SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF TEXAS DETACHMENT CONVENTION 2017 KILLEEN, 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 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm, Saturday July 15, 2017 at 9:00AM and Sunday July 16, 2017 at 9:00AM at Post 223, located at 208 S. Park St. Killeen, TX 76541

Hotel Locations

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Residence Inn by Marriott 400 E. Central Expressway, Killeen 254-634-1020

Rate: \$99.00 per night

AGENDA

You will find the agenda enclosed. All meetings will be held at Post 223 along with all Committee meetings. Please review the enclosed schedule times for Committees.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Please see the attached remarks from Detachment Commander Creech

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. 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 14, 2017. 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 Detachment Fall Conference in Austin, TX the weekend of September 22, 2017. The location of the meeting will be the Omni Hotel. Their phone number is 512-448-2222 and the room rates are approx. \$95.00 per night.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Finally, election of new officers is 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 June. 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 Killeen.

Steve Slaughter, Detachment Finance Officer Home 817-946-4506 E-mail 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.

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS----4:00 TO 4:30

- A) CMN/CWF
- B) Boys State
- C) Convention City
 D) Internet/Credentials

COMMITTEE MEETINGS----4:30 TO 5:00

- A) Legislative B) PUFL/NEC

- C) VA & R
- D) Public Relations
- E) Campaign Committee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS----5:00 TO 5:30

- A) Americanism
- B) Children & Youth
- C) Awards
- D) Finance
- E) Internal Affairs/Membership

RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM SATURDAY MORNING

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017

LEADERSHIP CLASSES

- A) DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDERS, 8:00-8:30AM
- B) ALL MEMBERS, 8:30-9:00AM

CALL TO ORDER, 9:00 AM------COMMANDER CREECH

INVOCATION------CHAPLAIN MURPHY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----4TH DIVISION COMMANDER JOHNATHAN POE

PREAMBLE-----3RD DIVISION COMMANDER RALPH ROCCO

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

LIAISON REPORT-----JOHN SCHENDEL, DEPARTMENT ADVISOR

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CREDENTIALS—2ND READING BY COMMITTEE

BOYS STATE

. CONVENTION CITY

INTERNET

LEGISLATIVE

PUFL

VA&R

PUBLIC RELATIONS

AWARDS

AMERICANISM

CHILDREN & YOUTH and CMN/CWF

FINANCE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE—IF NECESSARY

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 HENRY CREECH'S FINAL REPORT

IF THE TIME REACHES 4:00PM AFTER COMMANDER KUEHNERS REPORT, WE WILL RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING. PENDING PARTICIPATION, THE 5-STAR PROGRAM CLASS WILL START AT 4:15 PM. IF TIME PERMITS, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY JULY 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER CREECH

INVOCATION------CHAPLAIN MURPHY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----PDC BRAD PACK

PREAMBLE------PDC BILL KUEHNER
ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

PRESENTATION OF 5 STAR AWARDS

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE GARY PAUL

ELECTION OF OFFICERS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE GARY PAUL

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, DETACHMENT OF TEXAS 2017-2018
CLOSING OF MEETINGNEWLY ELECTED DETACHMENT COMMANDER
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RETIREMENT OF COLORSSGT-AT ARMS TAYLOR WATSON
POST DEC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF MEETING

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MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 28-29, 2017

SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, pledge, prayer and preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:32 AM. Commander Creech then asked for the roll call. Officers not present are as follows: Vice Commander Division 4 Poe(E). Committee Chairmen not present were Americanism Clarence Britton, CMN/CWF Jimmy Don Dixon, and Awards Ken Dorsett. Districts present were 2C, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12, 13C, 14C, 15C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 17,36,37,50,83,121,172,179,208,223,231,241,245,297,321,388,393,447,453,472,499,522, 550,554,573,593,598,618,654, and 817. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. PDC Kingston made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept as posted, 2nd by Shannon Boyd. Motion passed.

NEC—Alt. NEC Skelley came forward to give his report. He introduced National Vice Commander, Ken Yanke. Ken brought greetings from the National Organization, and he spoke on membership and recruitment. He spoke on accomplishments reported to the National Organization. Alt. NEC Skelley then introduced leading candidate for National Commander, Danny Smith from the Detachment of Nebraska. Danny then gave a brief history of his time in the organization and his plans as National Commander. He spoke on working the programs of the Sons of the American Legion. He then spoke on last years accomplishments of the Detachment of Texas and thanked the body for their hard work. Alt. NEC Skelley then spoke briefly on resolutions brought to the floor at NEC in Indianapolis this past October. A full copy of the report is attached. Motion by Tom Skelley to accept the report as read, second by PDC Sonnier, motion passed.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Department Liaison Schendel was excused due to a family health issue. Adjutant Winklemann read a email from John explaining his reason for not being able to attend.

INTERNET—Gary Winters came forward to give his report. He spoke about 2 sites available to get information members may need about the Sons of the American Legion and the Detachment of Texas. Motion by Gary to accept his report, second by Gary Paul, motion carried. A copy of the full report is attached.

LEGISLATIVE—J.A. Gary Paul started the report by amending the reimbursements made to the NEC and Alt. NEC attending any NEC meetings. A complete revision will be made available at the Detachment Convention for a vote by the body. Chairman Faulkner then spoke on different legislation being discussed in our state not yet being voted on. One major piece is to give veterans the right to travel on the states toll roads for free. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Alton Faulkner, 2nd by Roy Fowler to accept the report. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—With Chairman Britton not present, member Ken Peters Jr came forward to give the report. He talked about flag retirement and flag etiquette. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Ken Peters Jr. to accept the report, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew, Motion passed.

VA & R—Chairman Rick Trczynski gave the report. He reported on various activities by Squadrons in the Detachment and read those to the body with explanations of those accomplishments. He also talked about other Veterans programs which the SAL supports and helps such as the Fisher House. He also asked the body to continue the support of the various Veterans programs and support groups. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Rick Trczynski, 2nd by Shannon Boyd, Motion passed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH—PDC Brad Pack gave the report. He spoke about this years raffle to be held at the Convention in Killeen. Tracy Wood made a motion to accept the Children and Youth report, 2nd by Anthony Lambert, motion passed. A complete copy of this report is attached.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The report was given by Chairman Eddy Seegers. He spoke about getting our Legion Family information out to our communities and promoting the programs of the organization. He then challenged the District and Division Commanders to get members to send pictures for the Legacy Page. A complete copy of this report is attached to the minutes. Eddy Seegers made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Roy Fowler, Motion passed.

MARKETING—Chairman Ray Hartline gave his report. He stated that there will be shirts available at \$2.00 off to get rid of existing inventory. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Ray to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion passed.

CUNVENTION CITY—Chairman Robert Hart gave the report. He discussed the different events and accommodations for the weekend of July14-16. The agenda will be included in the Convention newsletter. A complete copy of the report is included in these minutes. Motion by Robert to accept his report, 2nd by PDC Sonnier, Motion passed.

BOYS STATE—Chairman Arreaga gave the report. He stated that there are 61 young men signed up for Boys State and there is room for at least 1000 boys this year. Registration will be \$295.00 this year and other changes in location will be made. Travis then read what Boys State means and the definition of what the program is all about. A complete report is attached to these minutes and all forms and necessary paperwork is available on the web site. Dates are June 12-17, 2016. Motion made by Travis Arreaga, 2nd by Tracy Wood. Motion passed.

AWARDS - Chairman Dorsett absent. No report given.

CHAPLAIN—No report.

PUFL—An updated report will be added to the Convention newsletter.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Connie Waddell had no report.

FINANCE—Chairman Juan Torres came forward to give the report. He stated that the Detachment will be donating \$500.00 to the National leading candidate, and \$500.00 to the National Emergency Fund. He also stated that the Detachment had \$600.00 in the budget for Boys State, or to help pay for their printers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS— No unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS—A discussion was made by Milton Chatham to reimburse Connie Waddell for his PUFL since he paid for it prior to becoming Detachment Commander. Discussion was tabled until the Convention.

Gary Winters made a motion, 2nd by Milton Chatham to have the Adjutant attend the A.L. Americanism Committee meeting in the event that the Advisor will not be able to attend. It was already approved he attend the Finance Committee if the Advisor could not attend. Motion Passed.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—There was various announcements made by individuals concerning information and events for the SAL.

Being no further business to come before this meeting, Vice Commander Saul called the body to order with 3 raps. After the prayer, a hand salute to the colors was called for, Vice Commander Saul then adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM. No other business will be called for the weekend.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2017 DETACHMENT CONVENTION CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2017 DETACHMENT CONVENTION ADVANCE REGISTRATION

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	Houston, TX 77080	

DEADLINE FOR ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS JULY 7, 2017

NEBRASKA'S NATIONAL COMMANDER CAMPAIGN SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Detachment of Texas, Sons of The American Legion C/O Kevin Winkelmann, Adjutant 9235 McDade St. Houston, Texas 77080-2918

Texas Sons of The American Legion Members,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Sons of The American Legion DEC and Mid Year Conference, and to be able to share some of my thoughts and vision for our organization. The hospitality and courtesies extended to me is greatly appreciated. Your most generous campaign contribution of \$500.00 will be used to help offset some of the expenses incurred while promoting the Sons of The American Legion over the next few years. Once again I have met many new friends and have experienced the dedication and brotherhood of this great organization. I truly appreciate the fact that you treated me as family when I visited Texas. A special thank you to NEC David Blair and ANEC Thom Skelley for their time and effort in providing me with meals, sightseeing and transportation. Thanks too to all of those that made the weekend in Austin a memorable one, especially the "Texas Polar Plunge" raising over \$1000.00 on Saturday for CWF. Your hospitality was awesome!

As we move forward we need to continue to support Commander Frain and his vision for the remainder of his term, I believe his team has us headed in the right direction. Following Commander Frain, with your support, we will continue to improve upon and expand our service to The American Legion. This experience is very humbling and makes me realize that I have made some very special friendships in this organization. I look forward to continued service to the entire American Legion Family, promoting the ideals and principles, on which The American Legion was founded. Service to our Communities, States, Nation, Children & Youth and Veterans will always be a priority. Together we can and will make a difference!

Respectfully,

Danny Smith, National Commander candidate

Sons of The American Legion

Boys State Report

Mid Winter DEC 2017

The administration for Texas Boys State is gearing up for the 2017 session. Over the last year we have had some changes in location for the program. For those of you don't know, the program was moved across the UT campus because of renovations to the dorm. We had a fantastic year and will continue to use the Kinsolving Dorm this year. We are currently receiving applications and have had more students apply early than we ever have. The dates for the program this year is June 11- 16 2017.

To find out more about the application process, go to the following link on our website: http://www.texasboysstate.com/apply.php

INTERNET REPORT DETACHMENT OF TEXAS DETACHMENT CONVENTION January 28, 2017

We have two sites for you to use to get information you may need about the Sons of The American Legion and The Detachment of Texas.

If you are a Detachment Officer, Commission Chairman or District Commander and you have not had your picture taken, please get with Historian Seeger for a picture. We feel it is important to have these peoples pictures on the website so the membership knows who the leaders are.

You can visit it by the link on our main web site http://saltexas.org. Her you will find forms, membership information, coming events, minutes from meetings and more.

If you use Facebook you can visit our page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/SALTEXAS or by searching for the "Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas" while in Facebook.

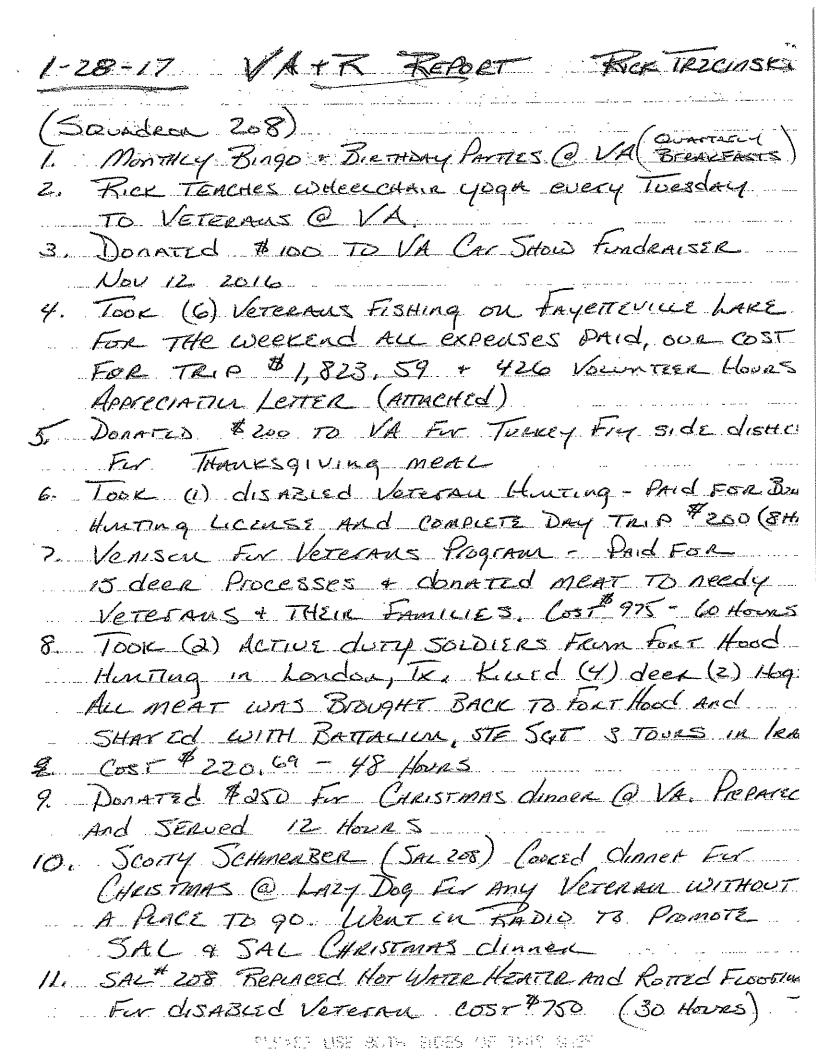
If your squadron would like your events, pictures of your events, Post Home calendar or other features published please email us via the link on web site. If wending pictures please send the original picture, please do not resize.

Gary Winters, Internet Chairman

Americanism 1/28 Mid-Winter DEC. Committee Report

The Americanism committee met and with all the craziness going on, we feel it would be good to touch on the importance of our flag. The best way to do this is to educate and teach the youth on the proper education and care for our Nations Flag. We challenge every Squadron to hold a Flag Etiquette Program of some sort this Flag Day, within your community.

I will share with you some things we do Flag Day in Cleburne. We go to 2 or 3 day care centers every Flag Day dressed in character. (Uncle Sam, George Washington, & Betsey Ross) We start out the program as a birthday party for old glory, singing Happy Birthday to old Glory and guessing how old. We introduce ourselves and Uncle Sam Posts our flag and we say the pledge of allegiance. We pass out small flags and march the kids around waving flags. You have to keep the program short and interesting as well as informative. Marty Peters has put together a fantastic program to keep the kids involved. We teach the kids about Old Glories history, skits, facts, songs, parades, and more. The kids enjoy the skit where Betsey Ross tells George Washington how she can make a 5-point star with 1 snip of the scissors. We pass out stars to the kids with a state name on each star. The stars have velcro on each star and we build a flag as the states are called in order. We end the program passing out a goody bag of activity sheets and flag literature.



LASTLY YESTERDAY Squadeun Jos Want TO LACKLAND FIRE FORE FISHER HOUSE FOR A TOUR And TO CLOPATE A CHECK FOR \$500,00 (WISH LIST ATTACHED) Commander CREECH + NEC BLAIR ATTENDED and the state of the en de la composition La composition de la en de la composição de la La composição de la compo

James A. Edmond Sq. 121 Waco, Tx. Mid-Winter Report July 18, 2016 – Jan. 28, 2017 VA & R, Children & Youth, and Americanism Report

Donated 9 pints of blood.

Donated 10 models to Brooks Med Center in San Antonio, Tx. In care of Hill County Hobbies In San Antonio, Tx. Total cost: \$150.00.

Built & donated 1 model to James A. Edmond Post 121 in Waco, Tx. Total cost: \$45.00 Total hours: 41.

Built & donated 1 model to A.L. Dept. of Texas. Total cost: \$46.00. Total hours 15.

Built & donated 4 models to local vets. Total cost: \$150.00. Total hours: 100.

Donated 284 cans of food to Food for Family's.

Donated \$40.00 to CWF.

Donated \$25.00 to Church of the Open Door, in Waco, Tx.

Donated \$100.00 to Veteran One-Stop, in Waco, Tx.

Donated \$25,00 to A.L.A. Unit 121 for Valentine's Day party for Veteran's @ V.A.M.C., in Waco, Tx.

Had a Bar-b-que fundraiser @ Jorge's on 8-20-16. Raised \$498.00 after cost. Total of 20 members helped, for a total of 170 hours.

Cooked on a Friday Night Dance night, Total of 4 members helped, for a total of 16 hours.

Helped @ the Church of the Open Door, monthly Car & Bike show.

Aug. = total of 5 members helped, for a total of 19 hours.

Sept. = total of 4 members helped, for a total of 16 hours.

Oct. = total of 6 members helped, for a total of 24 hours.

Nov. = total of 8 members helped, for a total of 32 hours.

Had a membership drive @ H-D shop in Waco, Tx. on 10-29-16, Total of 10 members helped, for a total of 60 hours.

Helped with Post Oratorical Contest on 12-10-16. Only 1 member helped, for a total of 4 hours.

Nursing Home visits: 12.

Total hours: 20.

Hospital visits: 3

Total hours: 2.

Home Service hours: 487.

Field Service hours: 1257.

OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS
a total departure.

V. A Hoges Temple.

Sq 223

Gary Randall

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Lackland Fisher House: 2015 Wish List Anything Your House Needs, Our Houses Need.

PAPER PRODUCTS

- * Toilet paper
- * Paper towels
- * Paper napkins
- * Plates and bowls (all sizes)
- Cups (cold, 12-16oz)

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Anti-bacterial liquid hand soap (7.5 oz. pump, or gallon refill)
- Food Storage Containers (large & medium)
- Food storage bags (1 gallon & quart)
- Kitchen trash bags (13 gallon)

CLEANING PRODUCTS

- Laundry detergent (liquid only)
- Laundry stain remover
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Dishwasher detergent (liquid only)
- Bathroom cleaner: 4-in-1 disinfectant
- 409 Cleaner
- All-purpose disinfectant: 4-in-1 spray (fresh scent)
- Furniture wax/polish for dusting
- Oust/Glade Air Freshener

*High demand items

RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

- DVD movies
- Universal TV remote controls

FOOD PRODUCTS

- * Coffee (decaf & regular)
- Creamer (powdered)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Baking supplies (box/bag cake mixes, muffin mixes etc.)

RESIDENT NEEDS

- Passes to local attractions
- Gift certificates (Commissary, Base Exchange, Wal-Mart, Taco Cabana)
- Postage Stamps •

MISCELLANEOUS

- Copier/printer paper
- Large, emergency-sized flashlights
- · White, standard pillow cases
- White wash cloths
- Batteries (any size)

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The Fisher
House
program
provides a
"home away
from home" for

families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes provide free temporary lodging so military and Veterans' families can be close to their loved ones during a medical crisis.

Recognizing the special sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform, and their families, Fisher House Foundation helps by meeting a humanitarian need outside the scope offered by the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. This is a unique program, a private-public partnership to support America's military heroes, both Veterans and active duty service members, in their time of need.

Each Fisher House is located on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers in the United States, as well as locations in Europe. Our houses provide a comforting, first-class "home away from home" while loved ones receive care in an unfamiliar environment - all at NO COST to the service member or their families. This special support is very important during the most stressful time - the hospitalization of a loved one. Each Fisher House provides all the comforts of home a spacious dining, living, laundry and family room, kitchen, and private bedrooms for families to retreat and rejuvenate after a stressful day at the hospital. While the road to recovery is different for every family, one thing remains the same - Fisher House is there to provide comfort and compassion.

In addition to constructing new houses, Fisher House Foundation continues to support existing Fisher Houses and help individual military families in need. The Foundation is also proud to administer and sponsor Scholarships for Military Children, Heroes' Legacy Scholarships, the Hero Miles program, the Hotels for Heroes program, Team Fisher House, and co-sponsor the Newman's Own Awards program and the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship Program.

By contributing to Fisher House Foundation or any individual Fisher House facility, you can make a difference in the lives of America's service members, retirees, Veterans and their families when they need help the most. Fisher House Foundation and individual Fisher Houses depend on public donations to continue our important work. If you designate your contribution for a specific purpose or Fisher House, 100 percent of your donation will be allocated for that purpose.

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Once built, each Fisher House is gifted to the U.S. government for operation. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes.

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Veterans Letter Of Appreciation To

Sons of American Legion Post 208

Our Brothers the Sons of American Legion Post 208 showed their love and support to us Veterans this past weekend. They took six of us Veterans on a fishing trip, feeding us and treating us like Kings. One of the coolest things was all of us caught several fish, no one got skunked. Fayette County Lake is where they took us and it is a Fantastic place to go to unwind. Everyone got along fantastically with no problems whatsoever. Wowl It was an amazing weekend filled with much needed excitement; fun and comradery a break from the everyday pressures and stress which allowed us all to get to know each other better. We are Brothers!

The sons cooked our meals and helped us with everything we needed. They were awesome! No one was left behind[[]][[]][]

We Veterans would like to Sincerely Thank the Sons of American Legion Post 208 Officers who took from their personal time to make this past weekend the Greatest for us Veterans.

We would like to personally Thank,

Shanon Boyce (Commander)

Bret Kleespies (Vice Commander)

Bart Kleespies (SGT:at'Arms)

Tracy Wood (Adjutant)

Patrick Ofiel (Member)

Thanks from all of us and God Bless you al

Sincerely,

Rick Ramos (U.S. Army Retired)

Richard Moses Castillo (U.S. Navy CV-64)

Eddie Rayes (U.S. Navy)

Chip Marshall (U.S. Navy)

Woody Chambless (U.S. Navy)

Richard King (U.S. Air Force Retired)

Sons of the American Legion DEC Mid Winter Conference - Austin, TX January 2017 - Legislative Report

State Level

January 2017 begins the 85th Judicial Texas session. Several laws on the agenda are: Texting and driving, State control of Uber and like type driving services. Another agenda on Constitutional carry will also be considered, also a very in depth discussion on transgender bathroom regulations. Also new home school laws that will be taking effect that will fund private schooling for higher education.

National Level

On President Trump's first three days in office an expected 200 Executive orders to be signed; for instance, pulling out of T.A.P., Freezing Federal hiring, slashing the budget by 10 trillion dollars over the next 10 years, cracking down on illegal immigration, a raise increase for all active military home and abroad, the defunding of planned parenthood, and the halt of funding abortions outside our borders, issuing a bill to Congress for term limits on Senate members, cutting taxes, cutting regulations prohibiting Energy companies in oil exploration.

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John Kryston
Stephen Slaughter

1500 Donation for Reading National Constitute. \$500 for Emergeny Fand We have 400 in lesbyet for Boys Shat. If not well will donate for printer.

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Closed at 2:00pm

CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD WELFARE

Saturday, January 28, 2017

The Children and Youth/ Child Welfare was called to order at 7:45 AM. The following members were present: Chairman Tracy Wood, Brad Pack and several other interested Squadron members.

Chairman Tracy Wood announced that the Children and Youth/ Child Welfare tickets are in. The drawing will be held in Killeen, Texas at the Department Convention.

Prize amounts are as follows:

1st Place- \$300.00

2nd Place-\$150.00

3rd Place-\$50.00

Person that sells the most tickets-\$50.00

Post 208 will donate \$500.00 for the raffle prizes.

Ticket sale prizes are as follows: 1st person-\$100.00 worth of raffle tickets. 2nd person-\$50.00 and the 3rd person-\$25.00.

Tickets are \$5.00 a piece of 5 for \$20.00

With no further business to come before this Committee, Chairman Wood adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACY WOOD, Chairman

Children and Youth/ Child Welfare

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas David Dew Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Volunteer of the Year Award

Section I General Data

Nominee:		(dota)
(name, address, city, state, zip code)		(date)
Address:		
(street, city, state, zip code)		
Squadron #:		
(name, address, city, state, zip code of Squ	adron)	
SAL Card #:	Detachment of	
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Section II Total VAVS Hours and Visits		
Number of Hours Volunteered:	Number of Visits:	
Section III Remarks		
Volunteer Activities :		
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General Remarks:		
Section IV Certification		
Submitted by:	Title:	Date:
Attested by:	Title:	Date:

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WHAT TO DO WHEN FILLING OUT THIS FORM

Section I General Data

General Squadrons should submit their nominee, if available, to the Detachment Adjutant. During the Detachment Convention, the appropriate Detachment officials should select one nominee, from all requests, as the winner of the Detachment Award.

Nomination must be received by the Detachment Adjutant no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Detachment Convention.

Section II Total VAVS Hours and Visits

Period The period of this volunteer award should be from Detachment Convention to Detachment Convention. Overlapping periods will not be counted.

Section III Remarks

Activities: This section should be completed in detail as to the types of volunteer activities (what the nominee actually did) that were performed. If additional space is required, please use additional paper stapled to the original form.

Location: This section should list the locations (names of hospitals and homes) and location of where the nominee s volunteer work was actually performed.

Section IV Certification

Certification: The report can be submitted by any SAL or Legion Family member (must not be related) who belongs to the same Squadron or Post. The report should be Attested to by the Squadron or Post Commander.

MAIL TO: Detachment Adjutant

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l	692	Miligston	C	54	46	86,45%
į	629	Coldspring	C	56	63	112.50%

Updated as of 5/26/2017

Sqdn#	Location		Goal	Actual	Percentage
	i 3 Raiph Rocco	С	1810	1653	91.339
	ickie A. Mathews	C	627	555	88.529
89	Texas City	C	13	18	138.469
143	Schulenburg	С	`20	13	65.009
166	Victoria	С	19	16	84.219
200	Walils	C	33	23	69.705
226	East Bernard	С	25	25	100.009
241.	Angleton	С	48	53	110,429
251	El Campo (INACTIVE 10)				0.009
271	Rosenberg	С	57	22	38,609
291	San Leon	С	67	81	120,90
392	Moulton	С	38	40	105,269
459	Hempstead (INACTIVE 10)				0.009
503	W. Columbia (INACTIVE 10)				0.009
554	League City	С	82	81	98,789
649	Blessing	С	215	172	80.009
942	Sugarland	С	10	11	110.009
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ist, 10	Ken Rodd	C	217	244	112.449
76	Austin	c	14	14	100,009
83	Austin	С	60	73	121,679
177	Luijng	С	30	39	130.009
295	Elgin	С	10	11	110.009
242	Burton	c	22	25	113.649
317	Jaryell INACTIVE (22)	1			0.009
447	Round Rock	c	47	48	102.139
533	Bastrop	c	34	34	100,00%

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	John D. Warus Jr.	C	290	206	71.03%
99	Kingsville	С	53	31	58,49%
179	New Braumfels	С	107	67	62,629
245	Seguin	C	59	58	98.319
363	Rockport	c	34	35	102.949
364	Corpus Christi	С	37	15	40.549
Dist. 15	Alonzo Calvillo	C	250	256	102,40%
37	McAllen	C	65	65	100,009
43	Brownsville	С	23	23	100.009
93	Mission	С	22	25	113.649
101	Pharr (INACTIVE 13)			1	#DIV/0!
172	Mercedes	С	99	101	102.02%
439	La Feria	С	41	41	100.00%
Dist. 20	Tim Vinson		426	392	92,02%
2	San Antonio	С	10		0.00%
300	San Antonio	C	39	42	107.69%
336	San Antonio		10		0.00%
399	San Antonio	С	17	11	64.71%
443	Somerset	С	39	49	125.64%
579	San Antonio	C	33	37	112.12%
592	San Antonjo	С	54	48	88.89%
593	Converse	C	112	112	100.00%
667	Universal City	С	65	53	81.54%
828	San Antonio	С	47	40	85.11%

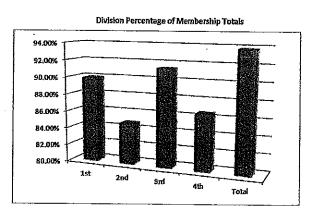
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Sqdn#			Goal	Actual	Percentage
DIVISIO	14 (Jonathan Poe)	С	1048	907	86.55%
Dist. 16	Ken Dorsett	С	493	463	93.91%
19	Midland	C	134	110	82.09%
36	El Paso	C	34	34	100.00%
58	El Paso	C	33	32	96.979
79	Alpine	C	10	20	200.00%
119	Midland		13	13	100.00%
253	Big Lake ,	С	27	25	92.59%
339	Kermît	С	30	31	103.33%
430	Odessa	С	125	125	100,00%
598	Hotizon City	С	52	50	96,15%
653	Terlingua		10		0.00%
692	El Paso	С	25	23	92.00%
Dist.17 .	ionathan W. Poe	C	254	224	88.19%
57	Abilene	C	21	35	166.67%
75	Mineral Wells	С	104	86	82,69%
82	Baird	C	30	22	73.33%
163	Weatherford	С	20	15	75,00%
181	Snyder	С	. 50	38	76.00%
227	Roscoe	C	29	28	96.55%

Sqdn#	Location		Goal	Actual	Percentage
Dist. 18	No Commander		67	25	37.31%
54	Amarillo	С	10		0.00%
68	Shamrock		30		0.00%
344	Claude	С	10	15	250.00%
635	Darrouzett	С	17	10	58.82%

Dist 19	No Commander		12	8	66,67%
575	Lubbock	С	12	8	66.67%
Dist. 21	Bleir L Sanders		222	187	84.23%
208	Kerrville	С	112	104	92.86%
308	Bangs	С	25	8	32.00%
370	Llano		10		0.00%
410	Lakehills	С	55	60	109.09%
470	Lake Brownwood		10		0.00%
487	Priddy	С	10	15	150.00%

National GOAL:	6328	5931	93.73%
DETACHMENT GOAL 6744		···	
10 Percent	9/14/2016	633	5298
25 Percent:	10/12/2016	1582	4349
35 Percent:	11/16/2016	2215	3716
45 Percent:	12/14/2016	2848	3083
60 Percent:	1/19/2017	3797	2134
75 Percent:	2/8/2017	4746	1185
80 Percent:	3/8/2017	5062	869
90 Percent:	4/12/2017	5695	236
100 Percent:	5/10/2017	· 6328	-397
105 Percent	7/19/2017	6644	-713



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Sqdn#	Location		Goal	Actual	Percentage
DIVISIO	V 1 Jeff Saul	С	2053	1846	89.92%
Dist. 1 Je	eff Alvis	С	152	130	85.53%
243	Mt. Vernon	.c	26	21	80.77%
248	Hooks	С	35	33	94.29%
267	Marshall	С	39	36	92.31%
488	New Boston	С	52	40	76.92%
Dist. 3 N	one	С	165	186	112.73%
12	Tyler	С	56	59	105,36%
15	Lindale	С	13	16	123,08%
320	Gilmer	С	12		0,00%
353	Carthage	С	15	19	126.67%
418	Тгоир	C	69	92	133.33%
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Dist. 4	Ray Hartline	C	769	662	86.09%
17	Greenville	С	53	43	81.13%
21	The Colony	С	60	41	68.33%
29	Sherman	С	14	13	92.86%
62	Denison	С	50	16	32.00%
96	McKinney	С	66	67	101,52%
165	Kaufman	С	31	18	58,06%
182	Little Elm		10		0.00%
231	Pottsboro	С	113	97	85.84%
283	Bonham	£	47	54	114.89%
310	Gun Barrel City	С	73	88	120.55%
321	Plano	С	127	109	85.83%
376	Van Alstyne	С	66	70	106.06%
517	W. Tawakoni	C	. 59	46	77.97%

Sqdn#	Location		Goal	Actual	Percentage
Dist. 5 Ti	nomas M. Arista	Ç	397	344	86,65%
81	Duncanville	С	55	55	100.00%
111	Cedar Hill	С	14	14	100.00%
275	Dallas	С	14	14	100,00%
184	Grand Prairie		10		0.00%
368	Richardson	С	41	32	78.05%
424	Dallas	С	24	23	95.83%
453	Dallas	С	125	136	108,80%
504	Mesquite	С	31	15	48.39%
507	Balch Springs	С	26	26	100.00%
511	Dallas	Ç	10	5	50,00%
597	Carroliton	С	47	24	51.06%

Vlark Patterson	C	396	388	97.98%
Fort Worth		10		0,00%
Benbrook	C	17	10	58.82%
Azle	C	16	14	87.50%
Bedford	C	146	154	105.48%
Fort Worth	c	28	30	107.14%
Fort Worth	С	41	39	95.12%
Mansfield	c	111	106	95.50%
Haltom City	С	14	17	121.43%
Fort Worth	c	13	18	138.46%
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ist, 13	Gary M. Paul	С	174	136	78.16%
71	Denton	C	15	17	113,33%
88	Lake Dallas	Ç	27	19	70.37%
120	Wichita Falls	C	17	11	64.71%
169	Wichita Falls Inactive (10)				0.00%
198	Archer City	c	14	8	57.14%
202	Wichita Falis	C	19	8	42,11%
209	Seymour Inactive (10)	$\neg \neg \neg$	-		0.00%
220	Nocona	С	22	16	72.73%
264	Burkburnett	C	31	26	83.87%
550	Pilot Point	c	29	31	106,90%

Sgdn#	Location		Goal	Actual	Percentage
DIVISIO	1 2 Roy Fowler	С	1799	1525	84.77%
Dist,2	Alton Faulkner	С	191	159	83,25%
7	Port Arthur	C	57	44	77.19%
33	Beaumont		1,5		0.00%
49	Orange	С	18	23	127.78%
393	Cleveland	С	38	26	68.42%
493	Nederland	C	19	26	136,84%
817	Beaumont	С	44	40	90.91%
Dist. 6 K	enneth F. Peters Jr.	C	614	559	91.04%
22	Corsicana	C	26	7	26.92%
50	Cleburne	C	128	113	88.28%
159	Bryan	С	21	22	104.76%
361	Ennis	C -	139	133	95.68%
388	Midlothian	c	. 21	30	142.86%
426	Alvarado	С	52	37	71,159
491	Granbury	С	106	112	105.66%
522	Whitney	С	111	105	94.599
648	Rio Vista	, I	. 10		0.009
Dist. 7 Ju	erry L. Beaird	C	345	249	72.179
84	Madisonville	С	39	35	89.749
85	Palestine		10	1	10,009
95	Huntsville	C	92	64	69.579
113	Lufkin		10		0,009
134	Crockett	C	22	16	72.739
212	Coldspring		10		0.009
312	Livingston	C	10		0.009

Sqdn#	Location		Goal	Actual	Percentage
Dist. 8	Anthony Lambert	C	163	130	79.75%
499	Galena Park	С	15	21	140.00%
560	Houston	C	75	57	76.00%
578	Houston	С	21		0.00%
586	Houston	С	20	18	90.00%
644	Channelview	С	21	15	71.43%
658	Crosby	С	11	19	172.73%

Dist.11	Roy Fowler	C	228	214	93.86%
42	Gatesville	c	25	23	92.00%
55	Belton	C	16	11	68.75%
121	Waco	C	46	44	95.65%
223	Killeen	c	61	40	65.57%
273	McGregor	c	21	36	171.43%
322	Clifton	C	21	28	133.33%
573	Harker Heights	c	38	32	84.21%
582	Copperas Cove(INACTIVE) 10				0.00%
		1			0.00%

Dist.22	Kevin Winklemann	C	258	214	82.95%
472	Pasadena	C	36	24	66.67%
490	Houston	C	128	102	79.69%
521	Pasadena	С	40	40	100.00%
594	Houston		10	1	10,00%
654	Houston	C	44	47	106.82%

Sons of The American Legion



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER in RENO



August 18, 2017 5:00 PM Social Hour — 6:00 PM Dinner

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION



Sponsored by Duby Reid Sons of The American Legion Squadron 30

\$25 / PERSON

Reno Elks Lodge #597
-Post Home of Dat So La Lee American Legion Post 12597 Kumle Lane Reno, NV 89509
(Located across South Virginia Street from the Reno-Sparks Convention Center)

MENU:

SLICED BBQ BEEF TRI TIP • CORN ON THE COB
COWBOY BEANS • COLESLAW • CORNBREAD • DESSERT

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	RESERVATION FORM	

Mail form and check payable to "Duby Reid Post 30" to:

Jim Stewart Attn.: 2017 SAL Dinner

664 Sheffield Court Sparks, NV 89431

Name: Address:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Email: Phone:	Number Attending:	

For additional information, please contact Jim Stewart:

controller@bordertowncaqsinorv.com

Cell (775) 848-6072



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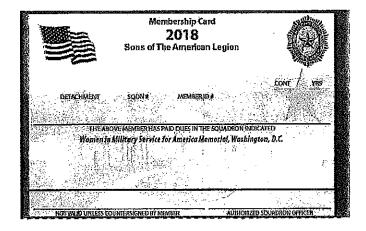
2018 SAL Membership Cards Update

The three-part American Legion and SAL cards have been updated for 2018 and future years. The detachment and national portions of the card have been enlarged to capture more information than in the past. New fields that have been added to the National Card include: Phone #, Date of Birth, and Email. You'll also be able to report address updates on the National Card, which has previously been prohibited. Be very careful to avoid the scanner code fields and make sure all changes are noted neatly and clearly so that membership processing isn't delayed. If you're adding or updating information, please place an "X" in the box labeled "Update record changes as noted" on the National Card; if you make a change without X'ing this box, it will not be caught by our scanning equipment. Make sure to mark only the boxes that apply. Complete instructions for membership card processing are included on the enclosed insert and the back of each membership card form.

Since this is the only form that is received at national annually for every SAL member, this will be the easiest method of verifying and reporting member updates on a routine basis. Record changes throughout the remainder of the year should continue to be reported on a *Member Data Form* or updated through the squadron's *mySAL* site.

Because of the additional fields, the entire 3-part card is two inches longer than in the past; however, only the detachment and national portions were expanded.

	2018 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CARD					2018 SAL DETACHMENT CARD			
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The member's card, which this year features the *Women in Military Service* for America Memorial in Washington, DC, did not change.



2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017	10%
OCTOBER 12, 2017	25%
NOVEMBER 15, 2017	35%
DECEMBER 13, 2017	45%
JANUARY 18, 2018	60%
FEBRUARY 14, 2018	75%
MARCH 14, 2018	80%
APRIL 11, 2018	90%
MAY 9, 2018	100%
*JULY 25, 2018 *Delegate Strength Target Date	105%

2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

SQUARDRON 83, AUSTIN, TEXAS HOSTING 2 DAY CHILI COOKOFF American Legion Post 83 4401 East St Elmo Rd, Austin, TX 78744

Come cook chili on Saturday July 22nd and Sunday July 23rd. Prizes each day for the top 10 chili's. Prizes each day include items like "smart watches, QUAD copters, printer & scanners, Gift Certs for Restaurants'. A 50" Samsung HD Smart TV will be awarded to the chili cook with the most awarded points on Saturday and Sunday!!!!!. Saturday evening will be a free meal to all the entered cooks along with music entertainment for the evening. RV parking is available (no hookups) starting Friday. For more information contact Ken Rodd, email is: dwgken@aol.com or cell phone 210887 8827. You can come and be a chili judge if you do not want to cook (must be 21 years old). Free soda, water and beer served while you judge.