



Detachment of Texas

Commander's Travel Notes

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Fundraising is the process of seeking and gathering voluntary financial contributions by engaging individuals, businesses, or charitable foundations.

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 447 of George John's Post located in Round Rock, Texas does it as well as anyone. This one was a Cancer Benefit for Jerry Ventura and Jason Ullo. I arrived at the Post on Friday evening to greet a happy but tired bunch of Squadron members Led by Brad Pack enjoying libations. Brad introduced me to more people than I can remember. However, there was one extremely interesting person that I had the pleasure of being entertained by and he was Raymond Miller State Commander Department of the New Jersey American Legion. Commander Miller is a close friend of Jerry Ventura who surprised him and showed for this Benefit. That's what friends do. I thoroughly enjoyed Brad, Jerry, and Commander Miller's storytelling that evening maybe with some exaggerations. Too funny.

Saturday morning I needed to get to San Antonio Post 2 for the 3rd Division SAL Convention. I tried walking quietly through the Legion meeting to get to the SAL convention meeting room. I was immediately stopped by the legion 3rd Division Commander, announced, and ask if I would bring greetings from The Detachment of Texas. Yes, I would I said never wanting to turn down an opportunity to promote the Detachment. It seems like they liked what I said by their applause and thumbs up.

In the SAL Division meeting, I brought greetings from the Detachment, reports were made and an election was held with new officers ready to get started with a renewed sense of purpose. As usual, the new leaders as is at this time of year and at every level of the legion made promises of purposeful future achievements. I wish them all the best. Please remember I'm membership chair next legion year for the Detachment. Kudos to George Alva on an outstanding convention.

Then I returned to Round Rock where Brad Pack was holding it down. Brad continued from the night before introducing me to all the major players of the post. I enjoyed meeting and talking to each of them. Also, Commander Miller and I exchanged hat pins and challenge coins. Nice. Roy Fowler and his wife were in attendance and the famous Lewis Elam and his wife Sharon were there. Mostly the crazy and delightful conversations were between State Commander Miller, Brad, Roy, Jerry, Catfish, and myself. Imagine that. The fundraiser was a success and all left happy which equals a good time.

Constantly trying to make us better,

Clifton Guillory

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