

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF TEXAS DETACHMENT CONVENTION 2012 HOUSTON, TEXAS

Call to Order

By order of the Commander and pursuant to the constitution and by-laws, Article IV, Section 1, of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, I, Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant, do hereby call all members of the Detachment of Texas to convene on Friday July 13, 2012 at 10:00AM, Saturday July 14, 2012 at 9:30AM and Sunday July 15, 2012 at 9:00AM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston, TX

Hotel Locations

LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL LOCATED NEXT TO RELIANT STADIUM

8686 KIRBY DRIVE

HOUSTON, TX 713-748-3221

RATE—\$95.00 PER NIGHT

AGENDA

You will find the agenda enclosed. All meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel along with all Committee meetings. Please review the enclosed schedule times for Committees.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Please see the attached remarks from Detachment Commander Slaughter

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported as soon as they occur. This includes e-mail addresses. Please e-mail me all correspondences if possible. The next meeting for the Detachment of Texas will be our Detachment Convention being held in Houston, TX the weekend of July 13-15, 2012. Again this year, we have started pre-registration for all delegates and members to the Detachment Convention. Please review the enclosed registration form and return it, filled out with your payment to the Detachment of Texas, to Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant. Pre-registration will be \$25.00 and on-site registration will be \$35.00. Also, please remember to fill out your paperwork for your delegate strength to receive your votes for the Detachment Convention. Look at our website for the form or find it in this newsletter. Your voting strength is determined by your Squadron's membership, 30 days prior to the Detachment Convention. This date will be June 13, 2012.

Finally, a note on membership transmittals. Please make sure all transmittals are filled out correctly and includes payment for your members in the form of a check, money order or a cashier's check. NO CASH!!! Also, please keep a copy for your records. Our next meeting will be the Fall DEC being held in Austin, TX, in September. Dates will be issued later The location of the meeting will be the Omni Hotel. Their phone number is 512-448-2222 and the room rates

are approx. \$85.00 per night. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Finally, election of new officers are upon us. Please remit your Squadron, District or Division Certification of Officers as soon as you can. This will help with the process of getting your cards quicker.

FINANCE

ATTENTION: PDC's, Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, District Commanders
I plan to send the confirmation email for Detachment Convention during the month of May. If you plan to attend the convention and wish to receive your call-in at the convention, you must confirm by the first Sunday in June. Otherwise, you will not receive your check until mid August. This is a 3-day convention. You must answer roll call each day and attend your assigned committee meeting to receive your call-in. See you in Odessa.

Jeff Alvis, Detachment Finance Officer
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E-mail maverickawards@nwemail.net

INTERNET

We are seeing very good response from the redesigned website. The website is a tool for you to use to make your job a little easier. We have most forms and up to date info on coming events posted. If there is something you would like to add to the website, please let me know. We can post your newsletters, coming events and pictures from your events. Right now we are really looking for pictures of the local events from around the Detachment. If you have an event and have pictures of the Commander or other Detachment guests, please send them to me so I can get them up on the website. We will also soon be adding pictures of all of the Detachment Officers and would like pictures of all the District Commanders. If you hold an event that you would like to have the pictures posted, please include what the event was, the date of the event and the names of the people pictured. We have all the room in the world, so send all the info and pictures you can and let's show the nation what Texas is doing.

Please send all of this information to webmaster@laketexomadesigns.com .

Gary Winters
Webmaster

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

As everyone should know by now, we now have an office at Headquarters. It is set up and running and is there for every member's use. We will be sending out the newsletters in the email form this time. Hopefully, we can accomplish some good results and will get further input at the Fall DEC in September.

AGENDA

OPENING SESSION, FRIDAY JULY 13-----10:00

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER SLAUGHTER

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS JERRY BEAIRD

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN KOLWYN PALASOTA

MOMENT OF SILENCE, RESOLUTION FOR POW/MIA FLAG, RESOLUTION FOR BLUE STAR BANNER AT ALL MEETINGS-----COMMANDER SLAUGHTER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----1ST DIVISION COMMANDER STEVE DAVIS

PREAMBLE-----2ND DIVISION COMMANDER MILTON CHATHAM

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

READING OF MINUTES-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

APPOINTMENTS TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE--COMMANDER SLAUGHTER

GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION-----22ND DISTRICT COMMANDER TORRES

RESPONSE TO THE GREETINGS-----PDC DAVID DEW

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST-----NEC JOE McPETERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST-----JIM ROBERTS

NATIONAL COMMANDER, 2011-2012
DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA

FIRST READING OF CREDENTIALS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE GARY WINTERS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS------(IF NECESSARY)

NEC REPORT-----NEC JOE McPETERS

BREAK FOR LUNCH

JOINT SESSION WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-----1:30 TO 3:30----CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----4:00 TO 4:30

- A) CMN/CWF
- B) Boys State
- C) Convention City
- D) Internet/Credentials

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----4:30 TO 5:15

- A) Legislative
- B) PUFL/NEC
- C) VA & R
- D) Public Relations
- E) Campaign Committee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----5:15 TO 6:00

- A) Americanism
- B) Children & Youth
- C) Awards

- D) Finance
- E) Internal Affairs/Membership

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING

SATURDAY JULY 14, 2012

LEADERSHIP CLASSES

- A) DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDERS, 8:00-8:45AM
- B) ALL MEMBERS, 8:45-9:30AM

CALL TO ORDER, 9:30 AM-----COMMANDER SLAUGHTER

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN PALASOTA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----3RD DIVISION COMMANDER ERNEST BARNES

PREAMBLE-----4TH DIVISION COMMANDER TRACY WOOD

LIAISON REPORT-----JOHN SCHENDEL, DEPARTMENT ADVISOR

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOYS STATE
CONVENTION CITY
INTERNET
CREDENTIALS—2ND READING
LEGISLATIVE
PUFL
VA & R
PUBLIC RELATIONS
AWARDS
AMERICANISM
CHILDREN & YOUTH and CMN/CWF
FINANCE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

IF COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE NOT COMPLETE BY 12:00, WE WILL BREAK FOR LUNCH TILL 1:30

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUE

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

DETACHMENT COMMANDER STEVE SLAUGHTER'S FINAL REPORT

IF THE TIME REACHES 4:00PM AFTER COMMANDER SLAUGHTER'S REPORT, WE WILL RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING. THE 5 STAR PROGRAM CLASS WILL START AT 4:15 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY JULY 15, 2012 AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY JULY 15, 2012

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER SLAUGHTER

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN PALASOTA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----PDC GARY PAUL

PREAMBLE-----PDC BRAD PACK

PRESENTATION OF 5 STAR AWARDS

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE WINTERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE WINTERS

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, DETACHMENT OF TEXAS 2012-2013

CLOSING OF MEETING-----NEWLY ELECTED DETACHMENT COMMANDER

BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN PALASOTA

RETIREMENT OF COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS JERRY BEAIRD

POST DEC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF MEETING

MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 21-22, 2012

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, pledge, prayer and preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:06 AM. Commander Slaughter then called for a motion to appoint David Dew as acting Judge Advocate. Motion by Milton Chatham, 2nd by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed. Commander Slaughter then asked for the roll call. All officers were present except for Historian Stan Crowder, Judge Advocate Winters(E) and Alt. NEC Black. All committeemen were present except for Internet Winters(E) and Boys State Gonzales. Districts present were 1C, 2, 4C, 5, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 19, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 21, 36C, 37C, 71, 76C, 84, 96, 101, 163, 179, 202, 208C, 223C, 231C, 245C, 267C, 297C, 321, 364, 430C, 447, 453, 472C, 517, 554, 569, 575, 592, 598C, 618, 654, 817, 828 and 838C. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Milton Chatham made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, 2nd by Bill Kuehner. Motion passed.

Commander Slaughter then introduced Department Commander Lupe Garza as a special guest. He brought greetings to the body and thanked all members for their service.

Commander Slaughter then brought up Squadron 208 Commander Rick Trzcinski to talk to the body about a new program called Elks Veterans Leather Program.

Commander Slaughter then called upon NEC McPeters for special introductions. Being none, he was asked to give his NEC report.

NEC—NEC McPeters then came forward to give his report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by McPeters to accept the report, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed

Adjutant Winkelmann gave the body some notes and updates. Commander Slaughter then recessed the meeting at 9:50 AM

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 PM by Commander Slaughter

INTERNET—Gary Winters came forward to make his report. He spoke on the website and its availability. He asked for more input and more info from everyone. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Gary then made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Robert Wilkins. Motion passed

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Santiago Bentancourt came to give his report, he spoke about the Texas legislature and their progress. Spent a lot of time calling and emailing about various legislative issues. Chairman Bentancourt will be going to Washington DC to a conference to discuss the veterans highway also the XL pipeline and proper VA funding. A complete report is attached to the minutes, Chairman Bentancourt made a motion to accept the report 2nd by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed. This report also included Public Relations.

RESOLUTIONS—Judge Advocate Winters read one resolution. The resolution was for an additional webmaster. The resolution was read and will be voted on at the Detachment Convention. Motion made by Robert Sonnier to set aside without action, 2nd by Joe McPeters. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—Chairman Blair Sanders gave the report. He reported on various accomplishments of various Squadrons. A complete report is attached to the minutes. Chairman Peters made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jeff Saul. Motion passed.

VA & R—Chairman David Blair gave the report. He gave an update on some of the veteran work that is being done by the various Squadrons and their fund-raising efforts. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Milton made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Bill Kuener. Motion passed

CHILDREN & YOUTH—Chairmen Bill Kuehner and Dan Paul gave the report. He spoke on various events that are happening inside Children & Youth. Gave an update of the American Legion Children's Home, and how it is now thriving, and various fund-raising efforts in order to help keep it running. Announced the donations from various Squadrons and fines collected. He reported on the need of school supplies, there is now a need to start supply drives and replenish the dwindling supply. Reported on Josh Dogs, Spinoza Bears and other C & Y events. CMN/CWF Chairman Dan Paul gave a report of the raffle benefitting Child Welfare A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Chairman Kuehner to accept the C & Y and CWF/CMN report, 2nd by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Chairman Richard Grimes gave the report. They are working on an article about the Bastrop Fires, which is nearing completion. They are determining if the database will be able to be hosted on the website. The goal is to make the information appear in a more attractive way. Whenever a press release is sent, please forward to local media to ensure more coverage of SAL events. A full report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Grimes made a motion to accept the report 2nd made by PDC Gary Randall, motion passed.

RIDE TO RECOVERY- American Legion Auxiliary Vice President Marty Peters gave us an update about the program, she encouraged the delegation to help support the program, whether it is monetary or of time. She gave a detailed schedule of this years ride. There is a grand finally planned in Cleburne, on April 21. She also spoke about the importance of the American Legion Riders to the event. The website for the program: www.ride2recovery.com Questions, email at marty54@sbcglobal.net

MARKETING—Chairman Jeff Saul gave the report. He reported that it will be short and brief and a complete report will be attached. They discussed that there should be a color change to the polo shirts to cycle every three years. No new inventory was ordered at this time due to the possible changing of the color of the shirts, and there will be a fresh inventory in July. Artwork has been sent in, waiting to hear back from national. Chairman Saul asked for a color proposal and a color cycle of every three years. Milton Chatham made a motion to accept, 2nd by John Schendel Motion passed. Brad Pack made a motion to reduce the price of the current inventory, 2nd by Thom Skelly, motion passed. Jeff made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Bill Kuehner Motion passed. Chairman Saul ordered 100 green new polo shirts and 20 baseball caps for a total of \$992.

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Juan Torres gave the report. He spoke to the body concerning the upcoming Detachment Convention In Houston; the dates are July 11-15, 2012. Information is available on the legion website. He gave us various information concerning the events that will be held at the convention. A full report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Torres made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Majors. Motion passed.

BOYS STATE— Brad Pack gave the report. Chairman Gonzales was absent. Brad stated that Boys State will be June 3rd thru June 8th. He gave a brief list of events that will be held at Boys State. The cost this year is \$275. Brad mentioned the new criteria for the SAL Boys State Staff Member of the Year award. A complete report is attached. Brad made a motion to accept the report 2nd by Santiago Bentancourt, the motion passed. Ed Majors made a motion that we continue paying the 2 year membership for each Boy's State graduate for at one more year. 2nd made by Bill Johnson, motion passed.

AWARDS— Chairman Bill Johnson gave his report. Received 0 applications for any awards. Any nominations from 2010 that were not selected are still eligible for awards. A complete report is attached. Chairman Johnson made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Randall, Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN— Kowlyn Palasota gave his report. He reported to the body on the various members that have been ill throughout the year and the members we have lost these past months. He sent 45 cards to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. A complete report is attached to these minutes. PDC Randal lost his brother and wanted to thank the Detachment for the plant that was sent to his family. Chairman Palasota made a motion to accept the report. 2nd by PDC McPeters, motion passed

PUFL—PDC Robert Sonnier gave the report. The account is in good shape. A full report is attached. Account is set up, starting to see a turn around. Dishonesty Bond has been renewed, it has been increased to \$50,000. The application for the program is on the website, applications need to be sent directly to Kevin Winkelmann. Kevin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd PDC Paul Miller. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Gary Paul gave the report. 3rd division is in first place. 179 memberships were turned in today. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Next goal date is Feb 8th of a 75%, we should be on track to make that goal. He reported that there are still some squadrons that remain uncertified. Letters will be sent to posts/ squadrons that are inactive giving them a 30 day deadline to respond or they will be taken off the books. There was some discussion of an extended training class to be held during the fall DEC. Chairman Paul made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by. PDC Randall, Motion passed.

FINANCE—Chairman Jimmy Dixon and Finance Officer Jeff Alvis gave the report. There was discussion of the various line items that will paid out or issued at this meeting. A complete report is attached to these minutes. There will be a wreath laid at Arlington National Cemetery. Some discussion of the Blue Star program. There was also some discussion of the PUFL account, reserve account and campaign finance. Motion by Jimmy Dixon to accept the report, 2nd by Thom Skelly. Motion passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS— PDC McPeters made a motion that Albert Arrellano be reimbursed \$30 for his per diem from convention. 2nd was made but name unclear. Motion passed

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2012 DETACHMENT CONVENTION
ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

NAME _____ SQ. NO. _____

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**ADVANCE REGISTRATION \$25.00—ON SITE \$35.00
UNDER 18 \$5.00**

Mail to: Kevin Winkelmann
Detachment Adjutant
9235 McDade
Houston, TX 77080

**DEADLINE FOR ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS
JULY 11, 2012**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2012 DETACHMENT CONVENTION
CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

Name of Squadron

No.

Name of Town

We hereby certify that the following members of this Squadron were named as delegates to the 2012 Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

NAME **2012 CARD NO**

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AT LARGE VOTES TO BE CAST WITH PERSPECTIVE SQUADRON

Chairman of Squadron Delegation

Squadron Commander

Squadron Adjutant

Each Squadron is entitled to one (1) vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof