

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF TEXAS DETACHMENT CONVENTION 2013 IRVING, 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 12, 2013 at 10:00AM, Saturday July 13, 2013 at 9:30AM and Sunday July 14, 2013 at 9:00AM at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel in Irving, TX

## **Hotel Locations**

### **LEGION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

WESTIN DFW AIRPORT

4545 W. JOHN CARPENTER FREEWAY  
IRVING, TX 888-627-8617  
RATE—\$94.00 PER NIGHT

### **AUXILIARY**

SHERATON GRAND  
4440 W. JOHN CARPENTER FREEWAY  
IRVING, TX 972-929-8950  
RATE—\$94.00 PER NIGHT

## **AGENDA**

You will find the agenda enclosed. All meetings will be held at the Westin DFW Airport 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 Irving, TX the weekend of July 12-14, 2013. 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 12, 2013. 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 are September 14-16, 2013. 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 Irving

Steve Slaughter, Detachment Finance Officer  
Home 817-946-4506  
E-mail [smslaughter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smslaughter@sbcglobal.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](mailto: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 plus regular mail delivery. Hopefully, we can accomplish some good results and will get further input at the Fall DEC in September.

# AGENDA

OPENING SESSION, FRIDAY JULY 12-----10:00

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER ALVIS

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS FERNANDO GUAJARDO

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN KOLWYN PALASOTA

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

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

PREAMBLE-----2ND DIVISION COMMANDER JERRY BEAIRD

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

READING OF MINUTES-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

APPOINTMENTS TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE-----COMMANDER ALVIS

GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION-----5TH DISTRICT COMMANDER SECOR

RESPONSE TO THE GREETINGS-----PDC ED MAGERS

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST-----NEC MILTON CHATHAM

PRESENTATION OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST-----CHRIS HUNTZINGER  
NATIONAL COMMANDER, 2012-2013  
DETACHMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS----- (IF NECESSARY)

NEC REPORT-----NEC MILTON CHATHAM

BREAK FOR LUNCH

**JOINT SESSION WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY-----1:30 TO 3:30----WESTIN DFW AIRPORT 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 13, 2013**

**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 ALVIS**

**INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN PALASOTA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----10TH DIST. COMM. SANTIAGO BETANCOURT**

**PREAMBLE-----4TH DIVISION COMMANDER THOM SKELLY**

**ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN**

**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 JEFF ALVIS' FINAL REPORT**

**IF THE TIME REACHES 4:00PM AFTER COMMANDER ALVIS' 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 AT 9:00AM**

**SUNDAY JULY 14, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER ALVIS**

**INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN PALASOTA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----CONNIE WADDELL**

**PREAMBLE-----BILL KUEHNER**

**ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN**

**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 2013-2014**

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

**BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN PALASOTA**

**RETIREMENT OF COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS FERNANDO GUAJARDO**

**POST DEC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF MEETING**

## **MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 19-20, 2013**

### **SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, pledge, prayer and preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:18 AM. Commander Alvis then appointed Bill Kuehner as acting Judge Advocate. Commander Alvis then appointed Rick Trzcinski as acting Chaplain. Commander Alvis then asked for the roll call. All officers were present except for Vice Commander Division 1 Davis (E), Vice Commander Division 3 Rodriguez, Chaplain Palasota (E), Judge Advocate Winters(E) and Sgt-At-Arms Guajardo. All committeemen were present except for Membership Gary Paul (E), Americanism Blair Sanders, Internet Winters(E) and PUFL Sonnier (E). Districts present were 2, 4C, 5, 6C, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12,14C, 15C, 16C, 17, 20C and 22C. Squadrons present were 36, 37, 50, 76C, 84, 96, 101, 121, 163C, 165, 179, 208, 223, 231C, 245C, 267C, 297C, 321, 361, 368, 393, 430, 447, 453, 472C, 517C, 554, 569, 593, 598C, 654, 817, 828 and 838C. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Gary Randall made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Santiago Betancourt. Motion passed.

Commander Alvis then introduced Mike Duester, National Vice Commander Mid-West to the body. He brought greetings to the body and thanked all members for their service.

**NEC**—NEC Chatham then came forward to give his report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Milton Chatham to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Magers. Motion passed

Adjutant Winkelmann gave the body some notes and updates. Commander Alvis then recessed the meeting at 10:40 AM

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 PM by Commander Alvis

**INTERNET**—Gary Winters not present

**LEGISLATIVE**—Chairman Santiago Bentancourt came to give his report. He reported on the upcoming Washington Conference and the duties of his office. He also stated that he will be running for public office and be moving out of Austin. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Santiago Betancourt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milton Chatham. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Acting Judge Advocate Kuehner gave the report.

**AMERICANISM**—Committee member Ken Peters Jr. Gave the report. He reported on various items that are being done by the Squadrons. He also spoke on a program to help renovate postal boxes throughout the country. A complete report is attached to these minutes/ Motion made by Ken Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Randall to accept the report. Motion passed.

**VA & R**—Chairman David Blair gave the report. He spoke about Pets for Vets and the fund raising efforts needed to purchase one of the pets at a cost of \$50,000.00. He also gave a brief report to the body concerning donations by various Squadrons with their donations and fund raising efforts for VA. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by David Blair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Peters. Before the motion came up for a vote, Commander Alvis spoke to the body concerning his visits to the various VA Hospitals. Motion passed.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**—Chairmen Tracy Wood gave the report. CMN/CWF Chairman Dan Paul also came forward to give his report. Brad Pack spoke on behalf of the committee. He spoke first about the raffle for CWF. Next topic was the C & Y website and it's updates. He also spoke about the donations to CWF from the Detachment and the possibility of making our \$1.00 per member goal. Motion made by Tracy Wood to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Creech. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**- Chairman Richard Grimes gave the report. He reported that Commander Alvis' itinerary. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Richard Grimes to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Miller. Motion passed.

**MARKETING**—Chairman Jeff Saul gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Jeff Saul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Slaughter to accept the report. Motion passed

**CONVENTION CITY**—Co-Chairman Ed Magers gave the report. He spoke to the body concerning the upcoming Detachment Convention in Irving; the dates are July 10-14, 2013. Information is available on the legion website. He gave us various information concerning the events that will be held at the convention. He also gave a report on all of the upcoming Department/Detachment Conventions for the next 4 years. A full report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Magers made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Wigman. Motion passed. After the Detachment Convention City report, there was discussion on the upcoming National Convention. Following some other discussion, Co-Chair Magers made a motion to amend his report to pay for 2 separate ads in the Department Program at a cost of \$400.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed.

**BOYS STATE**— Chairman Arreaga gave the report. He spoke to the body on the dates of the upcoming Boys State agenda coming up in June. He also showed the body the new pamphlet that has been created. He then showed a power point program to the body. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Travis Arreaga, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Santiago Betancourt. Motion passed.

**AWARDS**—. Chairman Jonathan Poe gave the report. He stated that he does not have any candidates for any of the awards that are available. He is asking that nominees be sent in as soon as possible to help with selection process at Detachment Convention. Jonathan Poe made a motion to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Black. Motion passed.

**CHAPLAIN**—Not present, no report



**PUFL**—Member Kevin Winkelmann gave the report. He stated that there is \$32,436.47 in the account and there are 110 living members and 5 deceased members. He spoke about getting the card program from Abel Silva to start doing the cards at his house. This will expedite the mailing of the cards and pins out to the new members. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Kevin made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Santiago Betancourt. Motion passed

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP**—Member Thom Skelley gave the report. He stated that we did not reach our 60% goal and if we did not jump start our membership it would be hard reaching our 75% goal. He presented a National award to the Detachment of Texas to Commander Jeff Alvis. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Member Skelley made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Black. There was various discussion concerning ideas that could make membership work better in Texas. Motion passed.

**FINANCE**—Chairman Bill Kuehner gave the report. He stated that there is a financial report available on the rear table. He also asked that any request for additional funds for selected committees/officers needs to be submitted as soon as possible. He stated that without receipts no funds will be paid out. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Bill Kuehner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Beard. Motion passed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**—Motion made by David Blair to donate the Detachment office computer to Gary Winters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Santiago Betancourt. Motion passed. Discussion was brought up concerning new flag cases. It was stated that Detachment Adjutant Winkelmann would assist in securing the new cases.

**NEW BUSINESS**—None

**GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**— The hat was passed for donations for CWF and \$151.00 was raised. Commander Jeff Alvis' Homecoming will be held in Marshall, TX on February 16, 2013. More details will follow. \$20.00/ person.

**ADJUTANT NOTES:** There was some difficulty with mailing out the last newsletter. Make sure addresses are correct. There is a computer in the office in headquarters for use at any time.

Being no further business to come before this meeting, Commander Alvis called the body with 3 raps. After the prayer, a hand salute to the colors was called for. Commander Alvis then adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
2013 DETACHMENT CONVENTION  
ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SQ. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

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SQUADRON LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

**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 10, 2013**

**Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas 2013 Mid-Winter D.E.C.  
Membership Report**



The membership committee met on 1/19/2013 at 11:00 in the Amphitheatre of the Omni Hotel, Austin, Texas.

Attending were: 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander and acting Chairman Thom Skelley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander Jerry Beard; Alternate NEC David Blair and 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Paul Secor.

2013 membership goal 6,639

Current 2013 membership 3,859-58.13%-124 short of 60% target

Next membership target is 4,979-75% by 2/13/2013

86 members turned in this weekend

17 Squadrons have not yet certified for 2013

Detachment received two "Bandwagon" awards from National Commander Chris Huntzinger for making 35% and 45% membership goals by target dates

Respectfully submitted: Thom Skelley Acting Membership Chairman