

At the 2022 Detachment Convention, I reported on the progress of our Legacy page on the Web Site. This page was intended to be a repository of our parents/grandparents whose service entitled us to our membership in The Sons of The American Legion. This effort should have been something the membership is proud of because without our parent's service to this great country we would not be eligible for membership in The Sons of The American Legion. Since 2017 and with 5000 plus members in the State of Texas we have had only 28 members, with none submitted since the 2021 Detachment Convention, submit their legacy. This is extremely sad state of affairs. Our Preamble starts with the line "Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars". Are we members of the Sons of The American Legion from the Detachment of Texas not proud of our forefathers whose eligibility made us eligible to be members of The Sons of The American Legion? I am challenging all Detachment Officers to submit a picture and short recap of your Parents service. As our Preamble says "Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars". Let's show that pride.

Gary Winters,
Internet Chairman
thumper_mia231@yahoo.com

**INTERNET REPORT
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
DETACHMENT CONVENTION**

July 15, 2022

We need all of the newly elected Officers, Division and District Commanders, and Committee Chairmen to get with the Historian and get a picture or email us a picture for the website.'

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.

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

You can visit it by the link on our main web site <http://saltexas.org>. Here you will find forms, membership information, coming events, news from around the state and from the national organization, minutes from meetings and more.

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

Lastly, at the request of Past Detachment Commander Skelly, we asked the membership to populate the Legacy page on the Web Site. This page was intended to be a repository of our parents/grandparents whose service entitled us to our membership in The Sons of The American Legion. This effort should have been something the membership is proud of because without our parent's service to this great country we would not be eligible for membership in The Sons of The American Legion. Since 2017 and with 5000 plus members in the State of Texas we have had only 28 members, with none submitted since last Detachment Convention, submit their legacy. This is extremely sad state of affairs. Our Preamble starts with the line "Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars". Are we members of the Sons of The American Legion from the Detachment of Texas not proud of our forefathers whose eligibility made us eligible to be a member of The Sons of The American Legion. How many Detachment officers have made a submission? Only 3. That being said, let's please work to get this page populated with a place that we are proud of.

Gary Winters,
Internet Chairman

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

Initial Decisions

Chairman Eddy Seeger
1st Division Commander Kent Daniel
2nd Division Commander Officer Galt
Kerry McKelvie
David Blair

Joining as the meeting was in progress was National Membership Officer Thomas Seeger.

Initial decisions were regarding plans for the 2022 year and the 2023 year.

According to the most recent report from National Membership Officer Seeger, the 2021 membership was 5,385 with a goal of 5,425. This leaves 44 more members to reach the 2022 membership goal for the 2022 year. The Chairman mentioned that the 2023 year is a report on the 2022 membership pending moving its own report on the 2023 year.

Discussion then moved to the number of Squadrons and the number of members per Squadron membership for several years. At this time, the Chairman mentioned that the 2023 year is a report on the 2022 membership pending moving its own report on the 2023 year.

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National Membership Chairman Thomas Seeger mentioned that the 2023 year is a report on the 2022 membership pending moving its own report on the 2023 year. The importance of all Squadrons and the importance of the 2023 year is mentioned that many are not aware of the importance of the 2023 year. This number is supposed to be the number of members per Squadron. KEPT BY THE SQUADRON.

Chairman Seeger also mentioned that the 2023 year is a report on the 2022 membership pending moving its own report on the 2023 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

REVISED

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILD WELFARE

The Children and Youth/Child Welfare meeting was held on Friday, July 15, 2022. The following members were present: Shannon Boyce, Tracy Wood, Past Detachment Commander Brad Pack and Mike Graham.

Winners are as listed:

Small- 179 New Braunfels

Medium- 208 Kerrville

Large- ~~554 League City~~ 453 DALLAS LOVE FIELD
District-5th

Totals are as listed:

Donations CWF-\$11,141.50

Hours CWF-773

Donations Special Olympics-\$1350.00

Hours Special Olympics-52

Donations Children Miracle Network-\$1175.00

Hours Children Miracle Network-2

Donations Ronald McDonald House-\$20

Hours Ronald McDonald House-6

Children's Organ Transplant Donations-\$900

Hours Children's Organ Transplant-3

Donations TAL Vet & Child Foundation-\$1155.00

Hours TAL Vet & Child Foundation-203

Donations other C&Y Projects-\$17,423

Hours Other C&Y Projects-4254

Motion made by Chairman Wood to Reimburse PDC Pack for money out of pocket for pizza etc. in the amount of \$327.00. Seconded by Chairman Boyce; motion carried.

Don't forget the goings on at Post 447 Saturday afternoon and Pie Eating or something like that.

No other business and meeting concluded at 5:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Boyce

Chairman Wood

CHILDREN & YOUTH

1ST PLACE - SHARON 317

2ND - VALERIE

3RD - SAG

4TH - TRAM WOOD
~~WORST TEAM~~

CORNHOLE WINNERS

1ST JOEY BESS/ DAVID BLAIR

2ND TRAM WOOD/ ROY FOWLER

3RD BRET KLEESPIES/ BILL KEHNER

WORST TEAM DUSTIN FOWLER/ ~~WILLIAM~~ MICHAEL CARDIGER

Awards

7-14-22 302 pm

Ray Fowler

20th Dis Com.

PDC Kingston

5th Dis Com.

Dustin Fowler

Tom Arista

Duel Member

Adolf Vellago

Mother of Year

Terri Dunken

Adjutant of Year

Carl Pearson

Sal Member of Year

Mark Rodriguez

David Daw UATR

Charles Scott

VA&R COMMITTEE

July 16, 2022

The VA&R Committee met at 9:00 AM with the following members: Ian Fluckiger, Keith Gatis, Bret Kleespies

Winners were:

Small- Jarrell 317

Medium-Kerrville 208

Large-Love Field 453

Donations and Hours are as follows:

VA Medical Center and Facilities donations-\$4138.00

VA Medical Center and Facilities hours-1856

State Veterans Facilities donations-\$1050.00

State Veterans Facilities hours-184

National Veterans Assistance Day donations-\$475.00

National Veterans Assistance Day hours-57

Operation Comfort Warriors donations-\$5773.00

Operation Comfort Warriors hours-199

Fisher House donations-\$1900.00

Fisher House hours-36

Other VA Projects-\$7046.00

Other VA hours—5008

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bret Kleespies', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Bret Kleespies, Chairman

VA&R

S.A.L. Detachment Convention

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 10:09 AM on July 15, 2022

Attendees:	Clifton Guillory	Steve Slaughter
	Kevin Winkelmann	Henry Creech
	Jon Kingston	Tom Arista
	Connie Waddell Jr.	

Keven mentioned that National will now do Commander training at the National Convention instead of in October. We will need to pay his expenses for 3 days less the \$150 paid by National.

Motion to Approve by Henry Creech. Seconded by Kevin Winkelmann. Motion passed.

We will pay Commanders and NECs parking, ground transportation, and baggage fees for National Convention. This will be added to our bylaws.

Motion to Approve by Henry Creech. Seconded by Kevin Winkelmann. Motion passed.

We will purchase a computer for Gary Winters and one for Kevin Winkelmann at approximately \$1800 for both. Gary Winters will verify cost.

Motion to Approve by Steve Slaughter. Seconded by Jon Kingston. Motion passed.

Motion to pay approximately \$1800 for Convention PA system and tables for meeting.

Motion to Approve by Kevin Winkelmann. Seconded by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

Motion to setup a National Candidate Campaign Account.

Motion to Approve by Kevin Winkelmann. Seconded by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

We will add \$168 to CWF donation to cover trophies for Cornhole tournament.

Motion to Approve by Kevin Winkelmann. Seconded by Jon Kingston Motion passed.

Legion is late distributing Finance Reports. The last one we received was for January 31, received on March 24, 2002. This Legion has been waiting for Investment Numbers from Walter Ivory. Walter has been on the road with National Commander Paul Dillard.

We will base our 2022-2023 budget on membership of 5500 rather than the current year Net Income. The current Net Income is excessive due to timing of past year membership receipts.

We will begin using a new form for committee expenses beginning with incoming committees. Hopefully, this will get the committees to plan any special expenses.

End of Finance Committee Report

After business: The Finance Committee is looking into paying the Adjutant a salary between \$250 and \$500. *a month.*

Motion to Adjourn at 11:15 by Henry Creech. Second: Kevin Winkelmann. Motion Passed

Chaplain's Fall DEC Report 2021

07/15/2022

As of this date, there have been 11 reports submitted to me of Sons that have passed away since the State Convention 2021. I have mailed 9 coins and Resolutions of Squadron Everlasting to be delivered by either the Squadron Commander, District Commander, or Division Commander in person.

As usual, please contact me thru the Detachment's website using the Chaplain's Corner link.

Please give the pertinent information such as; Name, Squadron Name and Number, Address, Next of Kin, and whether or not you have a coin already and just need the Resolution e-mailed or if you need everything snail-mailed.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Ed Parnell, Chaplain
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Texas*

Texas Convention Sons of The American Legion 2022

Americanism Committee report 7/16/2022

The Americanism Committee consisting of

Americanism Chairman : Ed Parnell

PDC: Connie Waddell

11th District Commander: Dustin Fowler

Met on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 5:30pm to process the Consolidated Squadron Reports.

There were 41 Squadron reports and 4 District reports turned in.

(see attached for totals)

The winners as selected for small, medium and large Squadrons are as follows;

Small Squadron: 57 Parramore

Medium Squadron: 19 Weeds Lunch

Large Squadron: 554 League City

Winning District: 9th District

Winners were selected, as usual, by the OVERALL Americanism works of each Squadron.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Parnell

Americanism Committee

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Texas



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT

June 1, 20__ to May 31, 20__

Please check **one** box indicating the reporting entity level:☒ Detachment☐ District☐ Squadron1 TEXAS Detachment (State)

3 _____ Squadron Number

5 _____ Paid-to-Date Membership Count, Current Year

7 _____ City/Town

2 _____ District

4 AMERICANISM Squadron Name

6 _____ Paid-Up Final Membership Count, Prior Year

8 _____ Zip Code

If the reporting entity is a District (or Detachment) the entity agrees that their report of dollars and hours **ONLY INCLUDES** those approved and expended by Officers and Members of that entity, and **ARE NOT** cumulative of the Squadrons (or Squadrons and Districts) that they represent.

Please type or print all information clearly. For the program details below only mark lines for which you are reporting data (leave '0' values blank).

AMERICANISM

1	<u>5575</u>	Donations, Boys State / Girls State	2	<u>774</u>	No. of Hours, Boys State / Girls State
3	<u>640</u>	Donations, 5-Star / 10-Ideals Education	4	<u>0</u>	No. of Hours, 5-Star / 10-Ideals Education
5	<u>6063</u>	Donations, Flags Presented (All Sizes/Events)	6	<u>102494</u>	No. of Hours, Flags Presented (All Sizes/Events)
7	<u>N/A</u>	N/A	8	<u>22174</u>	No. of Flags Presented (All Sizes/Events)
9	<u>2133</u>	Donations, Flag Education Programs	10	<u>482</u>	No. of Hours, Flag Education Programs
11	<u>9950</u>	Donations, Scholarships Awarded	12	<u>1272</u>	No. of Hours, Other Educational Programs
13	<u>700</u>	Donations, Oratorical Contest	14	<u>820</u>	No. of Hours, Oratorical Contest
15	<u>500</u>	Donations, Color Guard	16	<u>987</u>	No. of Hours, Color Guard
17	<u>37148</u>	Donations, Other Organizations	18	<u>849208</u>	No. of Hours, Community Service
19	<u>1950</u>	Donations, Scouting	20	<u>3174</u>	No. of Hours, Scouting
21	<u>0</u>	Donations, Junior Shooting Sports	22	<u>22</u>	No. of Hours, Junior Shooting Sports
23	<u>6320</u>	Donations, American Legion Baseball	24	<u>1757</u>	No. of Hours, American Legion Baseball
25	<u>1383</u>	Donations, Other Teams Sponsored	26	<u>547</u>	No. of Hours, Other Teams Sponsored
27	<u>890</u>	Donations, Blood Drives	28	<u>558</u>	No. of Hours, Blood Drives
29	<u>2250</u>	Donations, National Emergency Fund	30	<u>355</u>	No. of Hours, National Emergency Fund
31	<u>1320</u>	Donations, Legacy Scholarship Fund	32	<u>78</u>	No. of Hours, Legacy Scholarship Fund
33	<u>21750</u>	Donations, Other Americanism Projects	34	<u>155841</u>	No. of Hours, Other Americanism Projects

CHILDREN & YOUTH

1	_____	Donations, Child Welfare Foundation	2	_____	No. of Hours, Child Welfare Foundation
3	_____	Donations, Special Olympics	4	_____	No. of Hours, Special Olympics
5	_____	Donations, Children's Miracle Network	6	_____	No. of Hours, Children's Miracle Network
7	_____	Donations, Ronald McDonald House	8	_____	No. of Hours, Ronald McDonald House
9	_____	Donations, Children's Organ Trans. Assn.	10	_____	No. of Hours, Children's Organ Trans. Assn.
11	_____	Donations, T.A.L. Vets. and Child. Found.	12	_____	No. of Hours, T.A.L. Vets. and Child. Found.
13	_____	Donations, Other C&Y Projects	14	_____	No. of Hours, Other C&Y Projects

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

1	_____	Donations, V.A. Medical Ctrs. & Facilities	2	_____	No. of Hours, V.A. Medical Ctrs. & Facilities
3	_____	Donations, State Veterans Facilities	4	_____	No. of Hours, State Veterans Facilities
5	_____	Donations, Nat'l Veterans Assist. Day	6	_____	No. of Hours, Nat'l Veterans Assist. Day
7	_____	Donations, Operation Comfort Warriors	8	_____	No. of Hours, Operation Comfort Warriors
9	_____	Donations, Fisher House	10	_____	No. of Hours, Fisher House
11	_____	Donations, Other VA&R Projects	12	_____	No. of Hours, Other VA&R Projects

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

1	_____	Donations, VE&E Projects	2	_____	No. of Hours, VE&E Projects
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1	_____	Other Donations, Not Covered Above	2	_____	Other Hours, Not Covered Above
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Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Email Address: _____

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas Veterans Employment and Education Committee

2022 Detachment Convention Report

Once again, the Texas Workforce Commission continues to lead the way to support our veterans with resources to acquire gainful employment, training and other job related skills. They have worked with over 17,000 employers, connected over 95,000 job seekers to gainful employment and helped facilitate over 2,500 same day hires.

There have been some 40 plus local job fairs in Texas thus far in 2022 and a list of over 50 upcoming job fairs, either in person or virtual, is attached to this report. The committee only received one update on volunteering for VE&E and that came from Squadron 586 Houston who hosted a chili cook-off and donated the proceeds to CAMP HOPE, so please, if you have volunteered at an event or donated, please let us know.

At this time, there are four scheduled stand downs thru October.

- 1 August 6th in Houston-contact amish.desai@va.gov
- 2 September 16th in El Paso-contact rita.garcia3@va.gov
- 3 October 22nd in Denton contact artie.williams@va.gov
- 4 October 29th in Dallas contact linda.saucedo@va.gov

The committee was aware of a local job fair planned to have taken place in May by the members of a Legion Auxiliary Unit, but do not have any details as to its' success

If you need more information or would like to volunteer at any of these events, please contact the Texas Workforce Commission at twc.texas.gov or the aforementioned VA representatives

Respectfully submitted,

Thom Skelley-VE&E Chairman

Virtual and In-Person Job Fairs

Date Type of Event

(Virtual or In-Person)	Event Title	Time	Location (City)	Texas Workforce Development Board
Event Link	Contact			
7/19/22 In-Person Job Fair	8am - 3pm Midland Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3naK7YK	Rose Fonseca/ Vivian Giddings	432-686-4879
7/19/22 In-Person Ft. Stockton Job Fair	9am - 1pm Ft. Stockton Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3xKdvKe	Martha	432-336-6382
7/20/22 Virtual Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area		
http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5045			
7/20/22 In-Person State Supported Living Express Hire	8am - 5pm San Angelo	Concho Valley		
https://www.cvworkforce.org/	Keri Long 325-465-2369			
7/20/22 In-Person Pecos Job Fair	10am - 2pm Pecos Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3xKdXrU	Maribel	Guerra 432-445-9664
7/20/22 In-Person Partner Up! Community Job Fair at the MPEC	1pm - 4pm Wichita Falls	North Texas		
https://ntxworksolutions.org/upcoming-events/	Annette Barker, 940-322-1801 ext.132			
7/21/22 In-Person Winstar Hotel Hiring Event	10am - 12pm	Gainesville @ Workforce Solutions Texoma,		
1311 N. Grand, Ste. 200	Texoma	https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/hiring-events/	Resource Room Staff 940-665-1121	
7/21/22 In-Person Georgetown Business Expo & Veterans Job Fair	Open to Veterans 3pm- 4pm			
Open to general public 4pm - 6pm	Georgetown Community Center			
445 E Morrow St, Georgetown, TX 78626	Rural Capital Area	https://bit.ly/3wy9msb	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5046	
7/26/22 In-Person Job Fair	10am - 2pm Odessa Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3tTwUam	Fernanda/Jeremy	432-367-3332
7/26/22 Virtual Virtual Job Fair	9am - 5pm Odessa Permian Basin	https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/8rVLo8		
Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332				

7/27/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5046
8/3/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5047
8/3/22	In-Person	Texoma Medical Center Walk-In Wednesday Hiring Event	11am - 1pm	Denison @ Workforce Solutions Texoma		
2415 S. Austin Ave, Ste 105	Texoma	https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/hiring-events/	Resource Room Staff 903-463-9997 ext. 504 or 405			
8/4/22	In-Person	Tyson Hiring Event	1pm - 4pm	Denison @ Workforce Solutions Texoma		
2415 S. Austin Ave, Ste 105	Texoma	https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/hiring-events/	Resource Room Staff 903-463-9997 ext. 504 or 405			
8/10/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5048
8/16/22	In-Person	Job Fair 8am - 3pm	Midland Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3QxyGHQ	Rose Fonseca/ Vivian Giddings	432-686-4879
8/16/22	In-Person	Big Spring Job Fair 10am - 2pm	Big Spring Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3bk9G6F	Anastacia	432-263-8373
8/16/22	In-Person	Job Fair 9am - 1pm	Ft. Stockton Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3OyWIWI	Martha	432-336-6382
8/17/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5049
8/23/22	In-Person	Job Fair 10am - 2pm	Odessa Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3zTMO8m	Fernanda/Jeremy	432-367-3332
8/23/22	Virtual	Virtual Job Fair 9am - 5pm	Odessa Permian Basin	https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/Wzrz5W	Fernanda/Jeremy	432-367-3332
8/24/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5050
8/24/22	In-Person	Job Fair 10am - 2pm	Pecos Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3zRRcF2	Maribel Guerra	432-445-9664
8/31/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5051
9/7/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5052
9/8/22	In-Person	Job Fair 10am - 2pm	Lamesa Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3n66zC6	Anastacia	432-263-8373
9/13/22	In-Person	Big Spring Job Fair 10am - 2pm	Big Spring Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3n6Q1d9	Anastacia	432-263-8373
9/14/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo 10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5053
9/20/22	In-Person	Job Fair 8am - 3pm	Midland Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3QE5aAI	Rose Fonseca/ Vivian Giddings	432-686-4879

9/20/22	In-Person	Job Fair	9am - 1pm Ft. Stockton	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3zR1Uvv	Martha 432-336-6382
9/21/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5054
9/21/22	In-Person	Pecos Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Pecos Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/39FnNUO	Maribel Guerra 432-445-9664
9/27/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Odessa Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3zXa8Ci	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
9/27/22	Virtual	Virtual Job Fair	9am - 5pm Odessa	Permian Basin	https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/x34EEW	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
9/28/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5055
10/5/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5056
10/12/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5057
10/18/22	In-Person	Job Fair	8am - 3pm Midland	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3Nct2YV	Rose Fonseca/ Vivian Giddings 432-686-4879
10/18/22	In-Person	Big Spring Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Big Spring Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3HGyxOq	Anastacia 432-263-8373
10/18/22	In-Person	Job Fair	9am - 1pm Ft. Stockton	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3biz1hs	Martha 432-336-6382
10/19/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5058
10/19/22	In-Person	Pecos Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Pecos Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3tVwBMD	Maribel Guerra 432-445-9664
10/25/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Odessa Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3QE5fUF	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
10/25/22	Virtual	Virtual Job Fair	9am - 5pm Odessa	Permian Basin	https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/WBNkNW	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
10/26/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5059
11/2/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5060
11/3/22	In-Person	Lamesa Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Lamesa Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3QC2GCp	Anastacia 432-263-8373
11/9/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5061
11/15/22	In-Person	Job Fair	8am - 3pm Midland	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/39LzDfe	Rose Fonseca/ Vivian Giddings 432-686-4879
11/15/22	In-Person	Job Fair	9am - 1pm Ft. Stockton	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3bdWMqZ	Martha 432-336-6382

11/15/22	In-Person	Big Spring Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Big Spring	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3yaGIIe	Anastacia 432-263-8373
11/16/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5062
11/16/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Pecos	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3Oca3z5	Maribel Guerra 432-445-9664
11/23/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5063
11/29/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Odessa	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3n95IWY	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
11/29/22	Virtual	Virtual Job Fair	9am - 5pm	Odessa	Permian Basin	https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/8lqV6d	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
11/30/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5064
12/7/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5065
12/13/22	In-Person	Job Fair	8am - 3pm	Midland	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3HKEdqx	Rose Fonseca/ Vivian Giddings 432-686-4879
12/13/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Big Spring	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3QIb43h	Anastacia 432-263-8373
12/14/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Pecos	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3zW2Xdv	Maribel Guerra 432-445-9664
12/14/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5066
12/20/22	In-Person	Job Fair	10am - 2pm	Odessa	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3tSq19c	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
12/20/22	Virtual	Virtual Job Fair	9am - 5pm	Odessa	Permian Basin	https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/dVnDgd	Fernanda/Jeremy 432-367-3332
12/20/22	In-Person	Job Fair	9am - 1pm	Ft. Stockton	Permian Basin	https://bit.ly/3tSlmEu	Martha 432-336-6382
12/21/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5067
12/28/22	Virtual	Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo	10am-4pm	Rural Capital Area	Rural Capital Area	http://bit.ly/workforcewednesdaysexpo	Brian Hernandez - 512.244.7966 ext. 5068

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILD WELFARE

The Children and Youth/Child Welfare meeting was held on Friday, July 15, 2022. The following members were present: Shannon Boyce, Tracy Wood, Past Detachment Commander Brad Pack and Mike Graham.

Winners are as listed:

Small- 179 New Braunfels

Medium- 208 Kerrville

Large- 554 League City

District-5th

Totals are as listed:

Donations CWF-\$11,141.50

Hours CWf-773

Donations Special Olympics-\$1350.00

Hours Special Olympics-52

Donations Children Miracle Network-\$1175.00

Hours Children Miracle Network—2

Donations Ronald McDonald House-\$20

Hours Ronald McDonald House-6

Children's Organ Transplant Donations-\$900

Hours Children's Organ Transplant-3

Donations TAL Vet & Child Foundation-\$1155.00

Hours TAL Vet & Child Foundation-203

Donations other C&Y Projects-\$17,423

Hours Other C&Y Projects-4254

Motion made by Chairman Wood to Reimburse PDC Pack for money out of pocket for pizza etc. in the amount of \$327.00. Seconded by Chairman Boyce; motion carried.

Don't forget the goings on at Post 447 Saturday afternoon and Pie Eating or something like that.

No other business and meeting concluded at 5:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Boyce

Chairman Wood

July 16, 2022

Marketing committee met on Friday Afternoon.

At last meeting I stated I was looking for new vendor, We have one. Price has gone up a little bit. We discussed changing colors but have not decided that yet. I can order several different colors of shirts if you or your squadron wants a different color. I will do special orders.

Thanks For your support

Rg

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
JULY 16, 2022

S. 2089, the "Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022," which extends certain flexibilities for child nutrition programs and provides temporary increases in reimbursement rates for school meals and meals provided at child care centers;

On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, the President signed into law:

H.R. 55, the "Emmett Till Anti lynching Act," which makes lynching a Federal hate crime.

On Tuesday, March 15, 2022, the President signed into law:

S. 1543, the "Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention Act of 2021" or the "STANDUP Act of 2021," which prioritizes in certain grant programs, educational agencies that implement suicide awareness and prevention training policies, and to provide best practices for such training policies.

S. 2938, the "Bipartisan Safer Communities Act," which enhances certain restrictions and penalties on firearms purchases; promotes evidence-based best practices for school safety; authorizes grants to expand access to mental health services; and appropriates emergency funding for mental health resources and school safety measures

PACT ACT 2022

This bill addresses health care, presumption of service-connection, research, resources, and other matters related to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during military service.

The bill provides eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care, including mental health services and counseling, to veterans who (1) participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (a qualifying activity that requires a corresponding entry in an exposure tracking record system), (2) served in specified locations on specified dates, or (3) deployed in support of a specified contingency operation.

The bill establishes the Formal Advisory Committee on Toxic Exposure to assist with the various procedures in establishing or removing presumptions of service-connection.

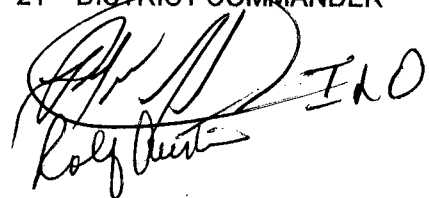
The bill modifies or establishes the presumption of service-connection for certain conditions or purposes for various groups of veterans.


MILTON R CHATHAM
CHAIRMAN

ALBERT ARELLANO
PDC



JOEY BESS
21ST DISTRICT COMMANDER



PUFL Report 7-16-22
DETACHMENT CONVENTION

AS OF 7-15-22, TEXAS HAS 189 ACTIVE
PUFL MEMBERS.

THERE IS ALSO 39 DECEASED PUFL MEMBERS

DURING THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, PUFL COLLECTED
\$8,965.⁰⁰, JULY 2021 CONVENTION TO JULY
2022 CONVENTION.

THE RATES FOR THE PUFL WILL NOT CHANGE
FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. HOWEVER,
THE \$7.⁰⁰ CREDIT IS STILL ON HOLD FOR
THE NEXT YEAR.

2023 CARDS WILL BE SENT OUT AS SOON
AS THEY ARRIVE IN AUSTIN AT HEADQUARTERS

Convention City Report – Detachment Convention July 15th-17th, 2022 – Austin Texas

Be aware that it is important that you get your next hotel reservations done as soon as they are released by Department and available. Please refer to the recent Call Letter/Minutes with the 2-Page Convention City Report showing DEC/Convention dates, hotels, and contact information for the next several years. This can also be found at website txlegion.org "CONVENTIONS".

The following are some possible alternative hotels if it becomes necessary to acquire other hotel accommodations during this Convention:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin Northwest Arboretum

4.0 star property

4.0/5 Very Good - Expedia.com to book Guests rated this property 4.2/5 for cleanliness.

Estimate \$350 2 days – room taxes parking / about 7 minutes from Renaissance Hotel

Address:

8901 Business Park Dr, Austin, TX 78759

Phone: [\(512\) 343-0888](tel:5123430888)

Embassy Suites by Hilton Austin Arboretum

Address:

9505 Stonelake Blvd, Austin, TX 78759 estimate \$360 2 days room taxes

Phone: [\(512\) 372-8771](tel:5123728771)

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Austin North/Lakeline

Address:

13501 Lyndhurst St, Austin, TX 78717 estimate \$343 2 days room taxes

Phone: [\(512\) 257-0600](tel:5122570600)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites: Austin NW - Arboretum Area

10711 N Research Blvd, Austin, TX [512-346-5555](tel:5123465555) estimate 2 days \$276.12 room taxes

Chairperson – Lewis Elam PDC – Joe McPeters District Commander – Michael Carriger

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 – \$123 January 18 – 19, 2025 – \$127

All Conventions, DEC's, and Conferences can be looked up at www.txlegion.org pick CONVENTIONS.

HOTEL LISTINGS

103rd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

July 11th - 17th, 2022

Detachment meets Friday-Sunday, July 15th-17th, 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 ²¹15, 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 14th -- 16th Room rate \$115 2024 -- July 12th -- 14th Room rate \$117 2025 -- July 11th -- 13th Room rate \$119



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Fall DEC

Austin Southpark Hotel
4140 Governors Row
Austin, TX. 78744
(512) 448-2222

September 22 – 26, 2021

ROOM RATE IS \$119.00

[DEC Call In \(pdf\)](#)

[DEC Agenda \(pdf\)](#)

[DEC Schedule \(pdf\)](#)

[Commission & Committee Agendas](#)

Department Commander has set the dress code for the Fall DEC meeting: All committee and commission will be business casual and the Department Executive Committee meeting will be business attire (Coat & Tie).

The Department Executive Committee at their January 26, 2014 approved to discontinue the registration fee for all attendees for the Fall DEC.

Future Fall DEC Dates:

September 21 – 25, 2022 – \$121.00



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Mid Winter Conference

The City of Austin and Travis County are currently at stage 5 amidst omicron outbreaks.

All attendees to the Midwinter Conference are encouraged to wear a mask at all times when in public spaces of the hotel, in the elevators and in all meeting rooms.

Austin Southpark Hotel

4140 Governor's Row

Austin, TX. 78744

(512) 448-2222

January 19 – 23, 2022

Room Rate for 2021 is \$121.00

Start Date: Saturday, January 15, 2022

End Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Last Day to Book: Sunday, December 19, 2021

Book your group rate for American Legion – Mid Winter Conference

Use the link above to book your room, or call the toll free reservation number –
1-888-236-2427

Mid Winter Call In (pdf)

Mid Winter Shedule (pdf)

Mid Winter Agenda (pdf)

Mid Winter Joint Session (pdf)

Meeting Agendas (pdf)

The Department will be conducting training on Saturday during the Midwinter Conference, training is open to anyone to attend.

Please see the Midwinter Schedule above to get the course topics, times and locations.

The Department Executive Committee at their January 26, 2014 approved to discontinue the registration fee for all attendees for the Midwinter Conference.

Future Dates:

January 17 – 22, 2023 – \$123.00

January 16 – 21, 2024 – \$125.00

January 14 – 19, 2025 – \$127.00



End of Year Report

Tom Arista
Detachment Commander
Sons of The American Legion
State of Texas
2021 - 2022

July 2021

- Attended department convention – SAL Detachment Commander position begins
- Attended American Legion Baseball dinner and games
- Installed squadron officers at Benbrook

August 2021

- Visited League City, Texas City & Galveston posts while in Galveston area
- Attended district 11 annual picnic at Killeen post

September 2021

- Visited SAL at Mt. Vernon SAL & also visited Hooks, Tawakoni, Greenville, Plano posts
- Attended Round Rock 9-11 ceremony & also visited Balstrop and Jerrell posts
- Attended fall DEC Convention.

October 2021

- Attended NEC (Commander School)
- Traveled to Krum to participate in presenting van and wheelchair to Josh
- Attended 10 district convention – no quorum for SAL – had roundtable

November 2021

- Attended annual event at airsoft location, including flag retirement ceremony for Midlothian post & also visited Ennis post
- Attended Veterans Day Program at Mineral Wells
- Attended Celebrating Veterans at Carrollton post—special speaker Corporal Zach Briesno—he spoke about disabled veterans who are now police officers
- Helped prepare for 1st Responders Thanksgiving—cooked turkeys all day Wednesday, Wednesday night and Thursday morning
- Delivered Thanksgiving meals to fire stations for 1st Responders

December 2021

- Delivered food & raffle item to League City post & also visited TX City Post, Galveston Post
- Escorted 1st Lady when she participated in special event in Galveston
- Attended SAL's WWII father's service
- Assisted in packing pack food baskets for Christmas dinner for veterans & families
- Attended Army-Navy game (invitation).

January 2022

- National ALA President visited Texas—we visited medical centers & Petco Love K-9 Center
- Attended mid-winter convention
- Attended 5th district coffee tour—visited two posts

February 2022

- Attended 5th district prayer breakfast
- Visited squadron at Bedford & also attended Jr ALA birthday party
- Attended Valentines Day dinner and dance in Killeen post (invitation)
- Traveled to Naples for SAL revitalization – formation of new squadron
- Attended oratorical contest & dinner
- Detachment Commander's homecoming at Dallas Love Field
- Attended madam president's homecoming in McAllen

March 2022

- Visited with squadron commander in Pilot Point
- Attended district 19 convention in Halletteville
- Attended Legion Vice Commander's mother's funeral in Greenville
- Visited squadron commander in Greenville
- Attended district 1 convention in Paris
- Visited with district 1 commander (could not attend the convention).

April 2022

- Attended district 9 convention in Missouri City
- Attended district 6 convention in Bryan
- Attended district 7 convention in Willis
- Attended dist 12 convention in Mansfield
- Attended 1st Responders' Awards ceremony at Greenville post (invitation)
- Attended division 2 convention in Beaumont

May 2022

- Attended division 1 convention in Ft. Worth
- Delivered food to Clifton Guillory for fundraising for him and Beaumont (met up half way)
- Attended Division 3 convention in Corpus Christi
- Attended Division 4 conv in Kerrville
- Was emcee at Memorial Day program at Dallas Love Field post

June 2022

- Attended Kerrville annual fundraiser and flag retirement ceremony
- Had meeting at Kaufman post – SAL situation
- Attended Tawakoni SAL annual fish fry
- Attended and spoke at Boys State

July 2022

- Attended 4th of July celebration and did squadron installation at McAllen
- This weekend - attending department convention

Thank you,

Tom Arista
Detachment Commander
Sons of The American Legion
2021 - 2022

5th District Sons of the American Legion 2021-2022 Convention Report

Squadrons 81 Duncanville, 111 Cedar Hill, 275 Oak Cliff, 368 Richardson, 424 Dallas, 453 Love Field, 504 Mesquite, 507 Balch Springs, 511 Wynnewood, and 597 Carrollton of the 5th District Detachment of Texas are in Good Standing for 2022. We have set Veterans Day, November 11th, 2022 as our Early Bird 100% Retention Goal for 2023 Renewals.

The previous year we were all faced with extraordinary challenges; and it is happening again. Can we implement a simple, basic plan using a communication strategy to be effective, successful, and accomplish our goals? Despite these past and current obstacles, the opportunity to rise above it all is available to every member of the American Legion Family. Yes, the Sons can do it.

Why is our Membership so important? Is it that we have numbers to brag about? No, it is much more than that. We are not a military; or a policing agency. We are a volunteer program of the American Legion which has been granted a charter to protect and serve our country and classified as a non-profit Veterans Service Organization.

With the blessings of the Master of Might, we hold dear Old Glory the symbol of our great nation. Check out the Son's Challenge Coin that has the U.S. Flag on it. One of our accountabilities is the AL Pillar, "Americanism". There are several items on our CSR "Consolidated Squadron Report" concerning our flag activities each year. These items are important activity expectations which are approved by the American Legion.

Last fall at AL Post 453 Love Field Dallas, 5th District S.A.L. requested 1st Division Commander Ed Parnell (also Texas Detachment Chaplain & Americanism Chairman) to come and do CSR training. We learned that all the CSR hours are converted to a Volunteer Dollar Value which was a great revelation. The most significant fact is that "Line 18 - Community Service" is where our displayed residence U.S. Flag hours go. A properly illuminated displayed U.S. Flag's hours is calculated at 365 days times 24 hours per day which equals 8,760 hours. If we use the current \$27.50 Volunteer Rate, then this is \$240,900. A Son Member who has a lighted Residence Flag is worth \$240,900 each year. These hours get added when hours are accumulated and reported annually by the American Legion in Washington every Fall.

Our Members are valuable pieces of the CSR Puzzle. No missing pieces. Every piece counts. Every Member is valuable! But... If they do not renew, then their volunteer value is \$0. A big fat ZERO! As a minimum, every squadron should have for Community Service "line 18 Americanism" 12 hours if unlighted x 365 days x 10 members = 43,800 hours; valued by National as \$1,204,500. Don't forget to include your Post's U.S. Flag hours, too. Now we know what a Son and a Squadron is worth. The dues are nothing compared to the

true value of a Son and the Squadron. This is why S.A.L. Membership is so important. It's about every member; not just getting members.

A critical tool is our myLegion.org. It is imperative that we get this working at 100% plus. We need to have a Membership Task Force to assist our membership with myLegion.org. There are only 2 Fulltime Staff Members supporting S.A.L. at National Headquarters. This is inadequate and we need to be part of the solution and not be negative finger pointers creating non-supporting opposition to a tool that has; and will help us. We need this myLegion Detachment Team working for us in Texas that will help all Squadrons.

The 5th District S.A.L. has been using myLegion.org. It has been well received and used successfully. Yes, it needed fixes and hands-on training. I, Commander Elam gave a myLegion.org training back in September 2021 at AL Post 424 Dallas which helped 5th District to meet it's 100% 2022 Membership Goal early; as well as getting all Squadrons to make their 100% 2022 Membership Goal before the Legion Birthday.

5th District S.A.L. Commander Elam personally purchased and presented each Squadron with a dozen "12" U.S. Flags to be used for National SAL Commander Fox's "Flying Flags for Heroes Program" to honor and show respect for our deceased veterans. Also, Commander Elam personally purchased 504 U.S. Flags to be presented to every 5th District Squadron Member to be displayed at their residence.

The 5th District Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Texas is committed to Membership Renewals using frequent Buddy Checks of Members and Squadrons to achieve Commander Elam's "Package 2023" Mission. Currently, all ten Squadrons are in Good Standing with SDRs, Squadron Certifications, and CSRs turned in for 2022. The Package 2023 Mission is to repeat this for 2023.

The motto of the Fighting 5th District Sons is "All for One, One for All". We hope you are as excited as we are about the possibilities the Sons of Texas can accomplish for 2022-2023.

5th District S.A.L. Commander Lewis "Catfish" Elam

lewiselam@sbcglobal.net or 214-207-0026 (to text - give name)