

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FALL CONFERENCE—SEPT. 2022 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 24, 2022 at 9:00 AM and, if necessary, Sunday September 25, 2022 at 9:00AM in the Amphitheater Room at the Austin Southpark Hotel in Austin, Texas.

## **Meeting and Hotel News**

Where: Austin Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744 512-448-2222

Room rates are \$121.00 per night plus tax. All room reservations must be made by Sept. 4, 2022

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022 @ 9:00AM

Sunday, September 25, 2022 @ 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 Guillory 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 2022 Detachment Convention are enclosed. Please read them and bring all corrections to this meeting in September. Please note, the Mid-Winter Conference will be held on January 20-22, 2023 at the Austin Southpark Hotel. We will be having a special guest in for this meeting, possibly more than one. More info in the next newsletter. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Austin, Texas over the weekend of July 14-16, 2023.

## **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 6<sup>TH</sup>. 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](mailto:smslaughter@sbcglobal.net). Any confirmations after Labor Day weekend will be paid after the meeting. So, reply as soon as you see my email.  
Steve Slaughter, Detachment Finance Officer

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### **Awards Banquet**

The awards dinner that normally happens this weekend will be held Friday September 23, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM and the location is Post 83

### **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

### **Public Relations**

Please remember to take advantage of the Sons of The American Legion-Detachment of Texas Facebook page and the SAL web page, [saltexas.org](http://saltexas.org), to promote your Squadron's events and activities. You can forward the information to Gary Winters at [thumper.mia231@yahoo.com](mailto:thumper.mia231@yahoo.com) and he will get them posted. Also, please forward your pictures and stories of these events to me so I can document the year and share with others all that we do with the Sons.

Jerry Ventura  
Public Relations Chairman  
Daniel Stanford  
Detachment Historian

### **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 Clifton Guillory. All items must be in letter form or by e-mail, if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can be reached at 817-994-7394 cell, 832-548-1728 home, 713-896-4775 fax or e-mail at [knwink@msn.com](mailto:knwink@msn.com). Please follow these rules so that all issues can be resolved.

## **FALL DEC**

**Opening Session-----9:00 AM**

**Call To Order-----COMMANDER GUILLORY**

Post Colors-----SGT-AT-ARMS JENNINGS  
Invocation-----CHAPLAIN PARNELL  
Moment Of Silence  
Pledge Of Allegiance-----DIVISION 2 COMMANDER FOWLER  
Preamble-----DIVISION 3 COMMANDER ALVA  
Roll Call-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN  
Reading of Minutes-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN  
Special Introductions-----NEC KINGSTON  
Committee Meetings (Immediately following recess of meeting) -----LOCATION TBD

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NEC-----JON KINGSTON  
Internet-----GARY WINTERS  
Legislative-----MILTON CHATHAM  
VE & E-----THOM SKELLEY  
Americanism-----ED PARNELL  
VA & R-----BRET KLEEPSIES  
Children & Youth-----TRACY WOOD  
CWF-----SHANNON BOYCE  
Public Relations-----JERRY VENTURA  
Marketing-----RAY HARTLINE  
Convention City-----LEWIS ELAM  
Boys State-----TRAVIS ARREAGA  
Awards-----GEORGE ALVA

**PUFL-----KEVIN WINKELMANN**

**Internal Affairs/Membership-----TOM ARISTA**

**Finance-----ROY FOWLER**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Benediction-----CHAPLAIN PARNELL**

**Retire The Colors-----SGT-AT-ARMS JENNINGS**

**Adjournment-----COMMANDER GUILLORY**

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

**DETACHMENT CONVENTION  
AUSTIN, TEXAS  
JULY 15-17, 2022**

**FRIDAY JULY 15, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Commander Arista at 1:30 PM. Following the posting of the colors, 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 Historian Stanford. All Chairmen were present except for Boys State Arreaga. Districts present were 2, 3C, 4C, 5C, 7C, 9, 10C, 11C, 12, 13C, 14, 15C, 16, 19C, 20C, 21 and 22. Squadrons present were 12, 43, 96, 120, 127, 143, 179, 198, 208, 223, 231, 297, 321, 339, 353, 376, 379, 393, 430, 447, 453, 472, 522, 554, 573, 593, 598, 618, 654 and 817. It was stated that a quorum was present. Commander Arista then called for the reading of the previous minutes. A motion was made by Rich Huntley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Dorsett to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Commander Arista then made some appointments to fill out some officers and Chairmen. Commander Arista appointed Tracy Woods, Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Motion by Rich Huntley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Parnell to accept the appointments. Motion was amended by Rich Huntley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Parnell. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Winters came forward to give the rules of credentials committee. The rules were read to the body for discussion.

Commander Arista 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.

Adjutant Winkelmann then gave some brief notes to the body. The meeting then was recessed at 2:30 PM until Saturday morning.

**SATURDAY JULY 16, 2022**

Commander Arista called the meeting back into session at 9:30AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was then taken. All officers were present. All chairmen were present except for Boys State Arreaga. Districts present were 2, 3C, 4C, 5C, 7C, 8, 9, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 17C, 19C, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 7, 21, 36, 37, 50, 81, 83, 95, 96, 101, 121, 135, 163, 165, 179, 200, 208, 220, 223, 231, 245, 267, 297, 321, 368, 379, 430, 447, 453, 472, 488, 517, 550, 554, 569, 593, 618, 654 and 817.

Commander Arista then called NEC Kingston to the podium for purpose of introduction. National Vice Commander Mid-West Juan Torres, from the Detachment of Texas, was brought to the podium for purpose of his remarks. Vice Commander Torres then address the body and brought greetings to the Detachment

**NEC**—NEC Kingston came forward to give his report. He reported on various items from the past NEC meeting in Indianapolis this past May. Jon made a motion to accept his report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva. Motion passed

Pauline Paulson came to the meeting to bring greetings and speak about the collection of dimes for helping out families. She spoke of a challenge to Commander Arista which Tom lost.

Commander Arista called for Department Advisor Henry Creech to give his report.

**DEPARTMENT LIAISON**—Advisor Creech gave his report. A full copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Rich Huntley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Parnell to accept the report. Motion passed.

American Legion member Don Toohey came forward to present an award to the Detachment for their participation in American Legion Baseball.

**CREDENTIALS**---Shannon Boyce came forward to give the report. The first report was to the body for information.

**BOYS STATE**—Chairman Arreaga not being present, Zach Jennings gave a small report on Boys State as he was one of the participants this past year. He presented various comments on the Boys State program and his time there in Austin.

**CONVENTION CITY**—Chairman Elam came forward to give his report. He stated that everyone needs to be aware of the meeting dates and cut off dates for the hotels. Motion by Ken Dorsett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerry McKelley. Motion passed

**INTERNET**—Chairman Gary Winters gave the report. He asked that more information be sent to him to be put on the internet. He stated that the page for our parents and grandparents is not being used. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Gary Winters to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Judge Advocate Winters gave a small report on the constitution and by-laws and stated that all of the resolutions are administrative. He also read all the turned in resolutions to the floor. One was declared not approved. Motion by Chairman Winters to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Randall. Motion passed.

**LEGISLATIVE**—Chairman Chatham gave the report. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Milton Chatham made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Winters. 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

**VA & R**—Chairman Bret Klespies came forward to give the report. He stated that the small Squadron winner was Squadron 317, medium Squadron went to Squadron 208 and the large Squadron winner was Squadron 554. He gave the total hours and monies donated to the body. Bret then made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Dorsett. Motion passed. Motion made by Brad Pack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis Elam, to put \$500.00 in a line item for the American Legion Auxiliary Armed Services YMCA fund to be used for various items. Motion passed

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**—No report

**AWARDS**—Chairman Jonathan Poe gave the report. The following winners are:

MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----MARK RODRIGUEZ

DUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----ADOLF VELLAGO

ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR-----CARL PEARSON

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR-----

MOTHER OF THE YEAR-----TERRI DUNKEN

SAL BOYS STATER OF THE YEAR-----

DAVID DEW VA & R OF THE YEAR-----CHARLES SCOTT

Motion made by Ed Parnell, second by Kelley to accept his report. Motion passed. Under further business under Awards, there was a motion made by Thom Skelley to amend the name for the Mother of the Year award from Mamie Hughes award to Mamie Hughes/Ann Hartline Mother of the Year Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Winters. After some discussion, motion was passed. There was then some discussion on the \$400.00 gift which is a one time event. Discussion ended



**AMERICANISM**—Chairman Ed Parnell came forward to give the report. He stated that the Americanism results were incredible for the amount of reports received. He then announced the Squadron Americanism winners who were small Squadron was Abilene 57, medium Squadron Midland 19 and large Squadron was League City 554. The district winner was the 9<sup>th</sup> District. He then reported the total results for the year. George Alva then made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Randall. Motion passed

**MARKETING**—Chairman Ray Hartline gave the report. He spoke to the body about our new vendor and the great service we are getting. He stated that sales are going very well. Ray made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Randall. Motion passed.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH/CMN & CWF**—Chairman Tracy Wood, Children & Youth and Shannon Boyce, CWF Chairman, gave the report. They gave a brief rundown of all the reports turned in. Award winners are as follows: Large 554 League City, Medium Kerrville 208, Small New Braunfels 179 and District 5 as the best district. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Tracy to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Stanford. Motion passed

**VE & E**---Chairman Skelley came forward to give his report. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Thom made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva. Motion passed

American Legion Auxiliary President Teresa Copeland came forward to bring greetings to the body. Praised our Commander and thanked the SAL for their continuing hard work.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 and will be called back to session at 1:00 PM

Meeting was called back to order at 1:02 PM by Commander Arista

**FINANCE**—Chairman Clifton Guillory gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Finance Officer Slaughter also came forward to give the new budget to the body. Motion by Clifton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva. Motion passed. Under discussion, it was brought up to start a salary for the Detachment Adjutant. It is to be determined at a later date as to where we will go with his issue.

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP**—Chairman Eddy Seegers gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. He presented all of the membership awards at this time. Eddy made a motion to accept his report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Kingston. Motion passed

American Legion Department Commander Bret Watson came forward to bring greetings to the Detachment. He first presented a lost membership card to Roy Fowler. Then reported on various items, especially membership, that concerns all Departments and Detachments.

American Legion Department Adjutant Bill West came forward to bring greetings to the body. He spoke about problems with membership cards and other items on MyLegion.org and other various items. He thanked the Detachment for their continuous hard work and support of The American Legion Family

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**—Chaplain Ed Parnell came forward to give the Chaplain's report. He reported that there have been 11 SAL members that have gone to Squadron Everlasting since last year July. Motion by Ed Parnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Baker. Motion passed.

**HISTORIAN REPORT**—He asked that anyone with pictures from the previous year please forward to him

**SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT**---District 5 Commander came forward to give his report. All reports are to be turned in to the Detachment Adjutant to be filed in the minutes.

### **ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Motion was made by George Alva to pay for all 15 delegates at a cost of \$375.00 plus the 2 guest at \$50.00 for a total of \$425.00 (\$50.00 to be reimbursed for the guest), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milton Chatham. Motion passed.

### **DETACHMENT COMMANDER TOM ARISTA FINAL REPORT**

Commander Arista gave his final report to the body. He was presented his Past Detachment Commander's pin after his report. A motion was made by Kevin Winkelmann to accept his report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milton Chatham. Motion passed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**---5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Elam presented a jacket to outgoing Commander Arista. It is a Past Detachment Commander jacket.

**NEW BUSINESS**---None

**GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**—There were many announcements made from the floor concerning the various Squadron and Post events.

After Adjutant notes, the meeting was recessed at 3:11PM

### **SUNDAY JULY 17, 2022**

Commander Arista reconvened the meeting at 9:03AM. Following the hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, Commander Alvis called the meeting to order. The Adjutant then completed the roll call. All Chairmen were present except for Boys State Arreaga (E). Districts present were 2, 3C, 4C, 5C, 7C, 8, 9, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 17C, 19C 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 12, 36, 43, 92, 120, 127, 143, 163, 179, 198, 208, 223, 231, 245, 297, 321, 353, 363, 376, 379, 430, 447, 453, 472, 511, 522, 554, 573, 586, 593, 597, 618, 624, 654 and 817. A quorum was present

Auxiliary member Shay Kuehner came forward for purpose of a presentation. She proceeded to present multiple checks to the Detachment for CWF on behalf of the fund raiser at Post 447 Saturday night.

The Commander, Jose Suacedo, from the Uvalde Post came forward to speak to the body. He spoke to us about everything that has happened in Uvalde and the recovery effort that is in place for all the affected families

Commander Arista then presented awards to all officers and chairmen

**CREDENTIALS**—The final report of credentials was read by the Credentials Committee. A total of 225 delegates was reported to the floor. Motion was made by Ken Dorsett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Parnell to accept the report. Motion passed.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The temporary/stand in Judge Advocate proceeded into the election. The new officers elected are as follows:

COMMANDER-----CLIFTON GUILLORY SQUADRON 817  
1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION-----JEFF PERKINS SQUADRON 453  
2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION-----ROY FOWLER SQUADRON 597  
3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION-----GEORGE ALVA SQUADRON 593  
4<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION-----KEN DORSETT SQUADRON 430  
ADJUTANT-----KEVIN WINKELMANN SQUADRON 654  
FINANCE OFFICER----STEVE SLAUGHTER SQUADRON 522  
HISTORIAN-----DANIEL STANFORD SQUADRON 245  
CHAPLAIN-----ED PARNELL SQUADRON 120  
JUDGE ADVOCATE----ROLF AUSTIN SQUADRON 618



SGT-AT-ARMS-----ZACH JENNINGS SQUADRON 618  
ASST. SGT-AT-ARMS—CJ ATKINSON SQUADRON 92  
NEC-----JON KINGSTON SQUADRON 321  
ALT. NEC-----BILL KUEHNER SQUADRON 297

Bill Kuehner made a motion to go back to Good of the SAL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Kingston. Motion passed. Bill then made a motion to allow Eddy Seegers to attend the National Convention in his place since he cannot attend the convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Dorsett. Motion passed

Kevin Winkelmann made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddy Seegers, to release the Credentials Committee from their duties. Motion passed

Following the election, National Vice Commander Midwest Juan Torres installed the new officers. After the installation, newly elected Detachment Commander Clifton Guillory addressed the floor with his comments.

Children and Youth then presented the raffle to the body and presented all of the winners to the floor.

Following Detachment Commander Guillory's announcements, 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 10:45AM.

#### **POST DEC MEETING**

Meeting was called to order at 11:10AM by Detachment Commander Guillory. Commander Guillory read the new appointments for the Committees. A motion was made by Roy Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Alva to accept the appointments. Some changes were made. Motion passed. Following some brief announcements by the Adjutant and being no further business, Commander Guillory adjourned the meeting at 11:20AM



## *Detachment of Texas*

### **Commander's Message July 27, 2022**

**I would like to say that this is a humbling position that I find myself in as I congratulate and thank Past Detachment Commander Tom Arista for a great year of service to the Sons of the American Legion. You have polished and made shine The Sons of the American Legion Emblem, as a great symbol for all to see. Our membership thank you.**

**To my wife Judy, she knew from the start that I had a love and commitment to the American Legion Family that was sometimes going to take precedence over our family from time to time. I want to thank her for the support she has given me over the years.**

**I wish my father and mother were here. They were very active in the Post and my dad was once a Department Officer. The best thing he ever did for me was before he passed he purchased for me a PUFL membership in the Legion. He said to me I don't ever want you to not be a member of the Legion. My dad through his actions showed me how to love the Legion.**

**I want to thank PDC Milton Chatham for all of his support and guidance as I came up through the ranks. He has been a true mentor and friend.**

**I want to thank Cheryl Williams, Post 817 Adjutant, she lead a team which consisted of Squadron, Legion and volunteers soliciting donations, putting on fund raisers and organized and executed an amazing two night Welcome room at the Department convention. Plus Cheryl and Milton both provided wise counsel to me as the leading candidate position unfolded and I will always be grateful for that.**

**Also let me not forget Christine Trahan, Unit 33 President for her support in both advice and donations. Thank you.**

**Then there was Kerrville Squadron 208 and Round Rock Squadron 447 for their generous donations to my convention Welcome Room. Thank you.**

**It took a lot of years to get here. So many of you have been so supportive and so happy for me. And that extends well beyond my own Squadron – but throughout the entire state of Texas. Thank you so much. I love you all.**

**One of the greatest documents in our organization is the Preamble to our Constitution that we recite at each of our meetings. Three of those words get to me every time “ a priceless heritage “ which by the way is my theme for the year. As Sons of the American Legion I want us to preserve the memories of our forefathers making one aware of our purpose to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism. We should always promote and encourage indefinitely our allegiance to the traditions, institutions, and ideals of the United States.**

**First of all we are a God and Country organization and we will not apologize for that. We know that a veteran is a citizen of this country who has offered his or her life to honor this nation’s commitment to justice, freedom**

**and democracy and by that action has had his or her life radically and sometimes violently changed forever. We will not let this nation forget that we owe that individual respect and any help they need in making their lives whole again.**

**We will continue to support our Children and Youth programs and Americanism programs. These programs are not only a challenge and adventure for our youth, they also make up the fabric that keeps us strong as a nation.**

**I know the task ahead is full. We all know that it takes membership to do those things only we can do. Along with all you do in this area I am asking you to renew your efforts in renewals. We cannot grow as an organization if we recruit a new member and then fail to renew that member the following years.**

**We continue to ask for a better reporting of our squadron activities. It's imperative that we increase the percentage of Squadrons turning in their Consolidated Squadron and Squadron Data Reports. Let's make that a special effort this year. All district commanders should have that as a goal.**

**For the next year, you will hear a lot about my 4 R's.  
Recruiting, Revitalization, Renewals and Reconnecting.  
Recruiting is vital to our growth  
Revitalization is vital to our success  
Renewals allows us to improve  
Reconnecting shows that we care**

**Let's not forget the Child Welfare Foundation. Nothing is more appreciated by a veteran than taking care of his or her family.**

**The choice to fundraise is up to you. All I ask is that you give. America is paying attention because we are doing these great things in our communities.**

**We will always be about service first – but we can't provide the programs or the service without the membership. Practice those 4 Rs. Recruit every eligible person that you come in contact. Recruit their sons and grandsons into the Sons of the American Legion.**

**Renewal efforts shouldn't just include those who left your Squadron in the past year, but check back on those who might have left five or even 10 years ago. They might have had a change in heart or simply forgot to**



**renew because nobody was pro-active enough to take an interest in them.**

**In closing, I'd like to again remind us about our precious possession " a priceless heritage ".**

**God Bless you all, and God Bless America.**

**For love of God and Country,  
Clifton Guillory  
Commander, Detachment of Texas**



## Detachment of Texas

Commander's Travel Notes  
July 29, 2022

One of the duties of The Detachment Commander of Texas is to travel to The American Legion family events to bring greetings.

My first trip was to Brenham, Texas where this year's Department of Texas State Baseball Tournament was held.

On Tuesday night July 19<sup>th</sup> a banquet was held in honor of both the players and coaches at the Buddy Wright Post 48. I was delighted to see our own Richard Huntley coaching one of the teams. I was especially proud to accompany Gerri Hince, the newly elected Department of Texas State Commander at this historical traditional event. There were numerous Past Department Commanders, Department and National Officers in attendance.

I expressed my delight to those outstanding young men and coaches in their hard work continuing the long held traditions of Legion Baseball and the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship.

The following morning myself and Commander Hince was offered the opportunity to throw out a ceremonial opening first pitch before the first game and we accepted. It was a beautiful morning for baseball and I loved every minute of it.

My time in Brenham was a great opportunity to interact with the Legion family, tournament players and coaches on and off the field. I left the Tournament by announcing as the old umpire says before the start of every game "PlayBall".

Constantly try to make us better,

Clifton Guillory  
Commander, Detachment of Texas

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