I will speak in this game colony. Your future national chair. Above the law to defend jobs some 600,000 in California. What do illegal immigrants have to do with the law from defense job in.

00:16:04:04 - 00:16:31:17

Speaker 1

The legislature voting itself a pay raise in millions of dollars. Putting an impact on the state budget. What do you have to do with that? The construction of prisons and the billions and billions of dollars. When that money can go to education for our youth, what do you legally have to do with that?

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Speaker 1

Well, illegal aliens and their ancestors have nothing to do with that. And in fact, study after study. And there have been at least 20 of showed the many positive contributions that that population has made, not only to this state, but to Texas and the southwest and the other states of this Union. No, we are very proud people, and we should be, because we're are special people.

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Speaker 1

We are unique individuals. And just stop and reflect on what I'm about to say. The use of a second language. What a great advantage. Our food, our special food, what population in the world and our special food.

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Speaker 1

Our culture, religious and otherwise. What beautiful black and beautiful people. That we exercise.

00:17:40:23 - 00:18:15:20

Speaker 1

Hard workers. When you go to Los Angeles and see people, street vendors, little shops working and do a great job, you see a productive, efficient heart get a better life for themselves and for their families. Those are the people that you are not are important. And that's what we should be so proud to be named. And I need, though Greg is in government and on and on.

00:18:15:22 - 00:19:00:08

Speaker 1

And now we love and all of those great names that you find throughout the state of California. So we're under assault. We must look into our own spirit and our own dedication and become active and let the people with who we associate to become active in their struggle against the assault that were under the present time. Because we can do a lot about our problems, but ultimately it will depend on you and I and our families and our friends and our allies.

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Speaker 1

That will ultimately, the solution will be with no one else. We must promote unity. We must promote the giving of money to our causes. Money, dollar bills. I keep saying that one of the. Major efforts that we could undertake would be to collect \$1 million from our 8 million residents in California to fund a progressive list that offers in Sacramento to be our advocates day in and day out, our our.

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Speaker 1

And you say \$1 million from the that's a lot of money. And when you say a dollar from 8 million individuals, that's not a lot of money. And when you think of the fact that we spend billions of dollars on the lottery for my own people. \$1 million is not a lot of money. And that money can be used to confront the politicians, battle the bureaucracy, promote our self-interest, advance our cause, do us justice, bring us equality, make us a political force.

00:20:30:19 - 00:21:14:18

Speaker 1

That would prevent a potent body politic in this state of California. So it rests with you and I and the leadership. I has been a tremendous leader for the for. As your state chairman, we need to revitalize all of our organization and to remind ourselves of persons as individuals. And that we are that we are special, that no one is but.

00:21:14:20 - 00:21:30:19

Speaker 1

That we can equal or better anyone at any given the opportunity. But we have to make our own opportunities.

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Speaker 1

We are of.

00:21:49:28 - 00:22:22:11

Speaker 3

I've come up. There's a very easily obtainable thing, because I don't think that there's anyone in this room that would not give a dollar or \$5 or \$10 to initiate something like that. So I think that, we ought to work on that. do it. the other thing do is that, I should have said it earlier, but I frequently run into Mario in our activities.

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Speaker 3

All up and down the state. And, Mario is not bad at all. Basketball telling people like Richard Rosenberg,

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Speaker 1

Chairman of.

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Speaker 3

The board of the Bank of America, the second largest financial institution in this country. What they're doing.

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Speaker 1

Wrong.

00:22:43:00 - 00:22:58:09

Speaker 3

And Mario, we're grateful for you being here. We're grateful for your words. but you keep going them for a long time. I really appreciate.

00:22:58:11 - 00:23:02:05

Speaker 3

Your.

00:23:02:07 - 00:23:16:13

Speaker 3

Call to make whatever meager gains we have made. And, Mario, again, thank you very much.

00:23:16:15 - 00:23:51:25

Speaker 2

And we will welcome you and help you and give you all the support that you may need. That is from all of us women. We're very proud of all of you. And thank you for coming. Thank you for attending. All the girls present here. We, we just admire your bra. Intellectual ability. And, we'll be he will be supporting you all the way.

00:23:51:28 - 00:23:56:13

Speaker 2

And you support us to win your membership.

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Speaker 3

We are.

00:24:00:17 - 00:24:05:02

Speaker 3

Going. No, that's all right. I got him.

00:24:05:04 - 00:24:10:19

Speaker 1

Around. Yeah.

00:24:10:21 - 00:24:21:05

Speaker 1

I believe so. He. Yeah. I can do.

00:24:21:07 - 00:24:25:02

Speaker 1

What?

00:24:25:05 - 00:24:30:24

Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:24:30:26 - 00:24:50:03

Speaker 1

My name is Jay Gallery on the past. National commander of the American GI forum. We want to invite you to participate with us from August 1st to the seventh in Santa Clara, California, and attend the National American GI forum convention. These are some of the issues that we'll be addressing.

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Speaker 5

Hi, I'm Veronica morales, California State Queen, representing the American GI forum. Please come and join us at our work. We're going to be having youth workshops covering education, gangs, health, not not the other.

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Speaker 3

One, but.

00:25:09:18 - 00:25:14:10

Speaker 5

And drugs. So please join us.

00:25:14:13 - 00:25:38:22

Speaker 6

I'm Mario Bledsoe, a member of the American G.I. forum. I look forward to seeing you at our national convention, where we will conduct workshops on economic opportunity on issues of health, education. we will have keynote speakers such as, Henry Cisneros, the secretary of HUD, and Federico Pena, the secretary of the Department of Transportation.

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Speaker 6

So look forward to meeting with you and to discuss the future of the G.I. forum. Thank you.

00:25:54:01 - 00:26:15:16

Speaker 1

Hello. My name is Jake Gallery, and I'm the past national commander of the American G.I. forum. I want to invite you to participate with us in Santa Clara, California, on August 1st through the ninth, where we will be conducting the American G.I. Forum National Convention. Some of the issues that we will be addressing are here for. Discuss.

00:26:15:18 - 00:26:35:12

Speaker 5

Hi, my name is Veronica morales. I'm the state of California Queen representing the American G.I. forum. We are going to be having youth workshops covering education, gangs, health and drugs. So please join us. We'll see you there.

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Speaker 6

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Speaker 6

look forward to, seeing you, and have the opportunity to discuss, the activities of the national office and the future of the American GI for. Thank you.

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Speaker 7

Well, tell us, what does it mean to you to have been selected as the California queen of the American GI forum?

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Speaker 5

It's really a great honor, and it's really shown me all the support that I have with my friends, with my family, and with my coworkers. They, back me up a lot, and I really appreciate it.

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Speaker 7

Well, I'm sure you're very deserving. Tell us about your plans for the future. What are you doing at this time and what are your ultimate goals in terms of the profession?

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Speaker 5

Right now, I am attending Palmer College in Escondido. I plan to transfer from that college to California State University, where I plan to get my doctor degree in business administration.

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Speaker 7

That's wonderful. Well, we look forward to seeing you at, Santa Clara the week of August 1st to the six at the National Conference of the American to form. Congratulations. Thank you. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

I feel like a celebrity without the flashy girl. this is, indeed a great honor. to receive this this type of award from my peers, my fellow performers. And let me tell you, I will try to, very deeply. I do want to read out the names that are inscribed on this trophy. Those that have received this award in the past.

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Speaker 1

The first leadership award was given to Pete, my grandfather. The Oceanside chapter in 1989. Pete, you are here when you stand up.

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Speaker 2

And rank you name.

00:29:29:10 - 00:29:36:26

Speaker 1

The same award was given to Leo Aguilar, who is.

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Speaker 1

1991 because he doesn't want to.

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Speaker 1

Wake me that in 1982 Doctor Sam Romero receive this award.

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Speaker 1

Right. Year, my friend and I want this.

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Speaker 1

I'm going to do a fantastic idea. I do remember, bear in mind, I just wanted, there was an impact, and he was quite an individual. Thank you very much.

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Speaker 3

But your dog and, we hope that, you will find the trophy inspiring and stimulating you and continuing to do the work of the hard won over the many, many years that Larry participated with our organization. He was an active participant, contributing member. And I would think that we have an organization have a debt of gratitude to people like Larry Amaya and certainly others that have given this organization the continuity.

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Speaker 3

Over the years, we have seen many people come and go, but few people were invited for it. For the part of Larry about that, I think that that would be proper if we spoke for a minute to honor the memory of Miriam.

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Speaker 1

I.

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Speaker 3

Like to.

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Speaker 3

Congratulations, Jordan.

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Speaker 2

For, the youth committee as the nationals. And I would really appreciate the support for all these people who are showing and demonstrating for our state, trying that they could do that for us. Also at the youth, at the conference, the national conference in August. And I'd like to also, Vicky is going to be joining us and I think it's really important that the youth of California represent represented well at the nationals.

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Speaker 2

And I feel that we both have the potential and the qualifications that it takes for them as well.

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Speaker 2

I would just like to say that, today I thought something miraculous. 22 women elected to the board. It was never I never thought it would.

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Unknown

Happen to me.

00:32:36:24 - 00:32:39:10

Unknown

And to women and I, I, I.

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Speaker 2

Plan to pursue, my I plan to pursue the Dei forum, and I'm asking for your support, and I'm planning on running for the National Youth chapter, so please, maybe, you know, give me some support. And so I agree that we are looking for support for our state. And I just hope that that continues hopefully to the National that we to get some more women.

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Speaker 2

you more involved with our organization.

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Unknown

Thank you.

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Unknown

So we'll.

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Speaker 1

Get an early vote.

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Speaker 3

To express once again my appreciation for having been given the opportunity to serve you yesterday. You, What you. I spoke, the, make reference to the fact that I ran an government. Think about ten years ago. And, at that time, he thought that I was incapable of doing the job. I am grateful that after ten years, he gave me the opportunity to prove it.

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Speaker 3

I mean that, of course. And just I think that we have been successful. I think that we have attempted to manage the affairs of the American government and the business of professional manner. I feel comfortable in telling you that. I think that the recognition of the American government and the state of California has never been higher. We are recognized oftentimes we have difficulty believing that.

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Speaker 3

But let me tell you, we are recognized. And you heard many of us speak this morning. And I have attended many, many of the events. Somebody of.

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Speaker 1

Another.

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Speaker 3

Club participated in as your representative. And, whatever success I have had, I have to attribute to the fact that in the past three years I have had several of you that have served as officers, that have done your job, that have done a professionally, but have made the job possible and easier. Three years ago, I promised you that we would publish a newsletter, and we have done that.

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Speaker 3

We have attempted to keep the membership informed. We have attempted to communicate, and we certainly have been active. And, I really the debt of gratitude for, the participation that we do got one has given me over the last three years. Yesterday I received several compliments of the manner in which our finances have been handled. And I think that a lot, a lot of credit, all that credit belongs to Willie, because Willie has done a good job and therefore has made my golf easier.

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Speaker 3

And it reflects well on all of us.

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Speaker 3

Again, I want to restate my appreciation to my wife, who corrects my misspellings, who, corrected by grammar. Those few that I mistake that I you.

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Speaker 3

She loves find them. She does my work. She does my typing. And, I'll tell you, I think that I am a highly motivated, person, but still she find room to push me. And I appreciate that, because I feel that I do a better job with a little bit of stimulus until February. So I thank my wife and all of you, and I will continue to be an entrepreneur.

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Speaker 3

I have been for the past 30 years and, I don't, plan to quit. I'm not, running for anything. I am satisfied with what I have done. I just want to continue to contribute and get off my back yard and read my offers to come up and.

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Unknown

But thank you very much.

00:37:58:15 - 00:38:01:22

Unknown

So thank you very much.

00:38:01:24 - 00:38:27:12

Speaker 3

We still have a very, brief agenda left to conclude. what were the items that we need to clear up as a convention side for 1996, next year? As you know, it will be top of them.

00:38:27:14 - 00:38:35:11

Speaker 3

Is there anybody that at this time wants to make a bid for 1996?

00:38:35:13 - 00:38:41:15

Speaker 3

Not all at once.

00:38:41:17 - 00:38:47:09

Speaker 1

I, I hope they. Will pay for,

00:38:47:12 - 00:39:24:07

Speaker 3

For anyone that wants to make a bid for 96. But last, if there is none of first time, that will be on the order of those of us before the fall meeting in October. So, think about it. Because if we do not have a bid by, October, I would think that, it will be, come on, the commander of that, to select the side of God and us to get those people, it might be up to them.

00:39:24:10 - 00:39:31:19

Unknown

So,

00:39:31:22 - 00:39:33:07

Unknown

00:39:33:09 - 00:40:08:27

Speaker 3

We have, one other thing that I want to bring up. you have heard comments made here that Jerry is, seeking the national Office of. And, I think that, Jerry Koch supported other organizations in the state of California for a long, long time. We know. What good does he have served previously for one year as national commander.

00:40:08:29 - 00:40:20:24

Speaker 3

And at this time, I was asked to come up and quickly w, About his to.

00:40:20:26 - 00:40:52:07

Speaker 1

Well, let me say that, I think that we need to have our good chat warm enough. rich abundance of culture. We have a rich abundance of resources. Yet I think that we have seen in the at the national level that we don't utilize those resources to the best of our ability as a national commander, I promise you that I will make every effort.

00:40:52:09 - 00:41:07:10

Speaker 1

To bring about some change for the betterment of the American G.I. forum. We need to make the G.I. forum visible and address the issues on veterans education.

00:41:07:12 - 00:41:15:25

Speaker 1

And the things that are that our youth are concerned about. Drugs, gangs.

00:41:15:28 - 00:41:53:16

Speaker 1

I will make sure that the American G.I. forum is visible. There is no reason why we, as the American G.I. forums, can't address the issues and we become or be printed, for example, in business magazine, Hispanic Business, or in Spanish Times or the national magazines. No reason why we can't address the issues in Washington. I, my daughter lives in Washington DC and I travel there frequently, and I won't cost the GI forum any money for me to stay there.

00:41:53:19 - 00:42:25:18

Speaker 1

I think that we need to capture the corporate, people that are, here. I think that we have a main effort. We at one time had people like Kellogg's, which I find when I was chairman, they came in for 2 or 3 years, and then we let them get away from us. the example my corporation, when I was, when I worked for my corporation, I make sure that the state of California at the state conventions got something I'm not at, raffle anymore.

00:42:25:18 - 00:42:48:29

Speaker 1

So what happened this year? Rockwell, sort of the ball that, the supporters of the national at the state convention. But I will make sure that, we address those issues and that we become a visible, organization and that we can work with other organizations such as our little, like, national organizations, because together, I think that's what.

00:42:49:02 - 00:43:16:13

Speaker 1

That's what makes us stronger and, more visible. And I will tell you, if I'm elected my friend here, the organization will play a major part, because I have, I can I can place people. I can place one person instead of another person. So I think that we know that Lee has demonstrated leadership and has proven to be a leader.

00:43:16:13 - 00:43:37:10

Speaker 1

And I will utilize him, and he will be my right hand man, as a, as a national officer. So I ask for your support and hopefully that, and, Santa Clara, that I will become the actual commander. Thank you for.

00:43:37:12 - 00:43:51:11

Speaker 3

Thank you. Great. and, with that, I will ask, Willie to step up and, Give us your work.

00:43:51:13 - 00:44:09:17

Speaker 1

Thank you. Mr.. Mr. Avalon, thank you for your past, work that you've done for going forward. I need all of your support. We all need the support of the American GI forum members. The youth of our community need to support the community. Need your support. I'm going to, at this time, really quickly go to the subcommittee that I want to appoint.

00:44:09:24 - 00:44:29:18

Speaker 1

I'm going back to the original bylaws with the American GI form appoint committee. And, you don't have to take them down. I will be sent in a memo to you very quickly. And I know the secretary's taking this down. I'm really in good hands now with without. And we have always been in good hands, but especially now that we have two women, that are going to be helping us.

00:44:29:18 - 00:44:52:10

Speaker 1

And I know that we're going to be doing a good job. The committee that I'm going to appoint, I'm going very quickly because I know that we want to get out of here. The first one that we're going to appoint. Yes, sir. We ordered, the board has to be appointed to, okay. And, why can I do this?

00:44:52:12 - 00:44:57:09

Speaker 1

This and.

00:44:57:11 - 00:45:08:24

Speaker 3

Just a little bit earlier, we were criticizing the rules. But you are right. So thank. Will you administer the oath of the officers and those of you that have been elected.

00:45:08:27 - 00:45:14:24

Speaker 1

Step up. so, officer, I got it.

00:45:14:27 - 00:45:19:07

Unknown

Okay. So would you follow?

00:45:19:09 - 00:45:26:13

Speaker 1

And this is the open officers and I. Do solemnly promise.

00:45:26:15 - 00:45:27:05

Speaker 2

We promise.

00:45:27:05 - 00:45:35:24

Speaker 1

To faithfully execute the duties of the office of.

00:45:35:26 - 00:45:54:11

Speaker 1

The which I have been elected and to operate over to the best of my ability. My members and every officers of the.

00:45:54:13 - 00:45:55:06

Speaker 1

Regulations.

00:45:55:06 - 00:46:06:16

Unknown

Okay. Now, thank.

00:46:06:18 - 00:46:07:19

Unknown

Question.

00:46:07:21 - 00:46:10:24

Speaker 1

What is the Flores elected to an is.

00:46:10:27 - 00:46:17:25

Speaker 3

No, we don't like to, Thank you. Bill.

00:46:17:27 - 00:46:22:00

Speaker 1

Let's quickly do this before the rest of the crowd leaves. And,