

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE—JAN 2017 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 January 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM and, if necessary, Sunday January 29, 2017 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 \$104.00 per night plus tax. All room reservations must be made by Dec.15, 2016 or sooner if possible: Rooms are filling up fast

When: Saturday, January 28, 2017 @ 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 29, 2017 @ 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 Fall Conference are enclosed. Please read them and bring all corrections to this meeting in January.. We will be having the leading candidate for National Commander, Danny Smith, from the Detachment of Nebraska and National Vice Commander Mid-West Ken Yanke, from the Detachment of Colorado, as our guest. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Killeen, Texas over the weekend of July 14-16, 2017.

Also, I believe there will be a joint session of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion Friday, January 27, 2017, starting at approx. 6:00 PM. Check the web page or The American Legion website for more details and/or information.

Finance

Greetings everyone. I plan to email our officers, Committee Chairman and PDC's around the end of December to request your confirmation for Mid-Winter Conference. Please respond as soon as possible due to getting the list to Bill West shortly after that. If you have not received my email by New Years Day weekend, please contact me at 817-946-4506 or smslaughter@sbcglobal.net. Any

confirmations after New Years 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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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.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Opening Session-----9:00 AM
Call To Order-----COMMANDER CREECH
Post Colors-----SGT-AT-ARMS WATSON
Invocation-----CHAPLAIN CARROLL MURPHY
Moment Of Silence
Pledge Of Allegiance-----DIVISION 3 COMMANDER RALPH ROCCO
Preamble-----DIVISION 4 COMMANDER JOHNATHAN POE
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

FALL DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING AUSTIN, TX---SEPTEMBER , 2016

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Commander Creech. Colors being in place, a right hand salute was given. Following the pledge to our flag, the prayer and the reading of the preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:45. Roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for 4TH Division Commander Poe (E) and John Schendel, Liaison (E). All Chairmen were present except for VA & R Trczynski CMN/CWF Dixon, Legislative Faulkner (E) and Boys State Travis Arreaga (E). Districts present were 2, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 17, 21 and 22C. Squadrons present were 36, 37, 43, 50, 58, 83, 121, 163, 179, 208, 223, 231, 241, 245, 297, 321, 388, 393, 430, 447, 453, 472, 499, 517, 522, 550, 554, 573, 593, 598, 618 and 654. A quorum was established. Following roll call, Commander Creech asked for the reading of the minutes. Motion was made by Gary Winters, 2nd by Roy Fowler to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed

Commander Creech Then asked for all 1st time members to stand up and introduce themselves. There were 7 new members in attendance.

Commander Creech then called on N.E.C. David Blair to introduce our special guest. There was no guest. David then thanked the Detachment for their hard work.

Kevin Winkelmann then read correspondence from Past NEC Milton Chatham from National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Motion by Gary Winters to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Magers, motion passed.

Commander Creech then called upon Chaplain Murphy to give his report. He asked if there was anyone who needed a card sent to. Gary Randall mentioned our SAL Advisor Schendel was out sick, Commander Creech mentioned Rick Trczynski had a death in the family, and Milton Chatham's mother was in the hospital with a blood clot. Chaplain Murphy will get a card out to those families.

Past Membership Chairman Bartholomew, then asked if he get hand out the 100% ribbons to those Squadron who earned them. There were 70 Squadrons to reach their goal.

Department Commander Walter Ivy then addressed the body, bringing greetings from Department of Texas. He let it known that he was available to us at anytime. He then mentioned that Department is now ready to invest the monies the Detachment has earmarked for investments.

Department President, Maryann Paul then brought greeting from the Auxiliary. She stated that the Sons are the backbone of the organization and thanked us for our hard work

NEC— Report previously given. NEC Blair, then amended his report and stated the Sons have now surpassed the 7 million dollar mark of donations to Child Welfare Foundation. Motion made by Brad Pack to accept the amendment, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried.

INTERNET—Chairman Gary Winters came forward to give his report. Talked about the SAL Legacy page on the website. Of the 6300 plus members in the Detachment, only 9 members have

thought enough of their parents to send pictures to be included on the website. Motion by Gary Winters to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Paul, motion carried. Copy of the entire report attached.

CONVENTION CITY— Gary Randall gave the report. Gary reported that the SAL hotel has changed. There will be more information to come by Mid-Winter. Motion by Gary to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried.

BOYS STATE— Eddy Seegers gave the report. There were 1040 delegates that attended this year. There will be a price increase to \$295.00 for 2017. 2017 will mark the 77th year Boys State as been in existence. 2017 dates are June 11-16 at the University of Texas. Copy of the full report attached.

LEGISLATIVE— Chairman Faulkner absent, no report.

AMERICANISM— Chairman Britton gave the report. He discussed the accomplishments of the Sons from the National report. He also reiterated to keep up with your hours and time spent on the programs, and to report on your Consolidated Report at the end of the year. Motion made by Chm. Britton to accept his report, 2nd by Ken Peters, motion carried. Copy of the full report attached.

DEPARTMENT ADVISOR— Liaison Schendel unable to attend due to an illness.

AWARDS— Ken Dorsett gave the report. He reminded the body that all the awards available are listed on the website along with the criteria for each award. Need more nominees for these awards. Motion made by Ken to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried. Commander Creech then called 3rd Division Commander Jackie Mathews to the podium for the purposes of giving him the award for having the highest percentage of goal in the Detachment.

VA & R— Shannon Boyd gave the report. Only 2 reports were submitted to the committee. Squadron. 208 and 223. Shannon then made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion passed. A full report is attached

CHILDREN & YOUTH— Chairman Tracy Wood gave the report. He discussed the raffle prizes to be given away at the Detachment Convention in Killeen. Motion by Tracy to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried.

MARKETING— Chairman Ray Hartline gave the report. He stated we did good on selling items in El Paso. He discussed items available. Ray made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Paul, motion carried. A full report is attached.

PUBLIC RELATIONS— Chairman Eddy Seegers made the report. Eddy reminded the body that we need to let our communities know who we are, explain what the American Legion Family is all about. He also mentioned that all the tools we need is available on our website. Eddy made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried.

PUFL— The report was given by Adjutant Kevin Winkelmann. Kevin stated that the PUFL program was started in 2006. There are currently 132 members paid into the program. He also reported about the program finances and the investments made. A full report is attached.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP— Past Chairman Bartholomew gave the report. 2017 membership is slow coming in. Division 3 is at the top, followed by Div.2, Div.4, and Div.1. Richard made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried.

FINANCE—Chairman Juan Torres gave the report. He talked about a few minor changes from last years budget. Motion by Juan to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried. A full report is attached.

CHAPLAIN- Chaplain Murphy reported that he will send out cards to the families of John Schendel, Rick Tryczinski, and Milton Chatham.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS—Adjutant Winkelmann after talking to the Legion Americanism Chairman, made a motion to send the SAL Adjutant to the AL Finance Committee meeting if the SAL Advisor is absent or cannot attend, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried. Kevin then talked about a request from the Boys State Chairman for Wireless Portable Printers at a cost of @ \$2500.00. Ed Magers made a motion to cover that cost, however under discussion, it was mentioned that the last time Boys State needed lap-tops, squadrons made donations to help defer the cost. Ed then amended his motion to cover what was not raised in donations by the Detachment out of our reserve fund, 2nd by Gary Winters, motion carried.

PDC Skelley asked if the Detachment had a way of tracking the laptops that are assigned to the Vice Commanders, a form will be established for that purpose.

GOOD OF THE SAL—There were several Squadrons that have upcoming events, flyers are attached.

PDC Connie Waddell then presented last years Officers and Chairman with a token or certificate showing his appreciation for their service last year..

Being no further business, Commander Creech asked Chaplain Murphy for the benediction. Following the benediction, Commander Creech called for the hand salute to the colors and retirement of the colors. The meeting was then adjourned at 3:15 pm