

MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 21-22, 2012

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

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 Slaughter then called for a motion to appoint David Dew as acting Judge Advocate. Motion by Milton Chatham, 2nd by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed. Commander Slaughter then asked for the roll call. All officers were present except for Historian Stan Crowder, Judge Advocate Winters(E) and Alt. NEC Black. All committeemen were present except for Internet Winters(E) and Boys State Gonzales. Districts present were 1C, 2, 4C, 5, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 19, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 21, 36C, 37C, 71, 76C, 84, 96, 101, 163, 179, 202, 208C, 223C, 231C, 245C, 267C, 297C, 321, 364, 430C, 447, 453, 472C, 517, 554, 569, 575, 592, 598C, 618, 654, 817, 828 and 838C. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Milton Chatham made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, 2nd by Bill Kuehner. Motion passed.

Commander Slaughter then introduced Department Commander Lupe Garza as a special guest. He brought greetings to the body and thanked all members for their service.

Commander Slaughter then brought up Squadron 208 Commander Rick Trzcinski to talk to the body about a new program called Elks Veterans Leather Program.

Commander Slaughter 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, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed

Adjutant Winkelmann gave the body some notes and updates. Commander Slaughter then recessed the meeting at 9:50 AM

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 PM by Commander Slaughter

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, 2nd 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, 2nd by Robert Wilkins. Motion passed

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Santiago Bentancourt came to give his report, he spoke about the Texas legislature and their progress. Spent a lot of time calling and emailing about various legislative issues. Chairman Bentancourt will be going to Washington DC to a conference to discuss the veterans highway also the XL pipeline and proper VA funding. A complete report is attached to the minutes, Chairman Bentancourt made a motion to accept the report 2nd by Jimmy Don Dixon. 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, 2nd by Joe McPeters. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—Chairman Blair Sanders 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, 2nd by Jeff Saul. Motion passed.

VA & R—Chairman David Blair gave the report. He gave an update on some of the veteran work that is being done by the various Squadrons and their fund-raising efforts. . A complete report is attached to these minutes. Milton made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Bill Kuener. Motion passed

CHILDREN & YOUTH—Chairmen Bill Kuehner and Dan Paul gave the report. He spoke on various events that are happening inside Children & Youth. Gave an update of the American Legion Children's Home, and how it is now thriving, and various fund-raising efforts in order to help keep it running. Announced the donations from various Squadrons and fines collected. He reported on the need of school supplies, there is now a need to start supply drives and replenish the dwindling supply. Reported on Josh Dogs, Spinoza Bears and other C & Y events. .CMN/CWF Chairman Dan Paul gave a report of the raffle benefitting Child welfare A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Chairman Kuehner to accept the C & Y and CWF/CMN report, 2nd by Jimmy Don Dixon. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Chairman Richard Grimes gave the report. They are working on an article about the Bastrop Fires, which is nearing completion. They are determining if the database will be able to be hosted on the website. The goal is to make the information appear in a more attractive way. Whenever a press release is sent, please forward to local media to ensure more coverage of SAL events . A full report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Grimes made a motion to accept the report 2nd made by PDC Gary Randall, motion passed.

RIDE TO RECOVERY- American Legion Auxiliary Vice President Marty Peters gave us an update about the program, she encouraged the delegation to help support the program, whether it is monetary or of time. She gave a detailed schedule of this years ride. There is a grand finally planned in Cleburne, on April 21. She also spoke about the importance of the American Legion Riders to the event. The website for the program: www.ride2recovery.com Questions, email:marty54@sbcglobal.nett

MARKETING—Chairman Jeff Saul gave the report. He reported that it will. Be short and brief a complete report will be attached. They discussed that there should be a color change to the polo shirts to cycle every three years. No new inventory was ordered at this time due to the possible changing of the color of the shirts, and there will be a fresh inventory in July. Artwork has been sent in, waiting to hear back from national.

Chairman Saul asked for a color proposal and a color cycle of every three years. Milton Chatom made a motion to accept, 2nd by John Schendel Motion passed. Brad Pack made a motion to reduce the price of the current inventory, 2nd by Thom Skelly, motion passed. Jeff made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Bill Kuehner Motion passed. Chairman Saul ordered 100 green new polo shirts and 20 baseball caps for a total of \$992.

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Juan Torres gave the report. He spoke to the body concerning the upcoming Detachment Convention In Houston; the dates are July 11-15, 2012. Information is available on the legion website. He gave us various information concerning the events that will be held at the convention. A full report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Torres made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Majors. Motion passed.

BOYS STATE— Brad Pack gave the report. Chairman Gonzales was absent. Brad stated that Boys State will be June 3rd thru June 8th. He gave a brief list of events that will be held at Boys State. The cost this year is \$275. Brad mentioned the new criteria for the SAL Boys State Staff Member of the Year award. A full report is attached. A complete report is attached. Brad made a motion to accept the report 2nd by Santiago Bentancourt, the motion passed. Ed Majors made a motion that we continue paying the 2 year membership for each Boy's State graduate for at one more year. 2nd made by Bill Johnson, motion passed.

AWARDS— Chairman Bill Johnson gave his report. Received 0 applications for any awards. Any nominations from 2010 that were not selected are still eligible for awards. A complete report is attached. Chairman Johnson made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Randall, Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN— Kowlyn Palasota 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 45 cards to legion, auxiliary and SAL. A complete report is attached to these minutes. PDC Randal lost his brother and wanted to thank the Detachment for the plant that was sent to his family. Chairman Palasota made a motion to accept the report. 2nd by PDC McPeters, motion passed

PUFL—PDC Robert Sonnier gave the report. The account is in good shape. A full report is attached. Account is set up, starting to see a turn around. Dishonesty Bond has been renewed, it has been increased to \$50,000. 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, 2nd PDC Paul. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Gary Paul gave the report. 3rd division is in first place. 179 memberships were turned in today. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Next goal date is Feb 8th of a 75%, we should be on track to

make that goal. He reported that there are still some squadrons that remain uncertified. Letters will be sent to posts/ squadrons that are inactive giving them a 30 day deadline to respond or they will be taken off the books. There was some discussion of an extended training class to be held during the fall DEC. Chairman Paul made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by. PDC Randall, Motion passed.

FINANCE—Chairman Jimmy Dixon and Jeff Alvis gave the report. There was discussion of the various line items that will be paid out or issued at this meeting. A complete report is attached to these minutes. There will be a wreath laid at Arlington National Cemetery. Some discussion of the Blue Star program. There was also some discussion of the PUFL account, reserve account and campaign finance. Motion by Jimmy Dixon to accept the report, 2nd by Thom Skelly. Motion passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS— PDC McPeters made a motion that Albert Arrellano be reimbursed \$30 from his peridium from convention. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS— PDC Majors made a motion that we pay \$30 additional to Joe McPeters peridium for arriving early so he can attend the Convention City meeting. 2nd by Milton Chatom Motion passed.

Adujant Winkleman brought up the Five Star Award program during the state convention. There would be a class and a test, each person would receive a Pin. The first 20 people to sign up will be able to take the test, requests will be made by letter only. You have to stay through the entire conference only. Questions will be posted on the internet. Kevin Winkleman made a motion to start this awards program. 2nd by PDC Dew. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION— The hat was passed for donations for CWF. Raising \$128. Commander Stan Crowder's Homecoming will be held in Benbrook Texas on March 3rd. More details will follow. \$15/ person. Lodging at Comfort Suites for \$89/ night. There are other hotels in the town. Get tickets from Bill Kuehner. Brad Pack gave a report on monies raised for the Bastrop relief program. Post 447 and 179 donated over a thousand dollars for the families to assist with Christmas. PDC Majors encouraged the delegation to participate in the Legion Raffle, reminded us the benefits in participating he asked promotion at the squadron level. There will be another drawing at the state convention. Commander Crowder urged the importance of attending the district conventions, there is a lack of attendance.

PNC Dew addressed a resolution that would endorse David Blair for the position of Alternate NEC for the years 2012-2014. There were two resolutions that were discussed at length, one was rejected for improper verbage, the second is rejected because it needs to be re-written in proper form. PNC Dew 2nd, motion passed.

ADJUTANT NOTES: There was some difficulty with mailing out the last newsletter. Make sure addresses are correct. There is a computer in the office in headquarters for use at any time.

SPECIAL GUEST: Mike Simon, Director of Internal Affairs came to address the delegation. He encouraged the recruitment of new SAL members. He presented an award to John Schendel, Bill Kuehner, and Jerry Beird for recruiting at least 10 new SAL members.

SICK CALL & RELIEF- ??

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