



Detachment of Texas

Commander's Travel Notes

May 26, 2023

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I took advantage of what I call free time and shopped online for the SAL National Commander a gift since he will visit us during this year's Detachment Convention. I believe chose a great gift and Jon gave his blessings on it when I showed him what it was. It's sitting in my living room ready to go.

Since I was commuting to and from Willis and Beaumont it became time for me to head back home. I went over to say hello to Steve Cook the other candidate for Department Commander and exchanged pleasantries. On the drive home and back the next morning I kept thinking about Saturday's agenda for both the Legion and the SAL. How would it go, especially the elections?

Since the SAL 2nd Division Convention wouldn't start until 1 pm and since I'm also a Post Commander I had obligations to attend to that morning. I especially wanted to watch and learn from my friend and 2nd Division Commander Jimmy Mitchell.

The Legion convention moved along by the agenda with all the necessary reports, read resolutions, and greetings from Legion candidates in attendance. Also, my presence was recognized. Then it became time for my official purpose for being in Willis the Sons of The American Legion 2nd Division convention.

2nd Division SAL Commander Roy Fowler opened the convention at 1 pm to a very enthusiastic audience ready to get to work. Before getting down to brass tacks Roy brought introduced attending outstanding members and friends of the SAL Detachment of Texas. Jon Kingston, Jeff Perkins, and Rich Huntley all spoke of a positive and aggressive future for the Sons of The American Legion and I wouldn't have expected anything less. Of course, when I addressed the convention as I normally will do on occasion I asked Roy and Rolf Austin for the numbers. Membership, CSRs, and the like. Rolf revealed that the 2nd Division numbers were not where he would like them to be and he made a promise to me to do what was humanly possible to significantly improve these areas as the new 2 Division Commander. Congratulations on being elected Rolf. I am happy to say that I've received credible reports that he is headed in the right direction. Thank you, Rolf.

All in all, Roy ran a very nice convention and I told him so. I reminded everyone that I'm the Detachment membership chair so I will be calling about numbers. Thanks, SAL 2nd Division it was a joy. I then headed back to the legion side to see Commander Jimmy Mitchell orchestrate a beautiful election. Thanks, Jimmy and Congratulations to the new 2nd Division Commander Butch Sparks

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