

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2019
IRVING, TEXAS**

CALL TO ORDER

By order of the Commander and pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, I, Bill Kuehner, Detachment Adjutant, do hereby call all members of the Detachment of Texas to convene on Friday, July 12, 2019, at 1:30PM; Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 9:00AM; and Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 9:00AM; at the Westin DFW, located at 4545 W. John Carpenter Fwy. Irving, Texas 75063. Meeting room will be clearly marked.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please use attached Registration Form and Certification of Delegates. Mail to Bill Kuehner, 9608 Westpark Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126. Registration is \$25 per person in advance (must be received by June 30). On site registration will be \$35.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The American Legion and Sons of the American Legion

Westin DFW
4545 W. John Carpenter Fwy.
Irving, Texas 75063
972-929-4500
Rate: \$119 per night
Cut Off Date: June 21

American Legion Auxiliary

Sheraton
4440 W. John Carpenter Fwy.
Irving, Texas 75063
972-929-8400
Rate: \$119 per night
Cut Off Date: June 17

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Please see attached remarks from Detachment Commander Kingston

ADJUTANT NOTES

As of this date there are many rooms still available at both hotels. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Please make sure all officers, chairman, and District/Squadron Commanders address or email changes are reported as soon as they occur. When possible, please use email to send correspondence at bkuehner@sbcglobal.net. If snail mail is preferred, please mail correspondence to 9608 Westpark Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126.

Please remember to include the Certification of Delegates with your registration for Detachment Convention. Voting strength will be determined thirty days prior to the Detachment Convention.

As elections of Squadron, District, and Division officers are upon us, it is vital that your Certification of Officers is turned in to the Department office immediately after your elections. This will not only ensure that your cards are sent quickly, but also that your information will be included in the Blue Book. **Only Certifications received by August 1st will be submitted for the 2019-2020 Blue Book. A copy of the required Officer Certification form is attached, no others will be accepted. The Certification form is a fillable PDF file that can be downloaded from our website saltexas.org.**

There will be a dues increase of \$2.00 for the 2019-2020 year, your transmittal should reflect \$12.00 per member. National has sent us a template, for the resolution, of a dues increase from \$2 to \$5 effective June 2020, to be presented at the National Convention, this will mean an additional increase next year.

FINANCE

Attention PDC's, Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, and 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 2nd Sunday in June. Otherwise, you will not receive your check until mid-August. This is a three day convention. You must answer roll call each day and attend your assigned committee meeting to receive your call-in. See you in Irving!

Henry Creech, Finance Officer
Home – 210-391-7391
hbcreechconstruction@yahoo.com

CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019 – OPENING SESSION

1:30 PM

Call to Order	Commander Kingston
Post Colors	Sgt-At-Arms Zach Jennings
Invocation	Chaplain Jeff Saul
Moment of Silence, POW/MIA & Blue Star Banner Resolutions	Commander Kingston
Pledge of Allegiance	Division 1 Cmdr Tom Arista
Preamble	Division 2 Cmdr David Moore
Roll Call	Adjutant Bill Kuehner
Reading of Minutes	Adjutant Bill Kuehner
Appointments to Credentials Committee	Commander Kingston
Greetings to Convention	VCD1 Tom Arista
Response to Greetings	PDC Thom Skelley
Introduction of Special Guest	NEC David Blair
Special Guest	SAL National Cmdr Doc Gibbs
First Reading of Credentials	Judge Advocate Rolf Austin
Constitution & Bylaws Changes and/or Committee Appointments	(If Necessary)
NEC Report	NEC David Blair

Committee Meetings

4:00 – 4:30 PM

- CMN/CWF
- Boys State
- Convention City
- Internet/Credentials

4:30 – 5:00 PM

- Legislative
- PUFL/NEC
- VA&R
- Public Relations
- Campaign Committee

5:00 – 5:30 PM

- Americanism
- Children & Youth
- Awards
- Finance
- Internal Affairs/Membership

RECESS UNTIL 9:00AM SATURDAY

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

LEADERSHIP CLASSES

- District and Division Commanders 9:00AM-10:30 AM

Call to Order (9:00AM)

Commander Kingston

Post Colors

Sgt. at Arms Zach Jennings

Invocation

Chaplain Jeff Saul

Pledge of Allegiance

Division 4 Cmdr Ken Dorsett

Preamble

Division 3 Cmdr Teofilo Ruiz

Roll Call

Adjutant Bill Kuehner

Liaison Report

Dept. Advisor Milton Chatham

2nd Reading of Credentials

Judge Advocate Rolf Austin

Committee Reports

- 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

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 – 1:30PM

Committee Reports continued (if necessary)

Squadron, District and Division Reports

Election of Delegates to National Convention

Detachment Commander Juan Torres Final Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

Good of the Sons of the American Legion

RECESS UNTIL 9:00AM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

Call to Order

Commander Kingston

Invocation

Chaplain Jeff Saul

Pledge of Allegiance

PDC Gary Randall

Roll Call

Adjutant Bill Kuehner

Final Report of Credentials

Judge Advocate Rolf Austin

Election of Officers

Judge Advocate Rolf Austin

Installation of New Officers Detachment of Texas 2019-2020

SAL National Cmdr Doc Gibbs

Benediction

Chaplain Jeff Saul

Retirement of Colors

Sgt-At-Arms Zach Jennings

Closing of Meeting

Newly Elected Detachment Cmdr

POST DEC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF MEETING

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2018 DETACHMENT CONVENTION
ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

Name: _____

Squadron #: _____ Squadron Location (City): _____

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION (BY JUNE 30TH) \$25 – ON SITE \$35 / UNDER 18 - \$5

MAIL TO:

BILL KUEHNER

9608 WESTPARK DRIVE

BENBROOK, TX 76126

DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS JUNE 30, 2018



CERTIFICATION OF DETACHMENT CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

OFFICIAL	USE	ONLY
At Large		Pd
Delegates		Pd
Alternate		Pd
Guest		Pd

Squadron _____ located at _____ has elected the following persons, all being members of The S.A.L. in good standing, as Detachment Convention Delegates to represent the Squadron at the Annual Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion.

The Delegates have been selected based on a membership of _____ on _____.

DELEGATES AT LARGE Past Detachment Commander, Detachment Vice Commander, District Commander

NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION:

ATTESTED:

Squadron Adjutant

Squadron Commander

20__ - 20__ S.A.L. SQUADRON OFFICER CERTIFICATION FORM

To: Department Adjutant

From: _____ Squadron # _____
(Name of Squadron)

(City) (District) (County) (Date)

MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS ARE SENT VIA USPS. PLEASE PROVIDE A STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX FOR DELIVERY OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN THIS SPACE

Ship Membership Cards to: _____

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP

IMPORTANT: MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR THE YEAR WILL BE SHIPPED UPON RECEIPT OF THIS CERTIFICATION. THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM WILL BE PRINTED IN THE DEPARTMENT BLUE BOOK.

Squadron Commander

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____
Please check type Cell ____ Home ____ Cell ____ Home ____

Email: _____

Squadron Adjutant

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Please check type Cell ____ Home ____ Cell ____ Home ____

Email: _____

**** Squadron Advisor**

Name: _____ ID#: _____
Email: _____

MUST HAVE THIS INFORMATION!!

Squadron Information

Post Home Location: _____ City/Zip: _____
(Street address)

Squadron Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Post Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

ALL BLANKS MUST CONTAIN AN ENTRY. EITHER FULL PAYMENT OR 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT (remainder in 12 monthly installments) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION (see rate chart).

Applicant Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Member ID Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Are current dues paid? ☐ Yes. ☐ NO. If yes, enter date paid. _____

Annual Squadron Dues Amount: \$ _____ Total Remittance Enclosed: \$ _____

Squadron Number _____ City: _____

In order to become a SAL PUFL member in the Detachment of Texas, I, (the applicant) have read this application in its entirety and agree to abide by the terms set forth.

Signature of Applicant (or Parent/Grandparent/Guardian) _____ Date _____

Signature of Squadron Officer _____ Date _____

PUFL MEMBERSHIP RATES (by age group)

21-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80 and Over
\$625.00	\$596.00	\$560.00	\$497.00	\$419.00	\$311.00	\$202.00	\$132.00

NOTE: For members under age 21, add \$1.00 for each year under the age of 21. For example, the cost for a 14-year old would be \$625.00 + \$7.00, or \$632.00.

1. This plan is available, commencing with the 2006 membership year, beginning July 1, 2005. Dues for the 2006 membership year must be paid prior to or in conjunction with this application.
2. Future increases in Detachment and/or National dues will be absorbed by the PUFL fund.
3. A laminated plastic PUFL card will be provided upon completion of payment, at no additional cost.
4. A Texas SAL PUFL member may transfer to another Squadron within the Detachment, on approval of their Squadron and the Squadron to which transferring. Members transferring to a Squadron outside Texas will not be issued a refund of any payments or monies.
5. There is NO rate reduction for DUAL members.
6. All questions, correspondence and monies are to be sent to:
Kevin Winkelmann; Chairman, PUFL Committee;
9235 McDade, Houston, TX 77080 Phone: 832-548-1728
DO NOT CALL DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM.
7. Payment may be made over a 12-month period, with 10 percent down and 12 equal payments, which will be due on the 1st of each month. NO CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED. A returned check fee of \$25.00 will be added to the balance due. Make checks payable to:
The American Legion, Department of Texas. There
WILL BE NO REFUND OF MONIES PAID IN IF ALL TIME PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE.
8. Please make and retain a copy of this application for Squadron and Member records.

Mid-Winter DEC minutes 26 January 2019

Committee Reports

NEC

PDC David Blair gave his report. Gave a summary of the money raised by the SAL as well as the awards won by SAL national members. A detailed report is attached. A donation was made for in Chris Huntsinger's name for children and youth, Mr Hunsinger was a former National Commander who recently passed away, he had visited the Texas delegation several times and was a good friend to the detachment. He also gave a brief summary of the resolutions that were discussed and/ or passed at the last NEC meeting at national. A full report is attached.

Department Advisor

PDC Milton Chatham gave greetings from the American Legion and updated the detachment on happenings in the department. He wants to see a greater cooperation between Legion posts and Squadrons. He reminded us that we all work together for the good of our organization and those we serve. He also stated that our committee reports do not have to be voted on. A full report is attached.

Internet

PDC Skelly read a letter from Internet Chairman Winters. He has still been ill and is recovering. He urged the need for more information to be added to the website as well as getting information for the memorial page. A full report is attached

Boys State

Chairman Travis Arreaga gave some updates on the program. Scott T Armstrong, Boys State Director spoke to the group and introduced himself. He spoke to why we believe the program is important in educating future leaders. The dates for 2019 Boys State program are June 9-14 on the University of Texas at Austin. The registration fee is still \$295. See the website (www.Texasboysstate.com) for more information.

Legislative

Dustin Moore gave the report and highlighted various legislative actions affecting the state. A full report will be attached

Americanism

Judge Advocate spoke before Chairman Roy Fowler. He stated that we are not doing the reports properly. Make sure you report all the numbers for the boys and girls that are sponsored and how much was being spent to send youth to Boys and Girls state as well as other costs related to the program, for example, transportation costs to get the youth to the respective programs. This information needs to be reported. The biggest underreported report is the number of flags given to Boy scouts to be set out at the cemeteries and the time that squadrons spend with scouts to present flags as well as squadrons who sponsor a Boy Scout troop. Report how many scouts and need to be put on the consolidated report. All programs under the Americanism commission need to be recorded. Community service needs to be documented, the detachment does a lot of service, but it is not recorded and could be recognized at the national level. For example, things like how many hours you fly an American flag at your residence. But if you do not have it lighted, the flag must be lowered at night. Record information like this on the back of the worksheet. If everyone in your squadron does this, think of the number of hours the detachment could have.

Chairman Fowler updated the detachment on the amount service hours and money spent for Americanism programs. A full report is attached. Chairman Fowler made a motion to have the report accepted, Tom Arrista seconded. Report accepted.

VA&R

Chairman Bart Kleespies came to give his report. He gave updates on what other squadrons are doing to better the communities they live in as well as giving back to the veterans in the area. A full report will be attached.

Public Relations/ Historian

Chairman Dustin Moore came forward to give his report. He highlighted that this year is the centennial for the Legion and Auxiliary. There is a lot of information on the national website. There are templates for all kinds of advertising etc. There is a lot of information online and all squadrons should utilize. He also gave the historians report. He encouraged the detachment to have centennial events at the post level. The Detachment of Texas will turn 85 in February. There will be a scrapbook to be entered at national. He asked that all squadrons send photos of any events so that they can be put into the scrapbook. He also highlighted the importance of the Legacy page on the website. Photos can be emailed to Chairman Moore and can be added to the Facebook page.

Children & Youth/ CWF

Chairman pack spoke about a raffle to benefit children and youth. There are prizes for the most and second most raffle tickets sold. He highlighted the squadrons who donated money to organizations to help with buying Christmas gifts. He also stressed the importance of all the

award opportunities that aren't being taken advantage of and/ or being able to fill out the consolidated reports correctly so that squadrons will get credit at the national level. Every hour counts. A full report and detailed information about the raffle are attached. PDC Pack asked for a motion to accept the report accepted by

Marketing

Chairman Hartline gave his report. Sold \$835 in merchandise for fall DEC. He made a motion to accept the report, PDC Gary Randall seconded. Motion passed.

Convention City

Chairman Tom Arrista gave his report. Department convection is 9-14 in Dallas. SAL hotel is the Westin Hotel. Reservation cutoff is 21st of June. There is a 100-year committee to have events during the convention to celebrate the Legion Centennial. A full report is attached. The host city committee will have a casino night at the Auxiliary hotel Saturday night. Posts in the area will host dinners as well Saturday night.

Awards

Chairman Buck Jones was unable to give his report, Ken Dorsett gave an update in his place. he has been having health problems. At the time, there aren't any award nominations turned in at the time of Mid-Winter for awards. Please make sure you turn award nominations and email it to Buck. Criteria is posted on the detachment website. Applications can be turned into the start of DEC.

PUFL

Chairman Steve Slaughter gave report 134 members. 3 applications have been received. Account balance \$43,642. Pending the financial report, there could be decisions made as to what will happen to the funds sitting in the account. It would be advisable to take a portion of the funds and convert them into an open investment account so that an increased amount of interest could go back to the detachment or used for future investments. A full report will be attached. PDC Slaughter made a motion to accept report PDC Thom Skelley seconded.

Finance

Chairman Eddie Seegars and PDC Henry Creech presented the report. He stated that if you have a requirement to be at the DEC on a Friday, you will be compensated. Dade Paris, State Treasurer spoke to the delegation. He was able to get the detachment a detailed financial report so that we know exactly how much in each line item. He recommended of taking some of the funds and put into an open investment account. The detachment will decide how much to convert so that it can draw interest. It could be re-invested or go to wherever the detachment decides. It can go back into the accounts that it originally came from. This will be

voted on by the detachment. Once the investment account reaches a certain threshold the excess funds will be used to create another investment account. It was also decided that the Legion Advisor shall receive the first draft of the financial report for his review. These changes will be reflected in the SOP so that there is a formalized plan for the future. PDC Thom Skelley made a motion with a second by Ray Hartline to accept the report minus any discussion. Motion passed.

Membership

Chairman PDC Juan Torres gave the membership report. Right now, we are 4,079 members at 64.53% as of DEC. He encouraged the detachment to send membership reports prior to Fall and Mid-Winter DEC, so that there are accurate counts. At mid-winter DEC, there were 66 members turned in during the mid-winter DEC. He said his biggest issue with membership a certified squadron with zero member renewals. It was determined that some of the squadron adjutants needs to be properly trained so that the reports are turned in correctly. Division commanders need to provide the proper training. Chairman Torres has been able to reduce the number of squadrons certifying zero members. This will ensure that we meet the membership goal requirements. There are also some squadrons who have started turning in certifications after being inactive. Checks for 100% membership were distributed. If your squadron did not get one, there is one more chance. Turn in membership before the Legion Birthday. Chairman Torres mad a motion to accept the report. Second by PDC Connie Waddell. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commander Kingston to recess until Sunday morning, second by Ray Hartline, motion passed. The DEC recessed until Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM on 01/26/19.

01/26/19

The second meeting of the winter DEC convened at 9:05 AM. The pledge of Allegiance and prayer were given. Roll was called.

Finance (Continued)

Before the close of the session yesterday, PNC Kevin Winkleman spoke to the body stating that national is planning to increase SAL dues. He attended the finance committee in Indy. He had previously warned the committee that there needed to be an increase sooner. There has not been an increase in 37 years.

This is in addition to the detachment increase of \$2.00. He proposed 2 ideas for how to roll out the dues increase to the detachment. The first increase is set for 2020 and there will be another in 3 years. He suggested that it be broken up into 2 amounts so that it would not be an extreme hardship to some posts. Nothing will be voted on until the convention, he wanted us to be aware and to start discussing it at the squadron level.

PNC Winkleman will write up a summary of the options and it will be posted to the website so that all squadrons have clear and concise information. No official resolution has been voted on at this point. The official vote will take place at the Detachment Convention in Dallas.

PDC Brad Pack encouraged those members from squadrons who have not yet been to convention before or come back after a long absence to be able to vote on this and express their opinions.

A motion on the floor was made by Rich Huntley to suspend the rules and move to new business to take a vote on how to increase dues. PDC Brad Pack was seconded

PNC Kevin Winkleman wrote a motion to invest \$100,000 of SAL funds to be invested into a Vanguard account to gain interest. He moved that the specific accounts including (PUFL, Reserve, and operating accounts) be kept on an up-to-date accounting spreadsheet and that these records be made available on a monthly, not to exceed 3 months accounting sheets. Further these accounting sheets be made available to the Finance Officer and SAL Dept. Liaison primary and after review be made available to this body. Finally, that if any deposits made to the Vanguard account makes the total higher than \$100,000, a second Vanguard account be created. Marketing Chairman Ray Hartline seconded, motion passed.

PNC Winkleman made a second motion regarding funds collected including \$1,000 be put aside and be turned over to the Finance Chairman of the Thom Skelley National Campaign fund. Ray Hartline and also that any more funds that will be set aside for this specific account by the SAL Detachment of Texas be turned over to Finance chairman Ray Hartline. A second was made by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

A motion made by Finance Chairman Henry Creech to accept the report, a second was made by PDC Gary Randall, motion passed.

New Business

PDC Brad Pack made a motion to recommend to the body for a \$7.00 (includes the \$2 previous voted on) for 2020 and then wait to increase in 3 years when national increases the dues again. This is done so as not to create an extreme hardship to smaller squadrons and to give more time to plan accordingly. For 2021 membership the new amount dues will be \$17.00. This voting the recommendation bringing to the Convention for an official vote. Second made by PDC Brad Pack, motion was passed.

For The Good of The Sons

Detachment Judge Advocate spoke regarding election endorsements. He requested that all the resolutions for endorsements be completed correctly. There are 2 resolutions, one to vote on a Detachment Commander from Squadron 179 to recommend Eddie Seegars to be the candidate to be voted on at the Detachment Convention in Dallas. The second resolution to elect Robert Sonnier for the Detachment Judge Advocate at the summer convention.

Detachment Commander candidate Eddie Seegers is financing his campaign, he is selling raffle tickets. If anyone is interested in supporting him, please contact him so he can send you tickets to purchase or sell.

\$297 was raised by passing the hat for Children & Youth. A total of \$932 was collected this weekend.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 26, 2019

Greetings,

Everything was going well until a couple of months ago I received a very alarming phone call from Alonzo Cavillo concerning problems he was having with the Post Commander of Post 172. It seems as though they were not satisfied with him being the Adjutant of Squadron and wanted him to withdraw his membership in Squadron 172 as they thought that he was not doing his duties in a correct manner. I was very surprised to hear this as we all know the job that Alonzo has done for The American Legion and the Sons of The American. He is the back bone of both organizations, especially the Sons.

This kept going on for several weeks with a back and forth conversation from me to the 15th District Commander and the 3rd Division Commander asking them to speak with the Post Commander to determine what was going on. I do not believe that either one contacted the commander. I am very disappointed in their lack of concern.

I spoke with the Department Adjutant and received some erroneous information from him: SAL members could only have their membership withdrawn by a post was through as Court Martial and this was relayed to Alonzo. I then spoke with the Department Judge Advocate and was informed that this was not true and the post could withdraw his membership at any time but that this had to be approved by the membership after being recommended by the Executive Board. This was not done as the commander expressed a desire that he, Alonzo, withdraw his membership and this matter would be made known to the membership even though I believe that they already know. This was the choice that Alonzo chose as this was taking a strain on him and his family.

He has since joined another ²⁰⁵ squadron and I believe that most of the members will follow suit. This may be a blessing for the Post as the member of the Squadron outnumber the membership of the post as well as the squadron they will transfer ~~to~~.

I hear that this is a commander that has only been in the Legion for a couple of years and it is his way of the highway. He refuses to come for training but he should.

Adjutants and commanders, please ensure that those that have brought in new members receive proper recognition.

For God and Country


Milton R. Chatham

Detachment Commander, 2002-2003

Department Advisor

*All: Recommend he be issue PAF for winning Member of the Year
Vote in Committee not necessary - only the recommended action
Need to be voted on.*

11 EC Report

Fall meeting Indianapolis Oct 13-14, 2018.

Oct 13th Commander Gibbs open 8:30 A.M.

talking about Legion 100th Anniversary & about looking at your 20-30 year old member's. Fischer of California gave National Commander Gibbs American Legion Rose Parade Float Pin

Commander Gibbs presented Evelyn Thompson with a

✓ declaration for official Mom 100 years old

Sunday Legion Commander Brett Reistad

appointment of new web master Gene Theroux

1st report Americanism Donald Hall (More scrapbook & history book)

✓ 2nd Child Welfare Foundation Committee Mark Nave

reported about \$100,000 away from 8 million, over \$15 million have been given to grants, with Sons of the American Legion to accounted for over half, The Foundation will give out \$780,000 in grants to different organization

✓ Children and Youth Committee Joseph A Korba

money raised by 20% of squadrons reported 1,314,806. 127,000 hrs of Service

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Finance Commission Bill Hill

Internal Affairs Commission new Chairman Greg Spaulding

Membership Committee Joseph R Navarrette

we are at 21.28%, which is still 12,445 more than last year, Oct 11th

Pages	72	Resolution #1	withdrawn
" "	73	Resolution #2	carried
" "	74	Resolution #3	Carried
" "	75	#4	Carried
" "	76	#5	Carried
" "	77	#6	Carried

Legislative

✓ Winner of the George B Evans Grassroots Veterans Advocate of the Year

is David Perry from Bath N.Y. Charles E Westcott Squadron 173

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (Harl Ray)

✓ Charles Rigby award went to Det of Virginia (Fred Vaccarelle)

V.A. representatives is 25 out of 158 hospitals

Squadrons 1,700 (256,352 volunteer hours, monetary \$1,115,376

Submitted resolutions

- Resolution 1 withdrawn
#2 carried
#3 carried
#4 carried
#5 rejected by Internal Affairs
#6 carried

Donations to CW

Thom Skelley gave 1,250 check to Child Welfare in the name of Chris Huntzinger / Texas also donated 665 to Child Welfare

or CWF \$39,406

NEF \$3,620 National Endowment Fund \$450.

Legacy Fund \$750, Fisher House \$250. Total \$44,476

Texas NEC Star David Blair

**INTERNET REPORT
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
MID WINTER DEC
JANUARY 26, 2019**

To the chagrin of some and dismay of others, I am not dead or intent on retiring from the Internet Chairman position until the Commander feels I am too feeble to continue.

I apologize for missing the last meeting and also this DEC. I am unable to attend as I had my 5th back surgery in December and am unable to travel to Austin. I am recuperating and starting to feel better than I have in quite awhile

I have repeatedly requested pictures and information on what is being at your local posts and sadly have only received a few of Sons members helping in activities at their Posts or supporting the people of the area. I am a little disappointed in the lack of more pictures and information on what is being done to support these efforts.

The web site and our Facebook page are great tools to advertise activities upcoming at your Posts. 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 sending pictures please send the original picture, please do not resize.

If you are a Detachment Officer, Commission Chairman or District Commander and you have not had your picture taken, please get with Historian Moore for a picture. With District and Division elections coming this spring, make sure you provide a quality picture or get with Historian Moore at the Detachment Convention to get your picture taken. It is very important to have these pictures on the website so the membership knows who the leaders of the Detachment are and make sure your District or Division submits a certification of Officers so that The American Legion will correctly list you on their membership roster.

If you have any questions regarding the website or would like help advertising your events, be sure to email me on the link on the website.

Once again, I apologize for not letting you see my smiling face but will see you in Dallas for the Convention.

Gary Winters,
Internet Chairman



Dustin Moore

DustinMooreSALTx@gmail.com

1705 12th St.

Galena Park, Tx 77547

(832)-231-8153 - Cell

S.A.L. Legislative Committee Member Report

The American Legion Legislative Action.

-The American legion, National Organization is asking you to call Congress and tell them to support - **S. 21 & H.R. 367, THE "PAY OUR COAST GUARD ACT" -**

credit: <http://capwiz.com/legion/callalert/index.tt?alertid=80596741>

Congress Legislative Action

116th Congress (2019-2020)

Senate

- S.1 - Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019 - This bill authorizes assistance and weapons transfers to Israel, and extends defense cooperation with Jordan. It establishes additional sanctions related to the conflict in Syria, and allows states to divest from entities boycotting Israel. **Latest Action: Senate - 1/15/19 Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate.(Only Introduced)**

- S.Res.10 - A resolution honoring the life of Richard Arvin Overton. - honors the life of Richard Arvin Overton and his service to the United States; honors and, on behalf of the United States, expresses deep appreciation for the outstanding and important service of Richard Arvin Overton to the United States; and respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Richard Arvin Overton. **Latest Action: Senate - 1/17/19 Resolution agreed to in Senate without Amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent (Only Introduced)**

- S.189 - A bill to protect the privacy of users of social media and other online platforms. - (no summary). **Latest Action: Senate - 1/17/19 Read twice and referred to the committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Only Introduced)**

House of Representatives

- H.R.685 - To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Bend, Oregon, as the "Robert Maxwell VA Clinic". - (no summary). **Latest Action: House - 1/17/19 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs**
- H.R.637 - To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a task force on Agent Orange exposure. - (no summary). **Latest Action: Senate - 1/17/19 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs**

For God and Country, and
the Betterment of our Great Organization,

Dustin L. Moore,

Adjutant, Squadron 472, Detachment of Texas

Commander, 22nd District, Detachment of Texas

Historian, Division 2, Detachment of Texas

Historian, Detachment of Texas

Public Relations Committee Chairman, Detachment of Texas

AMERICANISM

6TH DISTRICT - DONATED \$500.00 TO AUX. P.P.P.
FOR MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SQUADRON 50 - COOKED & DELIVERED 102 TURKEY
DINNERS FOR THANKSGIVING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS
& OTHER SHUT-INS IN JOHNSON COUNTY

MEMBERS TOOK PART WITH AUX. MEMBERS MAKING
UP CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION & PASSED THEM OUT
TO THE CLEBURNE HIGH SCHOOL NURSES

SENT 1 BOY TO BOYS STATE (Keyyon PLO)

Sq 573

70 hours Volenter hours to American
Legion Post Functions

\$100 Don For toy Run

1 Boy to boys State

Ray Fowler



January 25, 2019

Report from Chris Kyle Squadron 388

Americanism

2 Flag Retirement Ceremonies 750 – 900 flags each

200 Hours per Retirement \$ 400.00 each in cash expenses

Memorial Day Lunch 100 Hours

Fourth of July Parade 125 hours

Fourth of July Lunch 110 Hours

\$100.00 to Boys State contestant to travel to Division Contest.

40 Hours helping Boy Scouts

Donations to Youth Projects in the area \$1,200.00

4 Pints at local Blood Drive

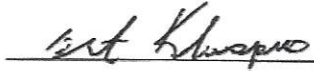
VA & R Report

Date: January 26, 2019

Time: 9:30am

Members Present: Bret Kleespies-Chairman VA & R, Brad Pack- Past Department Commander, Tracy Wood- Adjutant 21st, District Shannon Boyce- Commander Post 208

Meeting was held there was no new business to discuss.



Bret Kleespies

Chairman VA& R

--Please see the VA & R Report from ^{1/26/19}~~9/2018~~

VA & R Report

Post 208

Kerrville, TX

Had a fundraiser November 10th, 2018 raised \$33,500, gave all proceeds away as follows:

- \$10,000 given to American Legion Post 208
- \$2,000 Reel Thanks
- \$500 Riders Disables Vet
- \$2,000 Toys for Tots
- \$2,000 Vet in need (fell off roof)
- \$8,500 Medical Bills for one of our Auxiliary members

Others Monies and Time donated since last meeting:

- Bought lift chair for Vet (\$400.00)
- Auxiliary for Christmas Baskets \$250.00
- Processed 20 deer for Veterans Feeding Veterans
- Bought 7 pigs from Hill country Jr. Livestock, to process for veterans feeding Veterans
- 3 Sons built wheelchair ramp for local veteran
- Helped Veteran Remodel is house, seven sons for one day
- \$700 to VA Bingo
- Cooked burgers for James Avery Memorial Golf Tournament 8 sons spent \$350.00
- Set up a vet in a hotel that was kicked out of his apartment because of his service dog

BRET
KLEESPIKE



January 25, 2019

Report from Chris Kyle Squadron ³⁸⁶~~399~~

VA & R

Repairs to a local Vetern's House

\$350.00 Cash

100 hours

Support to the local Senoir Center Veteran's wall \$250.00

Help local VFW Auxiliary with Vetern's day out from VA Nursing
Home 25 hours

\$100.00

VATR

SQUAD. 50 TOOK PART IN VETERAN'S DAY
PROGRAMS AT 2 RETIREMENT CENTERS, AIRPORT
AND POST

MET FAMILY MEMBERS OF 2 NAVY VETERANS
AT 2 DIFFERENT CEMETARIES TO PLACE WREATHS
ON THEIR GRAVES TO HONOR THEIR SERVICES
REMEMBERING THE HEROES AT PEARL HARBOR

6TH DISTRICT DONATED \$1000.00 TO WTRC
OF TEMPLE TO PROGRAM HELPING FEMALE VETERANS
RECOVERY FROM SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAUMA WHILE
STILL IN THE MILITARY

491- Gave \$1000.00 WTRC of temple

Children & Youth/Child Welfare

Date: January 26, 2019

Time: 9:30am

Members Present: Tracy Wood, Chairman C&Y, Shannon Boyce, Chairman CW, Brad Pack, PDC, and Brett Keleespies, 21st District Commander

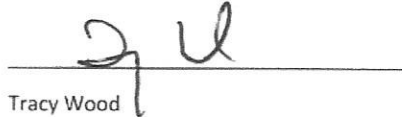
- Upcoming Events:
 - C & Y/CW Fundraiser:
 - Tickets are still being sold
 - Winner to be drawn during the Detachment Convention in Irving, TX – July 2019

For God and Country,



Shannon Boyce

Chairman Child Welfare



Tracy Wood

Chairman Children and Youth

--See attached Children & Youth/ Children Welfare reports since our last meeting, 9/2018

CHILDREN + YOUTH

50

SQUADRON 50 DONATED \$200.00 TO BUY SCHOOL
SUPPLIES + HELPED SET UP TO PASS OUT

DONATED \$500.00 TO FAMILY CRISIS TO BUY
CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

DONATED \$300.00 TO BROKEN PIECES MINISTRY
TO BUY CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

SPENT \$150.00 ON 2 KIDS CHRISTMAS OF VETERAN



January 25, 2019

Children & Youth report Chris Kyle Squadron 388

\$800.00 Donated to worthwhile projects

100 hours working with Children and raising donation

Public Relations Committee Report

Mid-Winter Conference Meeting

Sons Of The American Legion, Detachment Of Texas.



Public Relations is difficult to define. I asked my High School professor, he said it may be a combination of writing, marketing, advertising and theory, while a common business executive would describe PR as a way to increase sales of a product, in this case, it would be gradually increasing our membership, it would also give the general public an inside image of our organization.

For The American Legion and the Sons Of The American Legion, defining the term "Public Relations," with the words "communication" and "service" seem to coexist. This year alone is a historic year for The American Legion as most of you know. In March it will be The American Legion's 100th Birthday, the centennial is a great opportunity not only for our organization to gain new members, but for The American Legion Family.

Finally, remember that there are tools out there on the internet, not only provided by The American Legion, but also provided by the Sons Of The American Legion. Everyone with a computer and internet access can find the Public Relations Toolkit online. The resources that can be found are seemingly endless. For example, in the toolkit it includes scripts for radio and television spots, also templates for press releases, and ideas for posting on social media. I was lucky to find a Public Relations handbook that was created by The American Legion.

Your available resources is not only the Public Relations Toolkit, but also public service announcements, press centers, Legion magazine, E-newsletters, the internet, as well as the Texas American Legion Press Association, and finally your biggest resource is your MEMBERS! Without your members your squadron or post can't function!

Public Relations Committee,

Dustin L. Moore, Chairman

Gary Randall, PDC

Richard V. Armstrong II, 10th Dist Cmdr

OMNI  HOTELS & RESORTS

01-26-2019

Marketing

Sales have been slow since Fall DEC. I have turned in \$854 since Fall DEC. We have a new Ball Cap at this meeting. They sell for \$15⁰⁰. We have decided to be open on Sunday morning for couple of hours for those of you who procrastinate to buy items.

Ray Hunt

Dept Convention / 100 YR

July 9-14, 2019

Legion + SAL

Weston Hotel 972-929-4500

Reservation Cutoff Date - June 21ST

Auxiliary

Sheraton Hotel 972-929-8400

Reservation Cutoff Date - June 21ST

100 YR
Committee

SATURDAY = schedule to be announced

→ AL Riders - planning to ride into Ft. Worth Stockyards (example: Rolling Thunder)

→ Others who want to go - go to Grapevine (2 mi away) + ride train into Stockyards.

→ Plan is to leave hotel at 9:00/depending on when meetings are adjourned

→ 100 yr committee is working on renting entire train for legion family

→ They plan to stay at stockyards around 6 hours

→ Casino/Bingo night is planned at Auxiliary hotel Saturday night.

→ Surrounding posts will be offering dinners, etc.

PUFL REPORT

MID WINTER 2019

MEMBERS : 134

+ 3 APPS

ACCT BALANCE 43,642

Finance Committee Report

Austin, TX

12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

In attendance were Eddy Seegers, Chairman. Henry Creech, Finance Officer, PDC Steve Slaughter, NEC David Blair, 9th District Commander Richard Huntley, and Dustin Moore.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the various budget issues.

Steve Slaughter moved that should any member of the S.A.L. be required to attend a finance meetings that member will be paid a per diem for the additional day. David Blair seconded.

David Blair moved that Keith Gattis be paid a per diem for acting as the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms during the 2019 Mid-Winter Conference. Steve Slaughter seconded.

The new style reporting form was discussed and it was shown how much easier it is to read and understand.

Legion Treasurer Paris came in to discuss the Sons of The American Legion investment options for the PUFL and Reserve funds. He gave his opinion as to the best way to proceed.

Detachment Historian's Report

Mid-Winter Conference Meeting

Sons Of The American Legion, Detachment Of Texas



The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's 100th Birthday is just right around the corner, this year is already going to be a historic year. I strongly recommend that your squadron, district, or division, help participate in celebrating their centennial. As I said at the Fall D.E.C. Our very own detachment will turn 85 years old in 2019. The Detachment was chartered by The American Legion on February 8, 1934.

As I said before at our fall D.E.C. This year Commander Kingston has spoken to me about creating a Detachment Scrapbook to enter in the National Sons Of The American Legion Official History Contest. It's going to take the effort of all everyone to send in photos, with descriptive details in order to complete this book. If your squadron, district, or division, are doing events or meetings, please send photos to me with descriptions. It shouldn't take you no more than a couple minutes. I can only do so much. Also, if the Detachment Commander comes to a function of yours please send photos of that as well, for his personal scrapbook. You can send the pictures to my email DustinMooreSALTx@gmail.com or if you have Facebook, just look up "Sons Of The American Legion, Detachment Of Texas".

Continuing, If you are a Detachment Officer, Detachment Committee Chairman, District Commander, you need to get with me to take your picture to put it on the detachment website. Also, there is a Legacy page, this is an opportunity for every member to honor those that earned them their membership in the Sons Of The American Legion, we only have 26 entries. I'd love to see a lot more!

Dustin L. Moore
Detachment Historian
2018-2019

Sons of The American Legion Resolution
National Convention
August 23-25, 2019

Page 1 of 1

No.: TBD

**Title: Amendment to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion,
Article X, Section 2**

Origin: Detachment of

WHEREAS, since the inception of the organization in 1932, the principal mission of The Sons of The American Legion has been to support the needs, programs and legacy of the parent organization, "The American Legion", and

WHEREAS, over the past many years, as the Sons of The American Legion has grown in both membership and scope of service supported, the structure and administrative requirements have increased, and

WHEREAS, providing continued financial support is necessary to ensure the mission, through the service and support which the organization provides, is able to be sustained, and

WHEREAS, the national organization has not implemented a per capita dues increase in nearly 35 years, and

WHEREAS, to benefit the continued health and growth of the organization, it is dependent upon the ability to properly fund the programs and administrative costs, therefore an increase is necessary, and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Article X, Section 2, now reads: "The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$2.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year.", and now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, National Convention assembled August 23-25, 2019, in Indianapolis, Indiana, amend The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion in Article X, Section 2 to read: "The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$5.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year." and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the increase take effect on June 1, 2020, with the distribution of the 2021 National Membership cards, and applied to all membership transmittals received after that date.

Convention Committee Recommendation

Approved ☐

Rejected ☐

Referred to: ☐

Other Action ☐

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

TBD

Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee

**Resolution of Endorsement
Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 179
New Braunfels, Texas**

WHEREAS, it will be the duty of the Detachment Convention meeting in regular session in Dallas, Texas to elect a Detachment Commander, for the years 2019-2020, and

WHEREAS, Squadron 179 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 and mother who served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and his grandfather who served in World War II, and

WHEREAS, he has held the offices of Adjutant at the Squadron level and is currently serving as Squadron Commander, and

WHEREAS, he has held the offices of Detachment Vice-Commander Division 3 for the years of 2017- 2018, and

WHEREAS, he has held the office Historian of Detachment of Texas for the years of 2014/ 2015 and 2015- 2016, and

WHEREAS, he has held the office of Adjutant of Division 3 of the Detachment of Texas for the years of 2015 - 2017 and the office of Historian of Division 3 during the years of 2013 / 2016, and

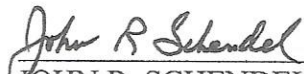
WHEREAS, he has held the office of Historian of District 22 of the Detachment of Texas for the years 2012 - 2014, and

WHEREAS, he has served as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee for the years 2015 - 2017 and is currently serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee, therefore

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Squadron 179, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, in regular meeting assembled in New Braunfels, Texas, December 16, 2018 does unanimously endorse Edgar "Eddy" Seegers for the high office of Detachment Commander, Detachment of Texas, for the years 2019-2020.

ATTESTED:


KENNETH B. HENDERSON
Adjutant


JOHN R. SCHENDEL
Vice Commander