



Detachment of Texas

Commander's Travel Notes

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To all proud possessors of a priceless heritage:

Thank you SAL 5th District. Lewis Elam and his wife Sharon were the perfect hosts. They made sure no stone was left unturned for me and Judy. Before our visit, the communication about our weekend stay was detailed to the nth degree and as Lewis put it he and Sharon was our Uber driver throughout. On Friday

we were greeted at the hotel by Lewis and Sharon with a beautiful well-appointed gift basket and an outstanding array of colorful flowers.

Then we left for Burger night at Post/Squadron 424. Again great people were great hosts all evening. Of course, there was karaoke, and to myself and Judy's surprise Lewis sang the first love he had ever sung to Sharon and then they sang a duet. How about that? Good fun all around. We left there and headed out to Post/Squadron 453 to see the SAL National Awards wall. The entire Detachment can be very proud of this magnificent display of achievement by a great group of guys getting the job done. Let me say this 5th District record on performance speaks for itself. Plus you can feel the love they have for Lewis.

Now it's Saturday and it's Convention time. It was held at Post/Squadron 504. They have the Legion convention first, then the Auxiliary, and the SAL using the room after that. Since I had nothing else better to do early that morning and as a dual legion member and current 2nd District Officer I decided I would attend and see how they did things in the 5th. You can always learn something by watching others and Lewis was gracious enough to join me. Lunch was excellent and again the hospitality was even better.

The 5th District convention starts and what a great group of Sons. I delivered greetings from the

Detachment of Texas with a bucket load of platitudes. Through out the weekend, I received plaques and gifts and I returned the favor and gave out commander pins, and challenge coins, and also presented Lewis with my Post 817 which I am Commander of a yet-to-be-released to anyone outside our post-75th commemorative celebration coin for what the 5th District of Texas has done in terms of National recognition.

I was asked if I would conduct the district election and also install the new officers and I was honored to do so. So we leave there and head out to Post/Squadron 597 Carrollton for a Steak dinner in my and my wife's honor. Tim Webb, the Squadron Commander was a wonderful lead host. He made us feel not only at home but like family. I have to stop here and say that there is nothing better in the world than to be surrounded by good and decent people. People that support you and your cause even when you are not around. I told Tim I may not remember all that we talked about tonight but I know how you made me feel.

Bottom line every stop I have made this year so far has been super and this one was no different. Great job Lewis and Sharon on hosting me and Judy. We were introduced to some outstanding individuals

**that believe in God and Country. I and my wife thank
you Detachment of Texas.**

Again Detachment of Texas you are the best.

Until we meet again.

Honoring our priceless heritage

Clifton Guillory

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