

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FALL CONFERENCE—SEPT. 2016 AUSTIN, TX

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 Executive Committee to convene on Saturday September 17, 2016 at 9:30 AM and, if necessary, Sunday September 18, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Amphitheater Room at the Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Meeting and Hotel News

Where: Amphitheater Room, Omni Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX
512-448-2222. Room rates are \$95.00 per night plus tax. All room reservations must be made by August 31, 2016

When: Saturday, September 17, 2016 @ 9:30 AM
Sunday, September 18, 2016 @ 9:00AM (If Necessary)

Agenda

You will find the agenda for the meetings enclosed

Commander's Comments

Please see the enclosed letter from Detachment Commander Creech for his notes and words of encouragement.

Adjutants Notes

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported to me as soon as they occur. This includes e-mail addresses. Please e-mail all correspondence if possible. All Squadrons and Districts need to make sure their certification of officers is turned in as soon as possible. This will help with our mailings. The minutes from the 2016 Detachment Convention are enclosed. Please read them and bring all corrections to this meeting in September. Hopefully we will be having the leading candidate for National Commander as our guest. More information after the National Convention. Please note, the Mid-Winter Conference will be held on January 27-29, 2017 at the Omni Hotel. We will be having a special guest in for this meeting. More info in the next newsletter. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Killeen, Texas over the weekend of July 14-16, 2017.

Finance

Greetings everyone. I plan to email our officers, Committee Chairman and PDC's around the end of August to request your confirmation for Fall DEC. Please respond by Tuesday September 6th. I need to have the list to Bill West shortly after that. If you have not received my email by Labor Day weekend, please contact me at 817-946-4506 or smslaughter@sbcglobal.net. Any confirmations after Labor Day weekend will be paid after the meeting. So, reply as soon as you see my email.

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Awards Banquet

The awards dinner will be Friday, September 16, 2016 at Post 83 in Austin, down the street from the hotel. More information later via email and the website. The cost and menu will be forwarded out in an email very shortly. Dinner will start at 7:00 PM with the awards presentation starting around 8:00 PM. Entertainment will follow the closing of the awards program. This award program is subject to change due to the availability of the Post.

Internet

Greetings! The new year brings new opportunities to improve over the last. We have a great tool available for you to use. Send us the flyer to events your Squadron or District is hosting and we will post it for you and advertise it across the state. If you have pictures or events you have hosted, send them with a description of who, what, where, etc. and we will post them all.

Gary Winters—Internet Chairman

Department Headquarters Policy

There have been some changes at Department Headquarters that we all need to observe. From this day forward or until further notice, these are the new policies that have been mandated. If anyone or any Squadron has complaints, concerns, issues or needs information concerning membership or any other matter, all comments and/or questions must go through the Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Winkelmann, or if he is not available next through Detachment Commander Henry Creech. All items must be in letter form or by e-mail, if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can be reached at 281-541-8642 cell, 832-548-1728 home, 713-896-4775 fax or e-mail at knwink@msn.com. Commander Creech can be reached at 210-391-7391 or e-mail at hbcreechconstruction@yahoo.com. Please follow these rules so that all issues can be resolved.

FALL DEC

Opening Session-----9:30 AM

Call To Order-----COMMANDER CREECH

Post Colors-----SGT-AT-ARMS WATSON

Invocation-----CHAPLAIN CARROLL MURPHY

Moment Of Silence

Pledge Of Allegiance-----DIVISION 1 COMMANDER JEFF SAUL

Preamble-----DIVISION 2 COMMANDER ROY FOWLER

Roll Call-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

Reading of Minutes-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

Special Introductions-----NEC DAVID BLAIR

Committee Meetings (Immediately following recess of meeting)-----Location TBD

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEC-----DAVID BLAIR

Internet-----GARY WINTERS

Legislative-----ALTON FAULKNER

Americanism-----CLARENCE BRITTON

VA & R-----RICK TRZCINSKI

Children & Youth-----TRACY WOOD

CMN/CWF-----JIMMY DON DIXON

Public Relations-----EDDY SEEGER

Marketing-----RAY HARTLINE

Convention City-----ROY FOWLER

Boys State-----TRAVIS ARREAGA

Awards-----KEN DORSETT

PUFL-----RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW

Internal Affairs/Membership-----CONNIE WADDELL

Finance-----JUAN TORRES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Benediction-----CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

Retire The Colors-----SGT-AT-ARMS TAYLOR WATSON

Adjournment-----COMMANDER CREECH

IF ALL BUSINESS IS NOT COMPLETED BY 5:00PM SATURDAY, THE MEETING WILL RECONVENE AT 9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING

**DETACHMENT CONVENTION
EL PASO, TEXAS
JULY 15-17, 2016**

FRIDAY JULY 15, 2016

Meeting called to order by 1ST Division Commander Ray Hartline at 2:00AM. Following the posting of the colors and a hand salute, the pledge, prayer and preamble were asked for. The Commander then called the meeting to order. The Commander then asked the Adjutant for the roll call. All officers were present except for Vice Commander Division 3 Mathews and 4th Division Commander Poe (E). All chairmen were present except for Membership Bartholomew and Boys State Arreaga. Districts present were 2C, 4, 5C, 6, 7C, 10, 11, 12, 13C, 14C, 16C, 17, 20C, 21 and 22C. Squadrons present were 36, 58, 163, 179, 208, 220, 231, 245, 297, 321, 339, 393, 410, 430, 447, 453, 472, 517, 522, 550, 554, 573, 593, 598, 618, 654 and 817. It was stated that a quorum was present. Acting Commander Hartline then called for the reading of the previous minutes. A motion was made by Gary Winters, 2nd by Gary Randall to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Acting Commander Hartline then made some appointments to fill out some officers and Chairmen. Acting Commander Hartline appointed Shannon Boyce, Chairman of the Credentials Committee with Jonathan Montgomery and Michael Montgomery as members. Acting Commander Hartline said that since the Credentials Committee members volunteered no vote was needed for acceptance.

Alternate NEC David Blair came forward to bring greetings to all members present for the Detachment Convention.

Judge Advocate Gary Paul came forward to give the rules of credentials committee. The rules were read to the body for discussion. JA Gary Paul then read the first reading of the credentials to the body.

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

PDC Skelley made a motion that this Detachment Convention be dedicated to PUFL Chairman Richard Grimes who passed away a few months ago. 2nd by Steve Slaughter. Motion passed.

Adjutant Winkelmann then gave some brief notes to the body. The meeting then was recessed at 2:45 PM until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY JULY 16, 2016

Commander Waddell called the meeting back into session at 9:50AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was then taken. All officers were present except for 3rd Division Commander Jackie Mathews and 4th Division Commander Johnathon Poe. All chairmen were present except for Membership - Bartholomew, Boys State - Arreaga, and Legislative - Faulkner. Districts present were 2,4,5C,6,7C,9,10C,11C,12,13C,14C,16C,17,20C,21,22C Squadrons present were,36C,58,163C,179,208C,223C,231C,245,297,321C,339,410,430C,447,453,472C,517C,522C,550,573C,593 C,598,618,654,817,838..

Department Commander John McKinney addressed the body thanking the Sons for their hard work, and wishing for a productive Convention.

Commander Waddell called on NEC Milton Chatham to introduce our special quest, National Vice Commander, Midwest Region, Steve Ward. He gave words of encouragement and gratitude to the body. He also gave a hand out of SAL 2015 Accomplishments.(copy attached)

Commander Waddell called for Department Advisor John Schendel to give his report.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Advisor Schendel gave his report. A full copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

Department President, Paula Raney then addressed the body with her words of wisdom, and thanked the Sons for their hard work and dedication to the American Legion Family.

NEC--- Milton Chatham then gave his report. (copy attached) Motion By Milton to accept his report, 2nd by Ken Dorsett. Motion Passed.

JUDGE ADVOCATE- Gary Paul addressed the body with the 2nd reading of credentials. Shannon Boyce then read the voting strength of each Squadron attending.

BOYS STATE—Vice Commander Div.2 Juan Torres came forward to give the report. He stated that there were 1035 delegates registered this year and 1024 boys finished the program. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. PDC Winters made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Historian Seegers. Motion passed..

CONVENTION CITY—No report

INTERNET—Chairman Gary Winters gave the report. He asked that more information be sent to him to be put on the internet. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. He also stated that any Vice Cmdr. needing assistance with their laptops to contact him. Motion by Chairman Winters to accept his report, 2nd by PDC Magers. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE—No report

PUFL—Copy of report was sent out in the Convention Newsletter.

VA & R— Chairman Rick Tryzcinski gave the report. He mentioned some of the activities sponsored by Squadron 208, and other Squadrons in the Detachment. A complete report is attached. Motion by PDC Winters. 2nd by Ray Hartline. Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS- Judge Advocate read a resolution for Alternate NEC endorsing Jon Kingston. For informational purposes only.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Chairman Eddy Seegers gave the report. A complete copy is attached. He spoke on getting your information out within your communities, sharing what the organization is about and the programs we support. He spoke on utilizing your local media to get your information out. Motion by Eddy Seegers to accept his report. 2nd by Kerry McKellips. Motion passed. Chairman Seegers then put on his Historian cover to present Commander Waddell a scrapbook from his entire year traveling across our vast state.

PDC Gary Randall addressed the boy about next years Convention in Killeen. The Sons will be staying at the Holiday Inn, Legionaires will stay at the Shiloh, and the Auxilary will stay at the Marriott Gardens. The SAL will be meeting at Post 223. The dates are the 11th-13th of July 2017.

AWARDS—Chairman Wesley (Buck) Jones gave the report

MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----ALONZO CALVILLO, SQDN 172

DUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----GARY WINTERS, SQDN 231

ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR-----RICKY W. THREEET, SQDN 361

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR-----

MOTHER OF THE YEAR-----PATRICIA SEEGERS, UNIT 179

SAL BOYS STATER OF THE YEAR-----

PDC Gary Randall made a motion to accept the report. 2nd by Tom Arista. Motion passed

A Paid Up For Life membership is awarded to the Member of the Year, the Dual Member of the Year, and the Boys Stater of the Year.

AMERICANISM—Chairman Clarence Britton gave the report. A complete copy of his report is attached.

MARKETING—Chairman Ray Hartline gave the report. A complete copy of of the report is attached.

CHILDREN & YOUTH/CMN & CWF—Chairman Tracy Wood and Jimmy Don Dixon gave the report. The 2015-2016 Winners of the best Consolidated Reports are as follows:

1st Division

6th District

Small Squadron(1-50 members) - 692 El Paso

Middle Sized Squadron(50-100 members) - 426 Alvarado

Large Squadron(100 + members)

Largest CWF donation - 4th District

Largest CMN donation - 368 Alvarado

Largest Special Olympics donation - 363 Rockport

Josh Dogs - 453 Dallas

A copy of the complete report is attached.

FINANCE—Chairman Henry Creech gave the report. A complete report is attached. He gave brief description of several line item recommendations. Motion made by Henry to accept the report. 2nd by Gary Randall. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP— PDC Skelley gave the report. He gave a brief outline on how to receive a membership award and the criteria to obtain any monetary award from the Detachment. He then stated Texas ranked 44th in the nation, 229 members short of goal. He then read a list of all Squadrons who met their 100% goal, and handed out their awards. A motion by Tom Skelley to accept the report. 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT—Chaplain Carrol Murphy gave the report. Reported on the loss of PUFL Chairman Richard Grimes.

HISTORIAN REPORT—

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT— No reports handed in.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION - A motion was made by Adjutant Winkelmann to pay \$400.00 for Delegates to the National Convention. 2nd by NEC Chatham on behalf of the PDC's. Motion passed.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER CONNIE WADDELL'S FINAL REPORT - Report attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—There were many announcements made from the floor concerning the various Squadron and Post events. Several members expressed interest in running for various offices and introduced themselves to the body.

After Adjutant notes, the meeting was recessed at 2:05

SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016

Commander Waddell reconvened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Following the hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, Commander Waddell called the meeting to order. The Adjutant then completed the roll call. All officers were present except for 3rd Division Commander Jackie Mathews and 4th Division Commander Johnathon Poe. All Chairmen were present except for Membership Chmn Bartholomew, Boys State Chmn Arreaga, and Legislative Chmn. Faulkner. Districts present were, 2,4, 5C,6,7C,9,10C,11C,12,13C,14C,16C,17,20C,21,22C. Squadrons present were 33,58,71,83,163,179,208,223,231,245,297,321,339,393,410,430,447,453,517,522,554,573,593,598,654,817. A quorum was present

CREDENTIALS—The final report of credentials was read by Judge Advocate Paul. A total of 176 delegates was reported to the floor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

COMMANDER----- HENRY CREECH 593

1ST DIVISION----- JEFF SAUL 321

2ND DIVISION----- ROY FOWLER 223

3RD DIVISION----- RALPH ROCCO 83

4TH DIVISION----- JOHNATHON POE 163

ADJUTANT-----KEVIN WINKELMANN SQUADRON 654

FINANCE OFFICER-----STEVE SLAUGHTER SQUADRON 522

HISTORIAN----- EDDY SEEGER 179

CHAPLAIN----- CARROL MURPHY 393

JUDGE ADVOCATE----- GARY PAUL 550

SGT-AT-ARMS----- TAYLOR WATSON 163

ASST. SGT-AT-ARMS— ZACHARY JENNINGS 618

NEC----- DAVID BLAIR 36

ALT. NEC----- THOM SKELLEY 598

A Motion was made by Gary Paul, and 2nd by Eddy Seegers, to release the Credentials Committee from their duties. Motion passed.

Following the elections, the Children and Youth Chairman held the annual raffle for CWF. The winners are as follows:

Myra Cooper - \$500.00 Gift Certificate

Ray Hartline - \$300.00 Gift Certificate

Robert Serna - \$150.00 Gift Certificate

Following the election, the mother of the newly elected Commander, Karen Paris, installed the new officers. After the installation, newly elected Detachment Commander Henry Creech addressed the floor with his comments.

Final announcements were made. The Commander then called for the prayer and final words followed by the retirement of the colors. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

POST DEC MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 11:20AM by Detachment Commander Creech. Commander Creech read the new appointments for the Committees. A motion was made by Roy Fowler, 2nd by Ken Dorsett to accept the appointments. Motion passed. Following some brief announcements by the Adjutant and being no further business, Commander Creech adjourned the meeting at 11:25.

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Juan Torres
Albert Arellano PDC

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Anthony Lambert 8th District Commander

CWF/CMN

Jimmy Don Dixon Chairman
Brad Pack PDC
Jerry Beard 7th District Commander
Alonzo Cavillio 15th District Commander

LEGISLATIVE

Alton Faulkner Chairman
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INTERNET

Gary Winters Chairman

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Connie Waddell Chairman
All 4 Vice Commanders
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PUFL

Richard Bartholomew Chairman
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VA & R

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