

**Detachment Convention
San Antonio, TX September 13-15 2018**

Friday Sept. 13

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by VCD3 Eddy Seegers, Colors being in place, a right hand salute was given. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Preamble, the meeting was called into session at 1:40 pm. Roll call was conducted, all officers were present, All chairman were present except Boys State Travis Arreaga. (excused)

Districts present were 1, 2, 3C, 4, 5, 6C, 7C, 8, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12, 13C, 14, 15C, 16C, 17, 20, 22C.
Numerous Squadrons were in attendance.

Following roll call, JA Rolf Austin, confirmed a quorum. VCD3 Seegers then called for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Gary Randall to accept as published, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion carried.

VCD3 Seegers then asked for volunteers to serve on the Credentials Committee.
Rob Bradley, Brett Kleespies, and Bart Kleespies, were appointed. A motion was made by PDC Creech to accept appointments, 2nd by PDC Gary Randall, motion carried.

VCD3 Seegers then called upon Convention City Chairman, Henry Creech to bring greetings to the convention. After his greetings, he then called upon PDC Thom Skelley for the response to the greeting.

VCD3 Seegers then called upon JA Rolf Austin, for the first reading of credentials.

VCD3 Seegers then recessed the meeting until 10:30 am

All committees met after adjournment, to gather together to finalize their reports.

Saturday, September 14

VCD1 Jon Kingston called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

After the usual opening, VCD1 Kingston asked for the roll call. Adj. Kuehner then called the roll. Again JA Austin declared we had a quorum..

VCD1 Kingston then called upon Department Advisor, John Schendel to give his report. Copy attached.

VCD1 Kingston then called upon JA Austin for the 2nd reading of credentials.

VCD1 Kingston then called for committee reports.

During the reports, Paul Dillard, Candidate for National Commander, gave greetings and thanked the SONS for all we do. A check was supposed to be presented to Paul for his campaign fund. However, the check never made it to San Antonio. He did later receive it.

A warm welcome was given to Past Department President, Christine Trahan as she praised the Detachment for all their help with the Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts. She presented Detachment with a Certificate of Appreciation, and singled out many members with certificates for their personal effort and sacrifice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERNET –

Boys State – Copy of report attached.

CONVENTION CITY – Report given by Henry Creech. He spoke of the numerous restaurants and attractions in San Antonio. Motion By Chmn. Creech to accept his report 2nd by Dustin Moore, motion carried.

Legislative – TJ Lambert gave the report. He spoke about a new program coming up called Space Coast in Cape Canaveral, Florida. A motion was made by Chmn. Lambert to accept, 2nd by Ed Parnell, motion Carried

PUFL – Bill Kuehner gave the report. 127 PUFL cards mailed to members, and 55 Squadrons received credit letters for those members.

Public Relations – Eddy Seegers gave the report. Copy attached. Chmn. Seegers made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Dustin Moore, motion carried.

VA&R –Brett Kleespies gave the report. Copy attached. Chmn. Kleespies made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Dustin Moore, motion carried.

Awards – Ken Dorsett gave the report. Copy attached. Chmn. Dorsett made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Zach Jennings, motion carried.

AMERICANISM – Report was given by Roy Fowler. Copy attached. Chmn. Fowler made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Tom Arista, motion carried.

Lunch Break – 11:45 – 1:00

Commander Torres Reconvened the meeting at 1:00pm

Commander Torres called for the reports to proceed.

NEC David Blair gave his report, and then introduced our special guest SAL National Commander Danny Smith, who brought greetings from the National Organization. He spoke about the 100 years of service from The American Legion, his themes for the year and their successes in membership.

Children and Youth/CMN-CWF –The report was given by Tracy Woods and Shannon Boyce. Copy attached. Motion by Chmn. Wood to accept their report, 2nd by Tom Arista, motion carried.

Department Commander, John Hince then brought greetings from Department. He spoke of the remarkable effort the SONS gave during Hurricane Harvey. He also spoke about a stronger Legion Family from these efforts.

Membership – The report was given By Henry Creech. He talked about certifications and how hard it is to achieve 100% membership. He then read the membership numbers to date. Chmn. Creech made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Eddy Seegers, motion carried. Henry then gave out the membership certificates and checks.

Finance – The report was given by Jon Kingston. Copy attached. Chmn. Kingston made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Tom Arista, after discussion, motion carried.

Marketing – The report was given by Ray Hartline. Copy attached. Motion made by Chmn. Hartline to accept his report, 2nd by PDC Gary Randall, motion carried.

Squadron, District, and Division Commanders reports:

A motion was made by PDC Gary Randall to dispense with the reading of these, 2nd by PDC Henry Creech, motion carried.

Detachment Commander Final Report:

Copy attached

Unfinished Business:

Brad Pack suggested that we should fill out a CSR just on Hurricane Harvey. Brad will take care of it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Winkelmann made a motion to purchase new eagles, and 3 new flag stands for our Detachment flags, 2nd by Brad Pack, motion carried.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Ken Peters Jr. spoke about the 6th District fundraiser at Granbury post 491, onSept. 15, 2018. Copy of flyer attached.

8th District announced that they are planning a cook-off, and challenges all Districts. Details to follow.

Detachment Historian, Dustin Moore, then put on a power point presentation on the Hurricane Harvey efforts, and the members participation helping those in need and providing needed supplies. Good Job!

Commander Torres then called for recess until 9:00am

Sunday, September 15

Commander Torres called the meeting to order at 9:00am

After the usual opening, Commander Torres then called for the roll. Adj. Kuehner called the roll, and JA Austin confirmed we do have a quorum.

Commander Torres then presented gifts to his officers and chairmen, thanking them for an awesome year.

Commander Torres then called upon JA Rolf Austin to give the final credential report and conduct the election of officers. The following officers were elected to office:

Commander – Jon Kingston
VCD1 – Tom Arista
VCD2 – David Moore
VCD3 – Teofilo Ruiz
VCD4 – Ken Dorsett
Adjutant – Bill Kuehner
Finance Officer – Henry Creech

Chaplain – Jeff Saul
Judge Advocate – Rolf Austin
Historian – Dustin Moore
Sgt. At Arms – Zach Jennings
Asst. Sgt. At Arms – Taylor Watson
NEC – David Blair
Alt. NEC – Juan Torres

A copy of the Committee Chairmen and members on those committees are attached.

Commander Torres then stepped down with a standing ovation.

Commander Kingston took the podium with the same greeting. He then spoke to the delegation.

There being no further business Commander Kingston called upon Chaplain Jeff Saul to give the benediction. He then called upon Sgt. At Arms Zach Jennings to retire the colors.

Commander Kingston then declared the 2018 Detachment Convention adjourned at 10:15 am.

Following the closing of the meeting, SAL National Commander, Danny Smith, installed the newly elected officers.

Commander Kingston held a post DEC meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Kuehner
Detachment Adjutant