

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF TEXAS DETACHMENT CONVENTION 2022 AUSTIN, 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 15, 2022 at 1:30 pm, Saturday July 16, 2022 at 9:30AM and Sunday July 17, 2022 at 9:00AM at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, TX.

## **Hotel Locations**

### **THE AMERICAN LEGION**

### **THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

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

Renaissance Hotel

9721 Arboretum Blvd.

Austin, TX 78759

512-343-2626

RATE—\$113.00 PER NIGHT

## **AGENDA**

You will find the agenda enclosed. All meetings will be held at the Renaissance Hotel (room to be determined) along with all Committee meetings. Please review the enclosed schedule times for Committees.

## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

Please see the attached remarks from Detachment Commander Arista

## **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 Department of Texas, to Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant. Pre-registration will be \$25.00 and on-site registration will be \$35.00. Under 18 will be \$10.00. 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 July 14, 2022. 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 23-25, 2022. The location of the meeting will be the Austin Southpark Hotel. Their phone number is 512-448-2222 and the room rates are \$119.00 per night. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Finally, election of new officers are upon us. Please remit your Squadron, District or Division Certification of Officers as soon as you can. This will help with the process of getting your cards quicker.

### **FINANCE**

ATTENTION: PDC's, Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, District Commanders  
I plan to send the confirmation email for Detachment Convention during the month of May. If you plan to attend the convention and wish to receive your call-in at the convention, you must confirm by the first Sunday in June. Otherwise, you will not receive your check until sometime in 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 Austin

Steve Slaughter, Detachment Finance Officer  
Home 817-946-4506  
E-mail [smslaughter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smslaughter@sbcglobal.net)

### **INTERNET**

We are seeing very good response from the redesigned website. The website is a tool for you to use to make your job a little easier. We have most forms and up to date info on coming events posted. If there is something you would like to add to the website, please let me know. We can post your newsletters, coming events and pictures from your events. Right now we are really looking for pictures of the local events from around the Detachment. If you have an event and have pictures of the Commander or other Detachment guests, please send them to me so I can get them up on the website. We will also soon be adding pictures of all of the Detachment Officers and would like pictures of all the District Commanders. If you hold an event that you would like to have the pictures posted, please include what the event was, the date of the event and the names of the people pictured. We have all the room in the world, so send all the info and pictures you can and let's show the nation what Texas is doing. Also remember we still have our Facebook page and is there to use

Please send all of this information to [webmaster@laketexomadesigns.com](mailto:webmaster@laketexomadesigns.com) .

Gary Winters  
Webmaster

### **DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

As everyone should know by now, we now have our office at Headquarters back up and running. It 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. As always, if there questions, concerns, issues and/or complaints, all correspondence must go through Detachment Adjutant Winkelmann first, or if he is not available next through Detachment Commander Arista or Department Advisor Henry Creech. All items must be in letter form or be email if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can reached at 817-994-7394 cell or email at [knwink@msn.com](mailto:knwink@msn.com). Commander Arista can be reached at 214-306-1598 or email at [toma5thdistsom@gmail.com](mailto:toma5thdistsom@gmail.com). Please adhere to these rules so as not to create more controversy. If you plan to use our office at Department Headquarters, please inform Department Adjutant Bill West or IA Director Mike Simon upon arrival

## **AGENDA**

**OPENING SESSION, FRIDAY JULY 15-----1:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER ARISTA**

**POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS JENNINGS**

**INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN ED PARNELL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----1ST DIVISION COMMANDER ED PARNELL**

**PREAMBLE-----2ND DIVISION COMMANDER CLIFTON GUILLORY**

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

**READING OF MINUTES-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN**

**APPOINTMENTS TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE-----COMMANDER ARISTA**

**GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION-----NEC JON KINGSTON**

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST-----NEC JON KINGSTON**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST-----JUAN TORRES**

**NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER 2021-2022  
DETACHMENT OF TEXASS**

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

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES——JUDGE ADVOCATE GARY WINTERS**

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (IF NECESSARY) ——COMMANDER ARISTA**

**NEC REPORT———NEC JON KINGSTON**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS——4:00 TO 4:30**

- A) CMN/CWF
- B) Boys State
- C) Convention City
- D) Internet
- E) VE & E

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS——4:30 TO 5:15**

- A) Legislative
- B) PUFL/NEC
- C) VA & R
- D) Public Relations
- E) Marketing
- E) Campaign Committee

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS——5:15 TO 6:00**

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

**RECESS UNTIL 9:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING**

**SATURDAY JULY 16, 2022**

**LEADERSHIP CLASSES**

- A) DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDERS, 8:00-8:45AM
- B) ALL MEMBERS, 8:45-9:30AM

**CALL TO ORDER, 9:30 AM———COMMANDER ARISTA**

**INVOCATION———CHAPLAIN ED PARNELL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE——4TH DIVISION COMMANDER KEN DORSETT**

**PREAMBLE———3RD DIVISION COMMANDER RICH HUNTLEY**

**ROLL CALL———ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN**

**LIAISON REPORT-----HENRY CREECH, 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 CWF**

**MARKETING**

**VE & E**

**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 TOM ARISTA'S FINAL REPORT**

**IF THE TIME REACHES 4:00PM AFTER COMMANDER ARISTA'S REPORT, WE WILL RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING. PENDING PARTICIPATION, THE 5-STAR PROGRAM CLASS WILL START AT 4:15 PM. IF TIME PERMITS AND NO 5-STAR CLASS IS HELD, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS PENDING APPROVAL OF THE BODY**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY AT 9:00AM**

**SUNDAY JULY 17, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER ARISTA**

**INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN ED CARROLL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----PDC THOM SKELLEY**

**PREAMBLE-----ALTERNATE NEC BILL KUEHNER**

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

**PRESENTATION OF 5 STAR AWARDS (IF NECESSARY)**

**FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE WINTERS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE WINTERS**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, DETACHMENT OF TEXAS 2022-2023**

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

**BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN ED CARROLL**

**RETIREMENT OF COLORS-----SGT-AT ARMS ZACH JENNINGS**

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

## **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AUSTIN, TX---JANUARY 22, 2022**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Commander Arista. Colors being in place, a right-hand salute was given. Following the pledge to our flag, the prayer and the reading of the preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:16. Roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for 1st Division Commander(E), Historian(R), Chaplain(E) and Sgt-At-Arms (E). All Chairmen were present except for VA & R(E), Americanism(E), Public Relations(E), CWF(E), VE & E(E and Boys State(E). Districts present were 2, 4C, 5C, 7C, 10C, 11C, 12, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12C, 36, 43, 120, 179, 198C, 208, 231, 245C, 297, 321C, 430, 447, 453C, 522, 554, 573C, 593C, 597, 618, 654 and 817. A quorum was established. Following roll call, Commander Arista read the resignation letter from Historian and Public Relations Chairman Dustin Moore. Motion by Ken Dorsett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva to accept the resignation. Motion passed. He then asked for volunteers to accept the office of the Historian. Daniel Stanford from Squadron 245 volunteered. Commander Arista then read the appointment of George Alva as Chairman of the Flying Flags for Heroes. Motion by Roy Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis Elam to accept the appointment. Motion passed. Commander Arista then asked NEC Kingston to come forward for the Purpose of introduction. Jon then introduced National Commander Michael Fox, from the Detachment of California, to come forward. National Commander then spoke to the body and extending greetings to all from the National Organization. His comments were well received, and the body appreciated his comments. Commander Arista then asked for the reading of the minutes. Motion was made by Ken Dorsett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Fowler to waive the reading of the minutes. Motion passed

**NEC**—Commander Arista then asked for NEC Kingston to come forward to give his report. He reported on the Fall NEC. Read one specific resolution concerning Squadron Commander of the Year. A full report is attached these minutes. Motion by Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva to accept the report. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT LIAISON**---Henry Creech came forward to give the report. He spoke to the body concerning the submitting of a Squadrons Certification of Officers and the importance of getting that paperwork in to Department headquarters. Also, he spoke about issues inside the Detachment and Department that needs to be handled locally first if possible. George Alva made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Baker. Motion passed

Department Commander Brett Watson came before the body to bring greetings and give his remarks to the body. He thanked the Detachment for their hard work and asked for their continued support of The American Legion Family and everything we do as a family.

American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard came to our meeting to bring greetings and to thank the Detachment of Texas for everything we did for his election year.

**INTERNET**—Chairman Winters came forward to give his report. He spoke about the Facebook page. Keep it or terminate it. It was asked to keep it. He also spoke to the body concerning the web site and how it is being used.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE**—Gary Winters gave the report. He stated that the Constitution and By-Laws needs to be updated and corrected. He told the body that certain changes can and will be made automatically. However, there are some changes that will be handled at the Detachment Convention. This concluded his report. Motion made by Rich Huntley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Stanford. Motion passed

**LEGISLATIVE**—Chairman Chatham came forward to give the report. He reported on various items from the past Texas Legislation sessions. Informed us of many different laws that came into effect. He presented some of those to the floor. After his report was read, he made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by . Motion passed.

**VE & E**—Chairman Skelly not present due to weather related issues. Adjutant Winkelmann gave the report. Kevin read the report from the VE & E Committee. Following his remarks, George Alva made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Stanford. Following some discussion from various Squadrons, motion passed. Report is attached to these minutes

**AMERICANISM**—Chairman Parnell not present due to illness. No other members present. No report given

**VA & R**—Chairman Kleespies not present due to illness. Tracy Wood gave the report. Read a report from Squadron 208. There were some more reports from various Squadrons and their work they are doing at the local VA Hospitals. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Tracy made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva. Motion passed

**BOYS STATE**— Chairman Travis Arreaga not present due to illness. No report was given

**CHILDREN & YOUTH/CWF**— Chairman Woods and member Pack came forward to do the report. Brad reported on various items the committee is working on including the help with the van and a blanket for the children program in Houston. Brad also reported on this year's CWF raffle. A complete report from both Committees is attached to these minutes. There were some items that were brought to the floor by various members. Rich Huntley came forward to bring some information concerning a new fund raiser. Rich made a motion to support this new fundraiser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Winters. Motion passed. Motion made by Brad to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Huntley. Motion passed

**MARKETING**—Chairman Hartline came forward to give his report. He stated that all shirts are in and available for purchase. He is looking for a new vendor and spoke about some upcoming sales. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Ray made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Huntley. Motion passed

**FLAGS FOR FALLEN HEROES**—Chairman George Alva came forward to give the report. He spoke to the body concerning what this committee is about and what work it does for our organization. Rich Huntley made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis Elam. After some discussion, motion passed.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Chairman Moore has resigned. No other members present to give the report.



**CONVENTION CITY**—Chairman Elam came forward to give his report. Stated that The American Legion will be doing a walk through for the Department Convention in February. Reservations should be able to start in March. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Chairman Elam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Baker. Motion passed.

**AWARDS**—Chairman Fowler came forward to give the report. He stated that there are forms available for use on the website. All forms must be submitted prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Kevin Baker made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Stanford. Motion passed. Brad Pack made a motion to change the Mother of the Year Award to the Mamie Hughes Mother of the Year Award. Also, she, Mamie Hughes, would be presented with a \$100.00 gift card for dinner and a \$300.00 gift card for shopping. These items will be presented at the Awards Banquet in September. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milton, motion passed.

**PUFL**—Chairman Winkelmann gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Kevin made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Hartline Motion passed.

Mark Misenberger, Director of The American Legion Riders, came forward to bring greetings and inform the body of what the Riders re doing for The American Legion, Thanked the SAL for their help and support of The American Legion Riders program.

At this time, Commander Arista turned the meeting over to 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander Clifton Guillory due to prior engagement.

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP**—Chairman Eddy Seegers came forward to give the report. He reported to the body concerning the status of membership in the Detachment. We are doing very well hitting our goals and just missed 60% goal by 45 members. One of the big topics was members who have not paid their dues for years past and if they can catch up. Eddy then presented some awards (caps and pins) to various Squadrons. There was various discussion concerning certification of officers and membership submitted on-line. He also asked everyone to keep him informed about any issues you are having with membership, either at National or at the Department level. Eddy then made a motion to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catfish Elam. Motion passed.

**FINANCE**—Chairman Clifton Guillory came forward to give his report. He talked about various items concerning the Finance Committee. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion was made by Clifton Guillory to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Winters. Motion passed. It was also stated that the report be put aside for audit.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**

Commander Arista called the meeting back into session at 9:00 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer, pledge and preamble, Commander Arista called the meeting to order. The roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for 1st Division Commander (E), Chaplain(E), Historian (R), Chairman not attending were CWF, VA & R(E), Americanism(E), Public Relations (R), VE&E(E) and Boys State(E). Districts present were 2, 4C, 5C, 7C, 10C, 11C, 12, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12C, 36C, 43C, 120, 179, 198, 208, 231, 245C, 297, 321C, 430, 447, 453C, 490C, 522, 554, 573C, 593C, 618, 654 and 817. A quorum was established. Commander Arista then turned the meeting over to 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Ken Dorsett.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CAMPAIGN FUND**—Report given by Campaign Chairman Ray Hartline. He stated about available funds as of today, \$16,140.00. He asked that all donations be sent to himself so he can make the deposit. Ray made a motion to accept his report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Fowler. Motion passed

Department American Legion Auxiliary President came forward to bring greetings and to thank all SAL members for everything we do.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**—None

**NEW BUSINESS**—Department Liaison Creech asked the body to support him for consideration as Dept. Liaison for the following year, 2022-2023. Motion by Roy Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis Elam to have Kevin write the letter. Motion passed. Eddy Seegers made a motion to reimburse Rich Huntley cost to haul printer to Department Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Stanford. Not to exceed \$100.00, Motion passed.

**GOOD OF THE SAL**—Lewis Elam presented money to CWF. Various Squadrons reported on upcoming events. Commander Arista Homecoming event was discussed. Brad Pack spoke to the body concerning PDC Ed Magers and the illness he has been through over the past period of time. Adjutant Winkelmann then discussed many Adjutant notes, upcoming events and future dates for meetings.

Being no further business, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Ken Dorsett asked Acting Chaplain Lewis Elam for the benediction. Following the benediction, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Dorsett called for the hand salute to the colors and retirement of the colors. The meeting was then adjourned at 9:58 AM

## **Future TX Detachment FALL DEC and Mid Winter Conference**

**Austin South Park Hotel**  
(formerly the OMNI)  
**4140 Governors Row**  
**Austin, TX. 78744**  
**(512) 448-2222**

### **Fall DEC Dates and Rates**

September 24 – 25, 2022 – \$121      September 23 – 24, 2023 – \$123      September 21 – 22, 2024 – \$125

### **Mid Winter Conference Dates and Rates**

January 21 – 22, 2023 – \$123      January 20 – 21, 2024 – \$125      January 18 – 19, 2025 – \$127

All Conventions, DEC's, and Conferences can be looked up at [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org) pick CONVENTIONS.

## HOTEL LISTINGS

### 103<sup>rd</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

July 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Detachment meets Friday-Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### American Legion Family Rates

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Renaissance Hotel	9721 Arboretum Blvd	\$113.00

Phone: 512-343-2626    Reservation cutoff date is June 15, 2022.  
Reservations can be made starting in March 2022 after Legion does Walk-Through.

Here is the web link to book your room in March 2022:

<https://txlegion.org/conventions/departments-convention/>

ASK FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

When you call to make your reservations, please be sure to obtain a confirmation number.

**Note:** Hotel requires 48 hrs notice of cancellation prior to your scheduled arrival date  
or a 1 night room and tax will be billed to the credit card on file.

#### Future Detachment of Texas Convention Dates and Rates

2023 – July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Room rate \$115    2024 – July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Room rate \$117    2025 – July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Room rate \$119