

## **MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 22-23, 2011**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, pledge, prayer and preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:06 AM. Commander Paul Roll call was then asked for. All officers were present. All committeemen were present except for Albert Arellano/PUFL, Finance Guillory, VA & R Bell, Americanism Franklin (E), Children & Youth Vandall and Boys State Kuehner. Districts present were 1C, 2C, 4C, 5, 6C, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12, 13, 14C, 15C, 16C, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 2, 22, 36C, 37C, 50, 71, 76C, 84C, 96, 101, 121C, 157, 172C, 179, 208C, 220, 223, 231, 245C, 267C, 297, 321, 361C, 364, 430C, 447, 453, 554, 569C, 592C, 598C, 654C, 817C and 828. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Milton Chatham made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed.

Commander Paul then introduced Department Commander Mueller as a special guest. He brought greetings to the body and thanked all members for their service. Alt NEC Pendergrast then introduced Jim Nance, from the Department of Indiana, candidate for national Commander, The American Legion, 2012-2013. He brought greetings to the floor.

Commander Paul asked for a motion to appoint Jimmy Don Dixon to fill out the year as Finance Chairman. Motion made by Stan Crowder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Wilkins to accept the appointment. Motion passed. Robert Sonnier then made a motion to pay Dixon the call in for Finance Chairman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Randall. Motion passed. Commander Paul then appointed various individuals to fill the vacant committee chairs for the absentees.

Commander Paul then called upon NEC McPeters for special introductions. Being none, he was asked to give his NEC report.

**NEC**—NEC McPeters then came forward to give his report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by McPeters to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed

Commander Paul then introduced Michelle Hunt, event coordinator, for Ride To Recovery. She brought greetings to the floor and spoke on behalf of Ride To Recovery. She also spoke on what this group has done for our wounded Veterans. Following her remarks, a donation was picked up from the floor. A total of \$460.00 was collected and presented to Mrs. Hunt.

**CONVENTION CITY**—Chairman Jones came forward to give his report. He was accompanied by PDC magers who helped with the report. PDC Magers gave a brief overview of the upcoming Detachment Convention in Odessa. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Ed Magers to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Schendel. Motion passed

**INTERNET**—Gary Winters came forward to make his report. He spoke on the website and its availability. He asked for more input and more info from everyone. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Gary then made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Wilkins. Motion passed

Commander Paul then called for a 30 minute recess for committee meetings

Meeting reconvened at 10:50 AM. Commander Paul then called for Committee reports

**LEGISLATIVE**—Chairman Charlie Ward gave the report. He reported that they met with PR concerning the designation of a Veteran's Highway (Hwy 62). Santiago Betancourt was being asked to be the SAL Detachment lobbyist for this project for a period of 2 years. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Charlie Ward to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Bartholomew. Motion passed. This report also included Public Relations.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Judge Advocate Winters read one resolution. The resolution was for an additional webmaster. The resolution was read and will be voted on at the Detachment Convention. Motion made by Robert Sonnier to set aside without action, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe McPeters. Motion passed.

**AMERICANISM**—Chairman Ken Peters gave the report. He reported on various accomplishments of various Squadrons. A complete report is attached to the minutes. Chairman Peters made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaysen St. Clair. Motion passed.

**VA & R**—Chairman Milton Chatham gave the report. He gave an update on some of the veteran work that is being done by the various Squadrons. He also spoke concerning the various VA Hospitals in the state that need SAL reps. A complete list is on the website and applicants need to be certified. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Milton made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Crowder. Motion passed

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**—Chairman Brad Pack gave the report. He spoke on various events that are happening inside Children & Youth. Discussed the upcoming Detachment raffle to be given away at the Detachment Convention. Announced the donations from various Squadrons and fines collected. Reported on Josh Dogs, Spinoza Bears and other C & Y events. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Brad to accept the C & Y and CWF/CMN report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Del Rogers. Motion passed.

Commander Paul then recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:00 PM

Following lunch, Commander Paul reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

**MARKETING**—Chairman Stan Blair gave the report. He reported that it will be short and brief a complete report will be attached. Motion made that we buy two youth shirts, and if they sell well, we will get more. \$783 was turned into the finance officer. There were other merchandise available, trying to get rid of winter jackets, there was some discussion of what price and to get rid of them. There is a design contest for the new

national pin, there is a design for the state pin prizes will be determined at a later date. 100 state pins are still on consignment to Commander Dew. Pins will be available for sale in August of 2014. Jeff made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Randall Motion passed.

**CONVENTION CITY**—Chairman Clifton Guillory gave the report. He spoke to the body concerning the upcoming Detachment Convention. He gave us various information concerning the events that will be held at the convention. A full report is attached to these minutes. Clifton made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blake Plant. Motion passed.

**BOYS STATE**—Chairman Santiago Bentancourt gave the report. Juan stated that Boys State will be June 5<sup>th</sup> thru June 10<sup>th</sup>. April 15<sup>th</sup> applications are due. He gave a brief list of events that will be held at Boys State. He mentioned that there is a boys state CD and that this could be used to help high school counselors to promote the program. There was discussion of if a boy has to be a US citizen to attend boys state. Santiago made a motion to accept the Jaysen St. Clair seconded, the motion passed.

**AWARDS**—Chairman Jeff Alvis gave his report. Continued a new plaque for past detachment commanders. He expressed the importance of turning in nominations, and noted that there was a small selection the previous members. SAL member of the year includes PUFL, adjutant of the year, advisor of the year and mother of the year as well as the boys state staff member of the year. Considering adding VA& R award and naming it after David Dew. A complete report is attached. Jeff made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Majors. Motion passed.

**CHAPLAIN**—Del Rogers gave his report. He reported to the body on the various members that have been ill throughout the year and the members we have lost these past months. He sent 61 cards to legion, auxiliary and SAL, 41 get well cards and 20 condolence cards. He also attended 13 veterans funerals. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Discussion of John Mckinney passed away about a week ago. This item is not on the report list and needs to be added Arrangments are pending Del made a motion to accept the report. Jimmy Don Dixon seconded. Motion passed

**PUFL**—Kevin Winkleman gave the report. He told the body of the awards for last years pool tournament and presented the awards to them all cards and pins have been issued except for the last two members. There are no discounts for PUFL. The account is in good shape, starting to receive notices, a meeting needs to be held to discuss interest. Account is set up, starting to see a turn around. All monies are accounted for, the reserve fund is tied up with other groups. All interest goes to the Legion. PUFL stands alone. Interest is about \$140/ month. The application for the program is on the website, applications need to be sent directly to Kevin. Kevin made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Schendel. Motion passed.

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP**—Robert Sonnier gave the report. 3<sup>rd</sup> division is in first place. At department we have cards from squadrons that were not certified. He stated that there were 10 squadrons that made 100 membership and presented \$50.00 to each. There is still time to get checks. Squadrons with fewer than 10 are not qualified for checks. There was some discussion of squadrons who were not certified that received a check. Caps and ribbons will be distributed at the end of the meeting. Discussion was made for the “pie in the face” program, money raised will go to the charity to who is receiving the pie. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Robert made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Crowder, Motion passed.

**FINANCE**—Chairman Jimmy Dixon and Steve Slaughter gave the report. Some numbers were off from the report. Items will be corrected before the next meeting. Most of the items on the list are correct. Discussed various line items that will paid out or issued at this meeting. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Discussion of alternatives for funding raising the per diem. The funds used to purchase the new computer came out of the reserve funds. Motion by Jimmy Dixon to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Wilkins. Motion passed

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**—Judge Advocate David Patschke gave the report. David read various resolution for information only. There were no by-laws changes.

**CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**—Chairman Brad Pack gave the report. He told the body of various events that are coming up in the campaign for David Dew. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Brad made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blake Plant. Motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**— There was discussion over not getting blue books, there is only a legion blue book, but not one for the SAL. There is still discussion with the legion of the SAL getting a blue book. The problem is obtaining the funds to print the books. SAL is no longer included in the legion book. There was concern from Kevin Winkelman of the reality of doing the blue book, that certifications need to be turned in earlier and in the office the beginning of July or they will be left out. There was some discussion of the format whether there would be an electronic version. Brad pack raised some concern over the security of an electronic version. The use of an electronic version would be an easier option to update as opposed to using a paper version. Some concern was raised over the use of paper certifications. If the bluebook were to be put online, a security software would have to be purchased. Some discussion was brought up by Jim A of why it may take so long to get certifications take so long, that the squadrons do not know the process. some discussion was raised about all the information that has to be included on the certification and what information is really necessary to include in the certifications  
Stan Crowder made a motion to approve the sole use of an electronic blue book, and to form a committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milton Chattum Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**— Ed Majors brought some new business about advertising in the national convention program. He proposed that we take out ad space a page for Gary Paul and Texas, Jim Roberts and David Dew. The ads would come out of the conventions budget for a total of \$450. Motion made by Ed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Winters. Motion passed.

Ed Majors made a motion that a Boys state staff member of the year and that a committee needs to be formed. Ed proposed that Brad Pack be the chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Wilkins. Motion passed.

Connie Waddell raised concern for the Detachment commander doesn't have a car and that there should be some way that the detachment commander have a vehicle. Kevin stated that it is more of an insurance issue than money. Mike Simon stepped in the meeting and reiterated what Kevin Winkleman said.

**GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**— Gary Randall's brother has cancer, a BBQ fund-raiser scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon Live auction band.

Post 96 in McKinney will have its 6<sup>th</sup> annual bbq June 4<sup>th</sup> all proceeds go to child welfare. Brad Pack reminded about David Dew's homecoming will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of February there will be a poker crawl and dinner. All funds will go to r2r. Brad also mentioned that there was not any information about Texas in the newsletter. On March 5<sup>th</sup> Gary Paul's homecoming, email will come out next week. He thanked everyone for his support. Post 817 Aux is having a cancer research golf tournament in March. Newsletter will go out May 1<sup>st</sup>, needs to be in by the middle of April. We will try to do the email electronic email. Computer was purchased by Travis Arreaga, and is in the SAL office at headquarters. Convention will be June 24-26 in Odessa. Membership will be chaired by Gary next year. Consolidated reports need to be Kevin by May 31.

**PDC REPORT-** Robert Sonnier gave his report. Clifton Guillory dropped out for detachment commander. The association met today and they are endorsing Steve Slaughter for the next candidate for commander. There will be a year left in the term. The decision will be announced at the department convention and left up to a vote to decide. This was just for information basis only.

**SICK CALL & RELIEF- ??**

Following the prayer and salute to the colors, Commander Paul adjourned the meeting at 2:54 P.M.