

**DETACHMENT CONVENTION
ODESSA, TEXAS
JUNE 24-26, 2011**

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2011

Meeting called to order by Commander Paul at 10:00AM. Following the posting of the colors, the pledge, prayer and preamble were asked for. The Commander then called the meeting to order. The Commander then asked the Adjutant for the roll call. All officers were present except for Chaplain Rogers, Asst Sgt at Arms Sanders and Asst Adjutant Arreaga. All chairmen were present except for C & Y Vandall, Awards Alvis, CMN/CWF Burns (E) and Public Relations Paul Miller. Districts present were 2, 4C, 5, 6C, 7C, 9C, 10, 11C, 12C, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 22C. Squadrons present were 36, 50C, 71, 76, 81, 83, 84C, 96, 163C, 165, 179, 181, 220, 223, 231, 245C, 297, 321C, 364, 379, 430C, 453, 472C, 554, 569C, 573, 575, 593C, 618, 654, 817C, 828 and 838C. It was stated that a quorum was present. Commander Paul then called for the reading of the previous minutes. A motion was made by Milton Chatham, 2nd by Robert Sonnier to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Commander Paul then made some appointments to fill out some officers and Chairmen. Commander Paul appointed Fernando Pacheco, Chairman of the Credentials Committee with Tracy Wood and John Matco as members. He then appointed Gary Randall as Chaplain, Benito Santiago as Legislative Chairman and Brian Gardner as C & Y Chairman. Larry Black made a motion to accept these appointments, 2nd by Milton Chatham. Motion passed. Gary Randall made a motion to pay full call-in for Brian Gardner, 2nd by Juan Torres. Motion passed.

NEC McPeters then introduced our special guest, Dr. Jerry "Doc" Leopold, National Vice Commander, Midwest Area, of the Sons of The American Legion, from the Detachment of Kansas. Dr Leopold then approached the podium for his remarks.

Judge Advocate Winters came forward to give the rules of credentials committee. The rules were read to the body for discussion. There was none. JA Winters then read a resolution to the floor for the purpose of creating a Hubmaster position for each District. It was read for information only at this time. Motion was made by Ed Magers to reject the resolution, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Discussion was brought to the floor for making this position an appointment. Motion passed. JA Winters then a resolution for information only.

NEC REPORT

NEC Joe McPeters came forward to give his report. He spoke to the body concerning the events that have occurred at the NEC meetings in Indianapolis. He told the body of resolutions that were voted on at the NEC. A full report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Joe McPeters to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Magers. Motion passed.

Commander Paul then read the full list of committees and meeting times. He asked that all District Commanders help out with missing members of the various committees.

Adjutant Winkelmann then gave some brief notes to the body. The meeting then was recessed at 11:15 AM until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2011

Commander Paul called the meeting back into session at 9:35AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was then taken. All officers were present except for Chaplain Rogers and Asst Adjutant Arreaga. All chairmen were present except for Children & Youth Steve Vandall, CMN/CWF Burns (E) and Public Relations Paul Miller. Districts present were 2, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 9C,

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Commander Paul then asked that this convention be dedicated to Mike Stagg, Charlie Ward and Robert Danny Saye in their memory. Commander Paul called for Department Advisor John Schendel to give his report.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Advisor Schendel gave his report. A full copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Motion by John, 2nd by Larry Black to accept the report. Motion passed.

BOYS STATE—Chairman Bill Kuehner came forward to give his report. He stated that there were 821 delegates showed up with 815 delegates passing the course. It was stated that John Lemley was elected the Boys State Volunteer of the Year. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Bill made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Magers. Motion passed.

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Wesley Jones gave his report. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Wesley to accept his report, 2nd by Ed Magers. Motion passed

INTERNET—Chairman Gary Winters gave the report. He asked that more information be sent to him to be put on the internet. A copy is attached to these minutes. Motion by Mr. Winters to accept the report, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed

CREDENTIALS—Judge Advocate Winters and Credentials member Rick Trzcinski gave the 1st reading of credentials

RESOLUTIONS—Judge Advocate Winters gave a small report on the constitution and by-laws.

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Santiago Betancourt gave the report. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Santiago made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed.

PUFL—Chairman Arellano deferred the report to Adjutant Winkelmann. Adjutant Winkelmann reported that there are 99 members signed into the PUFL program. It was also stated there is \$28,685.97 in the account. Kevin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Randall

VA & R—Chairman John Bell gave the report. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. He gave a complete consolidated report from all reporting Squadrons. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jim Kehler. Motion passed

Commander Paul then asked Rick Trzcinski to approach the podium for purpose of giving information concerning work at the VA Hospitals and we could do for our Veterans.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Connie Waddell gave the report. There was discussion on highway 62 that will be designated the National Veterans Highway.. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Connie made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Joel Franklin. Motion passed.

Commander Paul the introduced David Wright, Texas Operation Military Kids Director. He brought some information concerning Texas OMK program and what it does for the deployed veterans and their kids.

AWARDS—Chairman Jeff Alvis gave the report. The following winners are:

MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----JAMES WILLIS SQUADRON 453
DUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----BILL WEST SQUADRON 447
ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR-----BRAD PACK SQUADRON 447

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR-----RUSSELL MONTGOMERY POST 447

MOTHER OF THE YEAR-----ANN HARTLINE UNIT 321

SAL BOYS STATER OF THE YEAR-----JOHN LEMLEY SQUADRON 453

Chairman Alvis made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Randall. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—Chairman Joel Franklin gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Joel reported that there were 57 Squadron reports turned in. Award winners for best report form; Large Squadron Dallas 453, Medium Squadron 165 Kaufman, Small Squadron Austin 76. Best district report was District 6. Mr. Franklin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ken Peters. Motion passed

MARKETING—Stan Blair, Chairman, gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Stan made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jim Kehler. Motion passed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH/CMN & CWF—Chairman Thom Skelley, CWF/CMN and Brian Gardner, C & Y, gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Thom made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jerry Beard. Motion passed

FINANCE—Chairman Jimmy Don Dixon gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Jimmy Don Dixon made a motion to accept the report as read, 2nd by Jim Kehler. Motion passed. Motion was made to purchase additional pins, Detachment and National, at a cost of \$2,000.00 Motion by Steve Slaughter, 2nd by Ed Magers. Motion passed. Motion was made by Milton Chatham to donate \$500.00 to the Jim Robert campaign fund, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed. Motion was made by Ed Magers, 2nd by Milton Chatham to donate \$500.00 to the Chris Huntzinger Campaign Fund. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Robert Sonnier gave the report. He reported that the Detachment now stands at 6353, goal is 6451. He asked that we work hard for the 100% goal to attain by National Convention. Awards were handed out at this time. A complete report is attached to this meeting. Robert made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ray Hartline. Motion passed

Detachment Commander Paul handed out certificates at this time to all Squadrons that made 100%.
Commander Paul then recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:50 AM

Commander Paul reconvened the meeting at 1:40 PM

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT—Chaplain Gary Randall gave a small report on various members of the Detachment that are in either bad health or are having problems. Joe Ed Neal, PDC, Roger Hensley, 17th District Commander, Marty Burns, Chairman CMN/CWF, Billy Hueske, SAL member, Robert Wilkins, PDC.. Motion by Gary Randall, 2nd by Robert Sonnier to accept the report. Motion passed.

HISTORIAN REPORT— Stan Crowder said he is still waiting on pictures for Commander Paul's year. Stan made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Milton Chatham. Motion passed.

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT—A motion was made by Robert Sonnier, 2nd by Gary Winters to dispense with these reports. Motion passed. However, it was stated that if any Commander wanted to read their reports, they could come forward and present their report. All reports are to be turned in to the Detachment Adjutant to be filed in the minutes.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Motion was made by Milton Chatham to pay for all 14 delegates plus four at-large delegate to the National Convention to be held in Minneapolis, MN. 2nd by Robert Sonnier. This motion will also include alternate delegates as needed. Total cost will be \$270.00. Larry Black made a motion to appropriate \$30.00 for 2 alternates, 2nd by Gary Randall. Motion passed.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER GARY PAUL FINAL REPORT

Commander Paul gave his final report to the body. He was presented his Past Detachment Commander's pin after his report. A motion was made by Milton Chatham to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed. Commander brought his wife, Shirley, to the podium for purpose of special thanks.

Commander Paul now asked for special guest to approach for purpose of a presentation. Thom Skelly, 16th District Commander and David Blair, 4th Division Commander presented Stan Blair with jacket and cap. 3rd Division Commander Earnest Barnes presented a \$1,000.00 check for CMN. Commander Paul then asked National Vice Commander Jerry "Doc" Leopold for presentation of a gift. Commander Paul then presented gifts and awards to the Detachment Officers and Chairmen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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Other announcements were made at this time. Commander Paul then asked the body for any individual who is running for an office that would like to address the floor. Ed Magers made a motion to pay \$1,500.00 to get into the Blue Book, 2nd by Steve Slaughter. Motion passed.

After Adjutant notes, the meeting was recessed at 3:18PM

SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2011

Commander Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:03AM. Following the hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, Commander Paul called the meeting to order. The Adjutant then completed the roll call. All officers were present except for Chaplain Rogers and Asst Adjutant Arreaga. All Chairmen were present except for Children & Youth Steve Vandall, CMN/CWF Burns (E) and Public Relations Paul Miller. Districts present were 1C, 2, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 9C, 11C, 12C, 13, 14, 16C, 17, 19, 20, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 36C, 50C, 71, 81, 83, 84C, 96, 179, 121C, 163C, 165, 179, 181, 208C, 220, 223, 231, 267C, 297C, 321C, 364, 379C, 430C, 453, 472C, 487, 522C, 554, 569C, 573C, 575, 593C, 598, 618, 654, 817C, 828 and 838C. A quorum was present. Buck Jones, from Squadron 430, came forward to give thanks to the Detachment for coming to Odessa.

CREDENTIALS—The final report of credentials was read by Chairman Rick Trzcinski. A total of 256 delegates was reported to the floor. Motion was made by Rick Trzcinski, 2nd by Robert Sonnier to accept the report.. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Judge Advocate proceeded into the election. The new officers elected are as follows:

COMMANDER-----STEVE SLAUGHTER SQUADRON 297
1ST DIVISION-----STEVE DAVIS SQUADRON 81
2ND DIVISION-----MILTON CHATHAM SR. SQUADRON 817
3RD DIVISION-----EARNEST BARNES SQUADRON 828
4TH DIVISION-----TRACY WOOD SQUADRON 208
ADJUTANT-----KEVIN WINKELMANN SQUADRON 654
FINANCE OFFICER-----JEFF ALVIS SQUADRON 267
HISTORIAN-----STAN CROWDER SQUADRON 84
CHAPLAIN-----KOLWYN PALASOTA SQUADRON 618
JUDGE ADVOCATE-----GARY WINTERS SQUADRON 231
SGT-AT-ARMS-----JERRY BEAIRD SQUADRON 84
ASST. SGT-AT-ARMS-----FERNANDO GUAJARDO SQUADRON 472

NEC-----JOE MCPETERS SQUADRON 453

ALT. NEC-----LARRY BLACK SQUADRON 453

Gary Winters made a motion, 2nd by Larry Black, to release the Credentials Committee from their duties. Following the election, National Vice Commander Jerry Leopold installed the new officers. After the installation, newly elected Detachment Commander Steve Slaughter addressed the floor with his comments. Following his comments, acting Children & Youth Chairman Thom Skelley came forward for the CWF drawing. Winners of the drawing are as follows:

1ST PRIZE-----TV, STAN CROWDER SQUADRON 84

2ND PRIZE-----PORTABLE DVD, JOHN VARBLE SQUADRON 426

Final announcements were made. The Commander then called for the prayer and final words followed by the retirement of the colors. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

POST DEC MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 10:35AM by Division 1 Commander Davis. Acting Commander read the new appointments for the Committees. A motion was made by Gary Winters, 2nd by Gary Randall to accept the appointments. Motion passed. Acting Commander then appointed Jeff Alvis to be the new Finance Officer. Motion by Gary Winters , 2nd by Ed Magers to accept the appointment. Motion passed. Following some brief announcements by the Adjutant and being no further business, 1st Division Commander Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:49AM