

**Resolution of Endorsement
Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 321
Plano, Texas**

Whereas it will be the duty of the 1st Division Convention meeting in regular session in City of Dallas, Texas to elect a Detachment Vice Commander, Division 1 for the year 2014-2015, and

Whereas Squadron 321 has a member who more than meets all of the qualifications of the office, and

Whereas he is eligible through the, Service of his father that served in the United States Navy WW II and

Whereas he has held the offices of Adjutant & Finance at the Squadron level, and

Whereas he has held the offices of Division of 1st Division Commander for the year of 1993 / 1994, and

Whereas he has held the offices of Detachment of Commander 1994 / 1995 Adjutant 1990 thru 1994 & Chaplain 1996 thru 1998, and

Whereas he has served on numerous committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization, therefore

Be it Resolved that Squadron 321 meeting in regular session on meeting 10/17/2013 does unanimously endorse Jon Kingston for the office of Detachment Vice Commander, Division 1 for the year 2014-2015

(commander's name)
Commander, Sqdn. 321

(adjutant name)
Adjutant, Post 321

SB 1200 Texas Military Preparedness Commission Rewrite (Van de Putte/ Menendez)

SB 1200 formally establishes the Texas Commander's Council (TCC) and requires the TMPC to meet with the them at least once each year; expanded eligibility for access to DEAAG grants by allowing communities to proactively apply for grants; and creates a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Task Force at the TMPC.

SB1373 Honor and Remember Flag (Hinojosa/ Miller, Rick)

SB 1373 directs state office buildings and cemeteries managed by the TVLB to display the Honor and Remember flag on specified days and when a Texas resident is killed while serving on active duty.

SB1476 Veteran Entrepreneur Program (West/ Sheffield, Ralph)

SB 1476 establishes a veteran entrepreneur program at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), which performs outreach functions to improve veteran entrepreneurs' awareness of federal and state benefits and provide guidance through conferences, seminars, and training workshops with federal and state agencies.

SB 1536 Texas Military Forces Rewrite (Van de Putte/ Menendez)

SB 1536 consolidates current duplicative definitions and modernizes statutory language. Some of the highlights include, changing the agency name to Texas Military Department; clarifying the governor's authority to delegate certain actions to the adjutant general including the authority to activate service members to duty; divides military command and policy making from administrative and operational activities; and provides access to state insurance benefits for a service member deployed for more than 90-days on state orders.

HB 150 Half-Staff Flags (Larson/ Van de Putte)

In honor of fallen military who have paid the ultimate price, HB 150 requires flags at the Capitol be flown at half-staff for one day, after the day the family is notified of a service member's death.

HB 489 Service Dogs for Veterans (Menendez/ Uresti)

HB 489 ensures that Texas law aligns with federal protections offered to a person with post-traumatic stress disorder, seizure disorders, and even diabetes against a challenge or denial of access because of a service animal.

HB 1589 Texas Medal of Honor (Cortez/ Van de Putte)

HB 1589 expands the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to twice per regular session; once to an individual whose service fell between 1835 and 1955, and once to an individual whose service fell after 1955.

HB 2388 Non-Competitive Bid on Base Authority (Menendez/ Van de Putte)

HB 2388 makes Texas more competitive in recruiting new businesses by exempting any redevelopment project of a defense base development authority from the competitive bid process if it is solely privately funded.

HB 2392 Peer-to-Peer Mental Health (Menendez/ Van de Putte)

Peer-to-peer mental health services for veterans are based on a model of formal and informal discussions that allow combat veterans to talk to other combat veterans. HB 2392 expands the definition for "peer" to include family members, incorporates required elements of the program such as access to licensed mental health professionals and grants to regional and local organizations providing these services. Grants awarded under this program must ensure that the maximum amount is spent on direct services to veterans and work to expand the capacity of the peer-to-peer network.

HB 3064 Unclaimed Remains of Veterans (Menendez/ Campbell)

HB 3064 lifts the prohibitive restrictions keeping the unclaimed remains of military veterans from receiving proper burial.

HB 3066 Defense Base Authority as an Enterprise Zone (Menendez/ Van de Putte)

H.B. 3066 allows defense base development authorities to be an effective tool for economic development by ensuring automatic qualification as an enterprise zone.

Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations
Major Bills - 83rd Legislature

Occupational Licensing for Military Service Members, Spouses and Veterans

VAMI passed a number of bills that will improve the employability of transitioning service members, spouses of active duty military and veterans. Below are a few of the highlights:

- **SB 162 Occupational Licenses for Military, Spouses and Veterans (Van de Putte/ Menendez)** requires state agencies that issue occupational licenses to recognize occupational licenses issued by other jurisdictions and provide an expedited licensure for military service members, military spouses, and military veterans within one year of separation from the military. It also provides a waiver from some law enforcement certification requirements for "special forces" veterans.
- **SB 229 CDL Residency Waiver (Davis/ Turner, Chris)** will allow Texas to take full advantage of federal authority to waive the residency requirements for Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL).
- **SB 242 Partial Credit Occupational Licenses (Carona/ Farias)** requires TDLR to credit verified military service, training, or education towards licensing requirements for all of their occupational licenses.
- **HB 1960 EMS Certification for Veterans (Cortez/ Campbell)** provides a statutory basis for the Health and Human Services Commission to issue Texas EMS certification if the veteran has military combat medic training or a military EMS certification.
- **HB 2028 Military Experience Toward Plumbing License (Davis/ Turner, Chris)** provides statutory support for the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) to credit military experience requirements for veterans applying for plumbing license in the state.
- **HB 2029 Military Experience Toward Electrician License (Davis/ Turner, Chris)** directs the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to credit military experience, training, or education in electrical work obtained toward the requirements needed to obtain an electrician's license in Texas.
- **HB 2135 Military Experience Toward Private Eye License (Cortez/ Campbell)** requires the Texas Private Security Board (PSB) to adopt rules allowing the PSB to waive any prerequisite to obtaining a license or credit military experience toward a license.
- **HB 2254 Veteran Apprenticeship Credit (Geren/ Van de Putte)** requires state agencies to adopt rules to provide credit towards occupational licenses which require an apprenticeship in fields relevant to a service member's training and experience in a military occupational specialty.

SB 260 Excused Absence for Military Kids (Davis/ Stickland)

SB 260 grants up to five days of excused absences of a student from school to visit with a parent or guardian who will be or has been deployed on active military duty.

SB 846 Mental Health Training for County Service Officers (Van de Putte/ Menendez)

SB 846 requires the Texas Veterans Commission to coordinate with the Department of State Health Services to incorporate a suicide prevention component in County Service Officer training.

SB 1061 DV Parking on Campus (Van de Putte/ Menendez)

SB 1061 clarifies that institutions of higher education must allow access to handicapped parking spaces regardless of the parking permit requirements if the vehicle displays the appropriate "DV" license plates.

SB 1158 Hazlewood Transfer, Funding and Regional Counselors (Van de Putte/ Menendez)

SB 1158 transfers authority for Hazlewood to the TVC; creates a \$250 million permanent endowment fund for "Legacy" students; and establishes a Veterans Education Counselor program at the TVC.

From: Bill Wilson <Bill.Wilson@senate.state.tx.us>
To: George Solis <uncarnal@aol.com>
Subject: FW: Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee
Date: Tue, Jan 21, 2014 4:52 pm
Attachments: VAMI_-Major_Bills_(short_version)(Licensing).docx (33K)

Resending.

Bill Wilson

Committee Director

Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R.Ph., Chair

(512) 463-2211

From: Bill Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:40 PM
To: 'uncarnal@aol.com'
Subject: Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee

Mr. Solis:

Thank you for the phone call and the support you have offered on veteran issues. Attached are the bills that passed the 83rd Legislature and went through the Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations (VAMI) Committee during the regular session. There were additional bills that helped veterans but did not go through the VAMI committee, such as the two recently passed property tax exemptions - these are not listed in this summary. If you would like a list of all of Senator Van de Putte's bill, regardless of committee, I can provide that to you separately.

Below are the three charges VAMI has been given to study during the Interim so that we can introduce new legislation in January 2015.

1. Investigate the impact of federal actions (including the federal government shutdown, sequestration, military force reductions, and potential base closure or realignment) on active-duty service members, the Texas Military Department, veterans, their families, defense-related contractors, small businesses, local governments, and state agencies.
2. Monitoring and examining efforts to provide employment and workforce opportunities for veterans, service members, and their families. Make recommendations on how best to continue collaborating with and supporting our honored veterans as they re-enter the civilian workforce, including improving employment opportunities for veterans at all state agencies.
3. Provide an update on the State Strike Force team's progress and recommendations on any additional steps necessary to ensure that veterans promptly receive all federal disability benefits to which they are entitled. Thank you for your service. If I can help with anything else, please give me a call.

Bill Wilson
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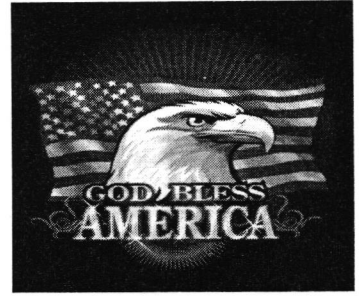
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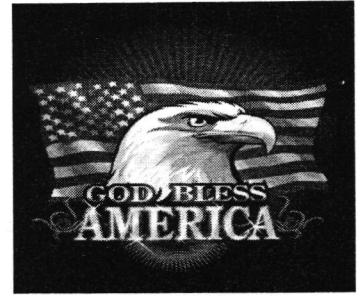


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January 25,2014

Minutes of PUFL Meeting, Mid-Winter 2014

Meeting called to order Saturday January 25,2014 at 12.45pm

Present Chairman Robert Sonnier

Brad Pack, Kevin Winkleman, Ed Majers

Motion by brad second by Kevin to dispense with reading of minutes

Motion passed

Ed Majers is now printing PUFL cards He is setting up a new format to include ID number and Total Years when card issued

Total 131 members 75 paid 55 Comp 1 making payments

\$38,215.20 in the bank

During the Fall meeting We agreed that a meeting be set up by our Detachment Advisor

With Finance people at Department

There has been no interest posted to the account since July 2009

We are still waiting for this meeting to take place

No word on interest on the account

Motion by Kevin to adjourn second Brad

Meeting adjourned 1,15pm

For God and Country

Robert Sonnier Chairman



Sons of The American Legion Mid-Winter D.E.C. Finance Report

The Finance Committee met in the Amphitheatre of the Omni Southpark Hotel on 25 January, 2014. Present were Finance Committee Chairman Thom Skelley, Detachment Finance Officer Steve Slaughter, 4th Division Commander David Blair and 2nd Division Commander Jerry Beard. The meeting convened at 09:40.

Discussion and recommendation to allocate \$150.00 for the purchase of a wreath to be placed graveside at Arlington National Cemetery during the Washington Conference. Money will be taken from the National Representative's account.

Discussion and recommendation to keep the mileage reimbursement for the S.A.L. representative serving on the Department Convention City Committee in Convention Expenses in lieu of creating a separate line item in the budget as there is no way to predict what the travel expenses would be.

Discussion and recommendation to provide call-in expenses to the 19th District attendee in lieu of a District Commander.

Discussion and recommendation to review the Constitution and By-laws of the Detachment of Texas to amend call-in reimbursements.

With no further business coming before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted

Thom Skelley

Finance Committee Chairman

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Patterson <mpatterson@ohdfw.com>

Date: January 26, 2014 at 7:37:57 PM CST

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Subject: AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Awards committee

Saturday Jan 25th 9:30 am.

Members on hand Mark Patterson and Henry Creech. Not present Wayne Thomas and Gary Paul. Henry and I reviewed the awards committee outline given by Kevin at Saturdays meeting.

There are a total of 5 nominations groups. Nominations need to be turned in by May 1st. We have a new award coming up in 2015. The "David Dew Award" for most VA Volunteer hours.

It was brought up for discussion at meeting that this award will have numerous criteria. The criteria for the David DEW Award will be set the next time the award committee meets.

At this time we have no nominations turned in.

Awards Chairman

Mark Patterson

The name of the Award is not decided upon yet but will be by the committee. The Award will be a plaque.

The criteria for the Award will follow the same as the George B. Evans Award as to help the committee give the national commission the best case to award the George B. Evans Award to the individual from Texas and will have from

The Chairman also suggested that the SOP be changed for the award and the Chairman attend legislative Breakfast with the region and attend Alliances with the region with elected officials.

The Chairman will also be attending the Washington Conference. It will be talking to our elected officials. It will be asking for some issues to take to Washington Conference.

The Chairman also said that the world Report was submitted & approved. Talk to Kevin about starting an email blast.

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