

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
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 17, 2015 at 9:00AM and Sunday January 18, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Amphitheater at the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Meeting and Hotel News

Where: The Amphitheater, Omni Hotel, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744
512-448-2222. Room rates are \$95.00 per night plus tax.

All room reservations must be made by December 31, 2014

When: Saturday January 17, 2015 @ 9:00AM

Sunday, January 18, 2015 @ 9:30AM

Agenda

You will find the agenda for the meetings enclosed

Commander's Comments

Please the attached letter from Detachment Commander Thom Skelley

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 2014 Fall DEC are enclosed. Please read them and bring all corrections to this meeting in January. We will be having a special guest for this DEC meeting, Mr. Charles Keith, National Vice Commander Midwest, from the Detachment of Wyoming. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Beaumont, Texas the weekend of July 8-12, 2015. Our special guest for that date will be Sons of The American Legion National Commander Mike Moss. Please make plans to be at the Detachment Convention

Finance

Greetings everyone. I plan to email our Officers, Committee Chairmen and PDC's around the end of December to request your confirmation for the Mid-Winter DEC. Please respond by January 5th due to having the list to Bill West shortly after that date. If you do not receive the email from me, please send me a note of your plans to smslaughter@sbcglobal.net or call me at 817-946-4506. Any confirmations after that date will be paid after the meeting weekend. It is important to reply as soon

as possible. You must answer roll call on Saturday and Sunday and if you are assigned a committee, you must attend the committee meeting.
Steve Slaughter, Detachment Finance Officer

Internet

Greetings fellow SAL members! The new year brings new opportunities to improve our web page over last year. We have a great tool available for you to use. Send us the flyer to events your Squadron, District or Division 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 along with a description of who, what, where, etc. and we will post them all.

Gary Winters
Webmaster

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 Thom Skelley or Department Advisor, John Schendel. All items must be in letter form or by e-mail, if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can be reached at 281-541-8642 cell, 713-896-4775 fax or e-mail at knwink@msn.com. Commander Skelley can be reached at 813-310-0109 or e-mail at thomskelley@elp.rr.com. These new rules need to be followed so we do not create more issues at Department Headquarters. Failure to follow these rules will only delay your answers and create more controversy. Please remember, the SAL Detachment of Texas, now has an office to use when you are in Austin. Please see Dept. Adjutant Bill West for entry to this office. There is a computer set up in the office for your use also.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

OPENING SESSION, SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2015-----9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER SKELLEY

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS WATSON

INVOCATION-----CHAPLIN CARROLL MURPHY

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----DIVISION 3 COMMANDER CREECH

PREAMBLE-----DIVISION 4 COMMANDER POE

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

READING OF MINUTES-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS-----NEC CHATHAM

GREETINGS FROM SPECIAL GUEST AND SPEAKERS

GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LYNN SPARKS AND DEPARTMENT
PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Immediately following recess of meeting)----LOCATION TBD

BREAK FOR LUNCH, PDC CAUCUS-----11:30 to 12:30

GENERAL SESSION RESUMES-----1:00 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEC-----MILTON CHATHAM

DEPARTMENT LIASION-----JOHN SCHENDEL

INTERNET-----GARY WINTERS

LEGISLATIVE-----SANTIAGO BETANCOURT

AMERICANISM-----RICHARD GRIMES

VA & R-----RICK TRCZYNSKI

CHILDREN & YOUTH-----JIMMY DON DIXON

CMN/CWF-----MARK PATTERSON

PUBLIC RELATIONS-----PAUL MILLER

MARKETING-----RAY HARTLINE

CONVENTION CITY-----MILTON CHATHAM

BOYS STATE-----TRAVIS ARREAGA

AWARDS-----WESLEY JONES

PUFL-----GARY PAUL

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP-----BILL KUEHNER

FINANCE-----CONNIE WADDELL

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT-----DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN CARROLL MURPHY

HISTORIAN'S REPORT-----DETACHMENT HISTORIAN JONATHAN POE

ADJOURN UNTIL 9:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING

RECONVENE, SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2015-----9:30 AM

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS WATSON

CALL BACK TO ORDER-----COMMANDER SKELLEY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----DIVISION 1 COMMANDER JON KINGSTON

PREAMBLE-----DIVISION 2 COMMANDER KEN PETERS JR

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

COMPLETION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, IF NECESSARY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN CARROLL MURPHY

RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS WATSON

ADJOURNMENT-----COMMANDER SKELLEY

FALL DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING AUSTIN, TX---SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Commander Skelley. Colors being in place, a right hand salute were given. Following the pledge to our flag, the prayer and the reading of the preamble, the meeting was called into session at 1:17 PM. Roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for Asst. Adjutant Arreaga (E). All Chairmen were present except for Boys State Arreaga (E), Legislative Betancourt and Americanism Grimes. Districts present were 2, 4, 5C, 6C, 9C, 10C, 11, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15, 16, 17C, 19, 20C, 21 and 22. Squadrons present were 36, 37, 50, 81, 83, 121, 163, 172, 179, 208, 223, 231, 241, 245, 297, 321, 368, 430, 453, 517, 550, 554, 575, 593, 598, 654, 655, and 817. A quorum was established. Following roll call, Commander Skelley asked for the reading of the minutes. Motion was made by Gary Winters, 2nd by Bill Kuehner to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed

Commander Skelley then asked for NEC Chatham to bring forward any special guest. NEC Chatham came forward to introduce Kevin Collier, candidate for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion for the year 2015-2016. He brought his greetings and words of wisdom to the body.

Department Auxiliary President Donna Miller came forward to bring greetings to the body. She thanked the Detachment for their hard work and continued support of The American Legion Auxiliary.

American Legion Department Commander Lynn Sparks came forward to bring greetings from the Department of Texas. She expressed her thanks for the welcome and the SAL's hard work and continued support of all Veterans.

Department of Texas Internal Affairs Director Mike Simon came forward to bring us his words of encouragement and expressed his appreciation to all of the SAL for their hard work.

Detachment Commander Skelley gave some announcements to the body concerning membership, Squadron certifications and using the website. He then recessed the meeting at 1:50 PM for committee meetings.

Commander Skelley called the meeting back to order at 2:30 PM

NEC—NEC Chatham came forward to give his report. He reported to the body about the past National Convention held in Charlotte. He told us about the upcoming goals for the year from National Commander Moss. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Milton made a motion to accept his report. Ray Hartline 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

INTERNET—Chairman Gary Winters came forward to give his report. Talked about news releases and also spoke about the Detachment having a Facebook page and other important announcements that are available to everyone's use. A full report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Gary Winters, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew to accept the report. Motion passed.

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Milton Chatham gave the report. He spoke to the body concerning events of the upcoming Detachment Convention to be held in Beaumont in July

2015. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Milton, 2nd by Ray Hartline to accept the report. Motion passed.

BOYS STATE— Chairman Travis Arreaga not present due to attending Americanism/Boys State Convention in Indianapolis. His report will be presented at a later date and will be included in the next newsletter. Motion by Kevin, 2nd by Ralph Rocco to accept the report. Motion passed

AMERICANISM— There were no members present from the Americanism Committee therefore there was no report available.

DEPARTMENT ADVISOR—Department Liaison John Schendel gave his report. He spoke to the body concerning various events that are now going on between American Legion Post and Squadrons. Some of these issues are finances, constitution and by-laws and various agenda items that need to be addressed by both entities and not put back for further discussion. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Jon Kingston, 2nd by Milton Chatham to accept the report. Motion passed

AWARDS—Chairman Wesley Jones came forward to give his report. He stated that there are no nominees at this time for our awards. He stated that all applications are on the web site. Motion by Wesley, 2nd by Johnathan Poe to accept the report. Motion passed.

VA & R— Chairman Rick Trzcynski gave the report. He spoke to the body concerning various achievements by various Squadrons. He also spoke about all events that all Squadrons can do for VA & R. A complete copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Rick, 2nd by Johnathan Poe to accept the report. Motion passed

CHILDREN & YOUTH— Chairman Jimmy Don Dixon gave his report. He reported to the body concerning various accomplishments by Squadrons. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Jimmy Don made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Johnathan Poe. Motion passed

CWF/CMN---Chairman Patterson came forward to give the report. He spoke to the body concerning the CWF raffle. He also spoke to the body about donations made to CWF and/or CMN from various Squadrons. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Patterson made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ken Peters Jr. Motion passed

MARKETING-- Chairman Ray Hartline came forward to give his report. He stated that \$711.00 has been turned in to Detachment as of today and continues to sell our items at a great pace today. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Ray made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Jon Kingston. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Chairman Paul Miller came forward to give his report. He spoke to the body concerning how we need to get out more info to all Squadrons and Districts. He also talked about the use of computers and what we need them for. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Robert Sonnier to accept the report. Motion passed

PUFL— Chairman Gary Paul came forward to give his report. He stated that there are members in the PUFL program and reported that there is in excess of \$39,000.00 in the fund. He told the body how to get more PUFL members. FO gave a brief report to the body concerning the PUFL account and how we could make some extra funds. A complete report is attached to these

minutes. Gary made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed. It was stated by motion from Milton Chatham, 2nd by Ed Magers to ask FO Slaughter to write a direct letter to Walter Ivie concerning the PUFL account. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Bill Kuehner came forward to give the report. First point was Squadrons not certified and Squadrons that are certified to get their members in as soon as possible. Next point was membership letter and how the Chairman sends out his report. He also spoke to the body about upcoming goals and the Division race. Division 1 is leading the Division Commanders race. Immediate past Membership Chairman Bartholomew came forward to present 100% ribbons for 2014. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Bill, 2nd by Henry Creech to accept the report. Motion passed

FINANCE—Chairman Connie Waddell along with Finance Officer Slaughter gave the report. It was stated that the cost of the computers and projectors were approved by The American Legion. It was also stated that the budget was approved The American Legion. Connie made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN- Reported that Dual member John Bell passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 27, 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Past Historian Johnathan Poe came forward to state that he needs pictures for this upcoming year. Johnathan made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS—Robert Sonnier presented info to the body concerning expenses for guest Mike Fossum at the Detachment Convention. He stated that PDC Kuehner approved the expense for this trip. Motion made by Robert Sonnier to reimburse himself the expenses for Mike Fossum's trip to the convention in McAllen, 2nd by Bill Kuehner. There was some discussion. Motion failed.

GOOD OF THE SAL— There were many announcements made about squadron functions. Milton announced he had the coins from PNC Gladden available for pickup. Adjutant Winkelmann made a few announcements.

Being no further business, Commander Skelley asked Chaplain Murphy for the benediction. Following the benediction, Commander Skelley called for the hand salute to the colors and retirement of the colors. The meeting was then adjourned at 5:15 PM

Sons of The American Legion-Detachment of Texas,

It is my honor to extend a well-deserved "THANK YOU" for your efforts so far this year. We have met or exceeded the membership goals set forth by National so far, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! As of 12/4/14, we stand at 46.68% with nine Districts over the 45% mark. Can we keep the momentum going into 2015?

Although this is a team effort, I would like to recognize 10th District Commander Ralph Rocco. If my information is accurate, "Rock" will be the first Commander to lead his District to 100% membership by December 31st, with every Squadron in the 10th District at 100% or better. OUTSTANDING!

I know that everyone's schedule gets more hectic during the Holiday Season. Time becomes more and more scarce as family takes precedence over most other commitments. However, I would ask you to "put away" some time to honor and remember why you joined the Sons of The American Legion. Visit with a veteran this Christmas. Make a donation or host a fundraiser for CWF. Thank the men and women that protected your rights to celebrate this glorious season however you choose. In short, continue to do what you do every day.

I cannot express my gratitude enough to the Squadrons that I have visited this year. Your hospitality was nothing short of spectacular and I look forward to seeing a lot more of the Detachment of Texas in 2015.

IF YOU ARE A DETACHMENT OFFICER AND YOUR PICTURE IS **NOT** ON THE DETACHMENT WEBSITE...PLEASE BRING A SUIT/SPORTCOAT AND TIE WITH YOU TO MID-WINTER!!

Hope to see you all in Austin,

Thom Skelley

**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY OF KERRVILLE MEMORIAL POST 208
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN WELCOMING "HOME"**

2014/15 DETACHMENT COMMANDER

THOM SKELLEY



SATURDAY MARCH, 7TH KERRVILLE POST 208

3611 Hwy. 27 Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 896-6151

Social Hour 5:00-7:00

Dinner 7:00-8:00

Entertainment 8:00-12:00

Primary Hotel: Y.O. Ranch Hotel 2033 Sidney Baker St. 877-967-3767

Use online code "HOMECOMING" for discounted rate at Y.O. Ranch Hotel www.yoranchotel.com

Use code "American Legion Post 208" if making reservations by telephone

Reservation deadline for discounted rate: February 4th by NOON

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| Hampton Inn | Holiday Inn Express | Days Inn | La Quinta |
| 2114 Sidney Baker | 2038 Sidney Baker | 2000 Sidney Baker | 1940 Sidney Baker |
| 830-257-0600 | 830-391-8503 | 830-896-1000 | 830-896-9200 |

Tickets \$10.00 per person

Make checks payable to S.A.L. Squadron 208

Of Attendees _____

Post/Squadron/Unit _____

Guest(s) names

RSVP by Saturday February 21st Mail bottom portion along with payment to:

P.O. BOX 290191 Kerrville, TX 78029-0191 attn. Homecoming

Kevin, & Gentlemen,

I Would Like To Take This Time; to tell everyone MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW!!!! From The Detachment of TEXAS!!!! May GOD Bless And Keep You "US" Safe This Holiday. And GOD Bless Each And Everyone of Our MEN & WOMEN Serving That Have Severed Our Great Nation!!

Also If I May As Special Thank You To The Families That Had & Have Love Ones Serving or Severed.. May god Give You All Alittle Extra Dearing this Holiday. May He Fill your Life's with LOVE & JOY!!!
GOD BLESS!!!

Detachment Chaplin

SAL TEXAS

For God And Country

Carrol A.(BUBBA) Murphy

832-401-1088

936-230-2089



2014 – 2015 Individual Recruitment Award

The National Membership Committee offers a recruitment pin award for those members recruiting five (5) new members into the Sons of The American Legion within a membership year. This pin is suitable to wear upon your cover or lapel. You must meet and complete the requirements listed below.

- Recruit five (5) new members into the S.A.L., no renewals. **Must be new members only.**
- All information must be clearly printed or typed. Non-readable forms will not be processed
- The new members membership record must be received at the Detachment and National Headquarters
- This form must be postmarked prior to midnight of August 31, 2015
- Only one (1) award pin per member regardless of the total new members recruited
- American Legion Family members are also eligible for this award
- **No Abbreviations.** Information must be spelled out and complete
- Names will be verified prior to mailing of pins

National Recruitment Award

Recruiter's Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Full Squadron Name and Number _____ Detachment _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Unless specified different, the pin will be sent to the address stated above

New member information

#1 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

#2 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

#3 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

#4 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

#5 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

CERTIFICATION SIGNATURES

[] SQD [] POST COMMANDER _____ DATE _____

[] SQD [] POST ADJUTANT _____ DATE _____

SQUADRON ADVISOR (required) _____ DATE _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: (Regional Membership Chairman)

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|------------|----------------------|--|
| East – | John Waite (VT) | 1034 Main St, N. Walpole, NH 03609 |
| South – | Lyle Chapman (GA) | 3230 Misty Lake Ct, Marietta, GA 30068 |
| Central – | Dennis Theobald (IA) | 409 Monroe St, Muscatine, IA 52761 |
| Mid-West – | Seith A. Rippe (NE) | 305 19 th St, NE, Apt A, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 |
| West- | Joe Roberts (AZ) | 2049 N. 1 st St, Tuscon, AZ 85719 |

PINS WILL MAILED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION Member Profile Update Card

Please print legibly.

Member ID

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The purpose of this member profile update card is to update your membership data, if needed for future communications.

Please fill out only those fields that apply. Information provided is kept confidential. By providing mailing and/or email address information, you agree to receive future membership communications and email from The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion.

Take the completed card, fold with address panel outward, tape the edge, place a stamp and mail.



PLACE
STAMP
HERE

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES
THE AMERICAN LEGION
PO BOX 1954
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46206-1954



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- Complete the information on the card
- Fold card in half
- Tape the outside edge of the card (do not staple)
- Place a first-class stamp on the card
- Drop in the mail

▼ tape outside edge (DO NOT STAPLE) ▼

The 2015 membership year seems to be off to a fairly shaky start, as several squadrons have still not certified. What this says to me is: These squadrons need help and we are not providing it to them in a timely manner. Ongoing training must be given, not only at the D.E.C. meetings and conventions, but in the field as 'staff assistance visits'.

All must remember that the Sons of the American Legion is a program of the American Legion and, as such, we are responsible for timely reporting of our activities to the host post.

Over the past few months, we have seen problems with both 'overbearing' post leadership, district leadership, etc. Yes, there are going to be occasional conflicts, but if you do that which is required under the local Constitution and By-Laws and those of the state and national organizations, you can, to a degree, eliminate the conflict. Yes, some personalities will always clash, but folks, we are better than that. I urge you to take pride in who we are and what we do.

All applications for membership must be signed off by the host post adjutant. RE: The application, itself. Applications need to be filed away, as do any copies of the DD-214 or other substantiating documentation of membership eligibility.

Each post is responsible for an accurate accounting of squadron funds. Provide it. Become interactive in your home post relationships. Yes, we are accountable!

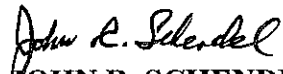
I will be visiting Burton Post 242, in the 10th District, on October 3rd, for the purpose of assistance in reactivating the Martin - Lewis Squadron 242.

On October 11th and 12th, I will be attending the 14th District Convention in Kingsville, where I also serve as the Legion District Adjutant.

Conditions and time permitting, I plan to attend the 15th District Convention as Department Advisor. Hopefully, we can provide some assistance and clarity to some misunderstandings and solve the perceived problems.

I have a pre-operative consult on October 31st and will undergo surgery on November 13th. I hope not to be out of the loop for too long.

Respectfully Submitted,



JOHN R. SCHENDEL

Department Advisor

Sons of the American Legion, TEXAS

**INTERNET REPORT
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
DETACHMENT CONVENTION
September 27, 2014**

As a reminder you have two sites 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>. Her you will find forms, membership information, coming events, minutes from meetings and more.

If you use Facebook you can visit our page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sons-of-The-American-Legion-Detachment-of-Texas/154637664628309> or by searching for the "Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas" while in Facebook.

Once again, if your squadron would like your events, Post Home calendar or other features published please email us via the link on web site or message us on FaceBook.

We will be working the next few months on making the PDF forms that are online fillable and easier to submit.

The Commander requested a Legacy Page on the Web Site. This page honors our parents/grandparents whose service to our great county made us eligible for membership in The Sons of The American Legion.

We posted the page on July 22nd and to date have only received inputs from Commander Skelley, Past Commander Sonnier, Vice Commander Poe and myself. This should be a something you all should be proud to do. All you need to do is send a picture of your parent, branch of service and if you wish any decorations they may have earned.

Gary Winters
Internet Chairman

CWF REPORT

9/27/14

MEETING STARTED 2:00PM ENDED 2:35 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK PATTERSON GARY PAUL RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW
AND JOHN WARUS

WE DISCUSSES RAFFLING OFF 2- PRE PAID CREDIT CARDS @ \$250.00 EACH
TICKEST FOR RAFFLE ARE 3 FOR \$5.00 OR 8 FOR \$10.00 RAFFEL BEGINS MID
WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 2014 16-18TH. DRAWING WILL BE AT DEPT
CONVENTION JULY 12TH 2015 IN BEAUMONT TEXAS

DURING OUR MEETING ON SATURDAY 9/27/14 @ FALL DEC WE PASSED THE HAT
AND RAISED \$226.00 FOR CWF

WE ALSO RECEIVED A CHECK FROM SQUADRON #17 GREENVILLE TEXAS FOR
\$100.00 FOR CWF

SO GENTELMAN BRING YOUR \$ MONEY \$ AND BELLY UP TO THE TABLE AND BUY
SOME TICKETS AND SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE.

THANKS CWF CHAIRMAN
MARK PATTERSON

Post # 208meeting SAT 9-27-14 12 noon
BLAIR TRACY, MYSELF

(Lost) Dan Wood, Don Williams

Since July 11 2014 McAllen

- Rick Yoga @ VA Every Tuesday (WHEELCHAIR YOGA)
- Bingo + Birthday Parties @ VA once/mo
\$50 WORTH COUPON BOOKS + \$30 SNACKS
- Friday mornings - HARLEY Radio Show Promoting SAL/Legion
- Starting our "Venison for Veterans" program CULL + PROCESS
deer meat FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- VAUS ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW (SEE ATTACHMENT)
- 9/18/14 VA PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$100 FOOD (12 VOLUNTEERS)

UP COMING EVENTS

- AR-15 .223 CUSTOM RAFFLE TO BENEFIT VA DOGS OF TEXAS
- 10/11/14 SAL Wounded Warrior Benefit
- 10/17/14 VA DOGS GOLF TOURNAMENT - (JUST BOUGHT 5 ACRES
TO BUILD TRAINING FACILITY)
- 11/7/14 ANNUAL VETERAN/WOUNDED WARRIOR HUNTING TRIP
- 11/11/14 ANNUAL VETERAN DAY PARADE HONORING WWII VETS
- Fuzzy? LARRY BEARD - MARSHALL SPOKESMAN
SEPT 20 VA DOG FUNDRAISER
ALREADY DONATED \$4500 LAST FALL

- VA DOGS

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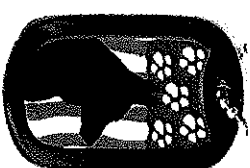
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VETERANS ASSISTANCE DOGS OF TEXAS

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DOGS of TEXAS

WHO WE ARE

Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas is a service program of Kerrville Etkes Charities, Inc. a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that trains and donates Service Dogs to Disabled American Veterans with mental impairments and/or mobility disabilities.

VADogs specializes in using Motivational Methods to train its Service Dogs.

Each dog is carefully evaluated prior to being selected from local animal shelters, rescue groups, working dog breeders and private individuals.

Our Goal is to affect physical and emotional Recovery and Independence in American Veterans with Disabilities.

We provide Service Dogs, at no cost to the Veteran, and develop effective teamwork between the Veteran and their Dog.

ABOUT OUR DOGS

Only the Best of the Best Service Dog candidates graduate and are certified. Once fully trained, the Service Dogs are able to assist individuals with mental impairments and/or physical disabilities accomplish daily tasks that would otherwise be difficult or impossible.

Each dog's training is customized to the individual needs of the Human Partner. The dogs are trained to perform many tasks such as:

- Get help in emergencies
- Pick-up and retrieve items
- Open & close doors and cabinets
- Turn lights on / off
- Pull a wheelchair
- Provide bracing to stand, walk or sit down
- Awaken their partner from nightmares
- Interrupt disassociation episodes

BECOMING A TEAM

When a Service Dog from our program is partnered with a Disabled Veteran, the team is trained to work together and is then certified. We continue to provide support to the team for the lifetime of the dog.

While a Service Dog is trained to perform specific tasks to assist their disabled partner, Service Dogs can also provide companionship, security and emotional stability during often difficult periods of recovery from physical and emotional wounds.

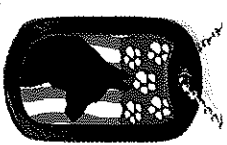
VADogs' organizational and training standards are based upon and meet or exceed standards established by Assistance Dogs International.

If you wish to apply for a Service Dog, please be advised that the wait time can be as long as one year. To be considered, call 830-792-4377 to request an application package. The application must be completed fully and returned to:

VADogs of Texas
Kerrville, TX 78029-0546

P. O. Box 290546

You will be contacted by our office.





VAVS SUMMARY OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW

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|--|---|----------------------------|
| NAME OF FACILITY/STATION NUMBER/ADDRESS STVHCS/671, 3600 MEMORIAL BLVD, KERRVILLE, TX | NAME OF ORGANIZATION SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION | DATE OF REVIEW 09/12/14 |
|--|---|----------------------------|

| I. STATISTICS (From Representative) | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR | GROWTH RATE + - |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| A. 1. NUMBER OF R.S. VOLUNTEERS | 5 | | 5 |
| 2. NUMBER OF R.S. VOLUNTEERS HOURS | 821 | | 821 |
| 3. NUMBER OF OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEER HOURS | 572 | | 572 |
| 4. NUMBER OF ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS | 1393 | | 1393 |
| 5. NUMBER OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS | 0 | | 0 |
| 6. NUMBER OF NEW VOLUNTEERS | 5 | | 5 |
| 7. NUMBER OF NEW RS VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS | 5 | | 5 |
| 8. TOTAL CASH DONATIONS | \$350.00 | | \$350.00 |
| 9. TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE OF NON CASH DONATIONS | \$294.05 | | \$294.05 |

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|--|-----|
| B. 1. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS WITHIN VAMC AREA: | |
| 2. ESTIMATED TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: | 100 |
| 3. NUMBER OF UNITS CONTACTED: | 1 |
| 4. NUMBER OF UNITS VOLUNTEERING: | 1 |

| II. ANNUAL REVIEW (From Representative) | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|
| A. QUALITY OF VA STAFF SUPERVISION (NOT VAVS) | X | | | |
| B. QUALITY OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE SUPPORT | X | | | |
| C. QUALITY OF ORGANIZATION SUPPORT | X | | | |

III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. (Evaluate last year's progress; Set next year's goals) (From Representative and Chief)

This being your first evaluation your organization has been very active with the Veteran patients and supported all the VAVS programs. Your goal next year is to increase your stats for the next evaluation.

IV. COMMENTS: Concerns/Extra Efforts/Retention/Fund Raising Activities/Special Events/Media Use/Volunteer Assignments/Recruitment (From Representative and Chief)

The Son of the American Legion have been very active with our Veteran Patients. The Representative and Deputies have attended all required VAVS meetings. They conduct a monthly bingo for our patients. Mr. Rick Trzcinski, Deputy Representative conducts Yoga class for our patients every Tuesday. The organization also schedules fishing and hunting outings for our Veterans during the year. The Sons of the American Legion representative has attended all required meetings. The organization has supported all the VAVS programs like the Kerrville Veterans Open Car Show and Parade, National Salute for the Veteran Patients and several activities with the Recreation Service. I look forward of working with the Sons of the American Legion on the upcoming fiscal year.

VAVS Representative Blair Sanders (Signature) Chief, Voluntary Service Ricardo Rodriguez (Signature)

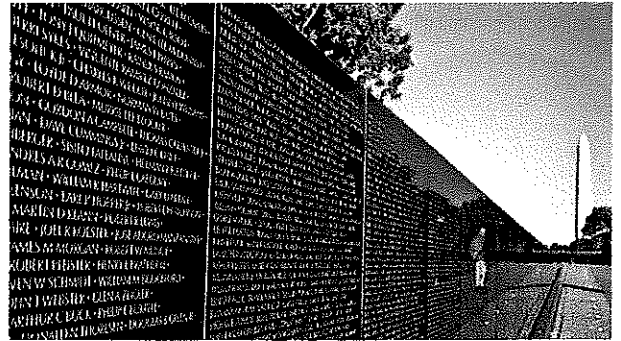
(Attach additional pages if needed)

It isn't a strictly submarine topic but the Viet Nam War affected so many of us. I read this and it hit home.

-The Editor

THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL THE WALL AS IT IS CALLED...

It means so much to so many. But, as in many, things, there are stories we never knew . . .



- There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.
- The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 57 years since the first casualty.
- The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, MA. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.
- There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.
- 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.
- 8,283 were just 19 years old.
- The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.
- 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.
- 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.
- One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.
- 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.
- 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.
- 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.
- Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.
- 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.
- 8 Women are on the Wall, Nursing the wounded.
- 44 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.
- Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.
- West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.
- The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.
- The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.
- The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.
- For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

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At the fall DEC American Legion Convention in Austin, Tx Commander Thom Skelley put out a challenge to all of the squadrons of the Sons of the American Legion of Texas to raise money for the Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas. With this challenge, who ever donated the most money would get to push him into the hotel pool. Thom raised \$1750 and the check was donated at the recent VA Dogs fundraising golf tournament in Kerrville, Tx.



Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Texas



10/17/2014

Pay to the order of: V.A. Dops of Texas \$1750.00
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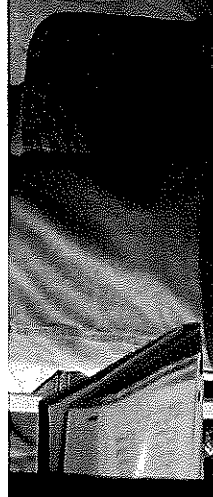

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10/17/2014

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NEC REPORT

SEPTEMBER 26M 2014

THE PRE-NEC WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMANDER GLADDEN AT 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMANDER GLADDEN AT 1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 21. WE WERE VISITED BY SEVERAL DIGNITARIES DURING THIS PART OF THE MEETING. SOME OF THEM WERE: NATIONAL COMMANDER DELLINGER; NATIONAL ADJUTANT WHEELER; AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT NANCY BROWN-PARK; AUXILIARY NATIONAL SECRETARY MARY BUCKLER; NATIONAL HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT AND THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL AMERICAN COMMANDER, MICHAEL HELM AND THE SECOND LEADING CANDIDATE PLUS MANY OTHERS.

DURING THE COMMITTEE REPORTS, SQUADRON 447, ROUND ROCK, RECEIVED PLAQUE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH; SQUADRON 22, CORSICANA, WON AWARD FOR BEST SQUADRON REHAB. REPORT. WE ALSO RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR 100% MEMBERSHIP.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT WAS COLLECTED:

NEF-\$2893.00; CWF-\$49,693.; LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP-\$16,956.; FISHER HOUSE-\$6120; AL ENDOWMENT FUND-\$250.00. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE LEGACY RUN RAISED OVER \$420,000.00.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD ON SUNDAY MORNING.

FOLLOWING SPEACHES ON SUNDAY MORNING, MIKE MOSS WAS ELECTED NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER. CHARLES KEITH WAS ELECTED NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER, MIDWEST.

APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS: ED MAGER, AMERICANISM COMMISSION; THOMAS SKELLY-CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION; SANTIAGO BETANCOURT-LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

FOLLOWING THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY, THE CONVENTION WAS ADJOURNED.

POST NEC FOLLOWED THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONVENTION.

MILTON R. CHATHAM

Note: Commander Moss' theme is "Building Budgets to the future; raise \$50,000 for NEF & \$50,000 for the AL Endowment fund.

CONVENTION REPORT

THE 2015 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IS CURRENTLY BEING WORKED ON. THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL BE THE HILTON GARDEN INN WITH ROOM RATE BEING \$85.00 FOR SINGLE KING AND DOUBLE BED ROOMS.

A GOLF TOURNAMENT IS BEING PLANNED AND I WILL REPORT THE DETAILS AT A LATER DATE.

SAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT DORIE E. MILLER POST 817. POST 817 IS PLANNING FOR A FISH FRY THAT FRIDAY AND POSSIBLY A DANCE FOLLOWING OR ON SATURDAY NIGHT. A PRICE HAS NOT BEEN SET FOR EITHER EVENT.

PINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE \$3.00 EACH. JERRY TATMAN IS TAKING ORDERS FOR THE CONVENTION SHIRT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


MILTON R. CHATHAM
CONVENTION CITY CHAIRMAN

Fall D.E.C. of Texas - 9-27-2014-15

Children & Youth Report

Started
2:00 PM

Chairman - Jimmy D. Dixon
Committee men - 20th Dist. Commander / Henry Creech
P.D.C. / Gary Winters

James A. Edmond Sq~~at~~: 121 Waco, Tx.

Donations of \$ 300.⁰⁰ in school supplies to ~~two~~ two local teacher Mary & Susan Duty in the Waco ISD for students in need.

Donations of \$ 120.⁰⁰ in items from NASA / AMES Research Lab. in Sunnyvale Ca. to two local teachers Mary & Susan Duty to help in space study's in their own schools in Waco, Tx. ISD
For a total of \$ 420.⁰⁰ in donations

End
2:20 PM

Children & Youth Chairman

Jimmy D. Dixon

Squadron 179 New Braunfels

Total & Pledged Donation of \$ 300.⁰⁰ scholarship & a donation of \$ 500.⁰⁰ pledged for the Spring of 2015

\$ 1050.⁰⁰

Overall total
\$ 1470.⁰⁰

Donation of \$ 250.⁰⁰ to local Newspapers in Education program of the New Braunfel Herald-Zeitung to be placed in Carl Schurz Elementary School for current event studios during the 2014-15 school year.



PUFL Committee

PUFL Committee met at 2:20 in attendance was Robert Sonnier and I. Robert showed me how to balance out the numbers. After adding the last PUFLs we have a balance of \$39,258.35 in the PUFL account. To date we have 134 PUFLs. Prior to our meeting we handed out our PUFL application to all in attendance and ask them to please take back to their Squadrons and post them on their bulletin board, and promote at every meeting. Also, asked all Division and District Commanders to promote in their travels. I also stated that if we could get one PUFL from every Squadron we would have 294 renewals every year. Finance Officer Steve Slaughter spoke about a conversation he had with Walter Ivie on how we can invest this account. Steve is to get everything in writing and bring to midwinter DEC for further discussion.

Meeting ended at 2:35

Respectfully submitted by Gary Paul, PUFL Chairmen

2014 Boys State Fall Report
To The
Department Americanism Committee

Upcoming 2015 Boys State Session:

75th Year (1st year, 1940; Suspended 1945)

2015 Location:

Campus of the University of Texas at Austin

2015 Dates:

Sunday June 7th, 2015 through Friday June 12th, 2015

2015 Cost:

\$275.00, which includes all program fees, room and board, and one "free" Boys State Tee shirt

2015 Application Process:

Now open.

Note: The formatting problem that resulted in lengthy printouts of the application form if the boy was "wordy" in the fill in the blank area is being worked on by the IT members of staff. The target deadline for the "fix" is January 1st, however until that time the application program will capture all the relevant data and may be used by the early bird Posts who make sure their boys get in

2015 Attendance Goals/Projections:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Application Goal: | 1100 |
| Registrations for Budget: | 940 |
| Anticipated No-shows: | 20 |
| Delegates Starting Program: | 920 |
| Est. Number of Early Departures: | 12 |
| Delegates Completing Program: | 908 |
| Goal, Number of Sponsoring Posts: | 240 (20 more than last year) |
| Number of High Schools Represented: | 400+ (2,400+ in Texas) |

2013-2014 Gross Financials (As of August 31, 2014):

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Received - Registration, T-shirt sales, etc: | \$290,926 |
| Costs - T-shirt, supplies, medical, Capitol fees, pins, patches, plaques, Flag Etiquette and Constitutions, Planning Commission Travel, misc costs: | \$41,819 |
| Approximate (Budgeted) Cost - Website, National Directors Conference, Staff Stipends, Travel to session, Transportation equipment, postage, printing and misc: | \$38,974 |
| University of Texas Costs: | \$186,473 |
| | <hr/> |
| Approximate Gain: | \$23,660 |
| Gain per Registered Boy in Program: | \$25.17 |

Highlights of 2013-2014:

1. Harvey Klee brought non-denominational prayer to the program with much success.
2. Parent participation on the first day for orientation and for the last day at the Capitol was beyond our expectations and beyond our ability to deal with the success. Next year, we will have to provide a live feed at the Capitol to an adjoining room as all parents had to leave the House Chamber in order to fit the boys in.
3. The success of the visiting Dignitary Program was beyond our expectations thanks to the work of Legionnaires and ex-Marines, Jason Denny and James Crabtree who spent countless hours walking the halls of the Capitol Complex recruiting 45 dignitaries and many elected officials to come speak to the boys.
4. The College/Military muster event was our first strong push to make the event happen and the success was outstanding. Over 20 colleges and ROTC units had tables at the fair and we received several thank you notes from them saying they had NEVER seen such a qualified group of individuals come thru one of these fairs....and that they would be back next year.
5. The number of counselors was raised from 70 last year to 84 this year which should go a long way to improving retention and reducing burn out. Each Senior Counselor had TWO Junior Counselors to help him with getting their cities up and moving each day.

6. We had essentially 100% accuracy in all data capture on the boys and their applications as a result of the on-line application process and the minimal number of paper applications that Mamie Hughes in HQ had to attempt to decipher.

2014-2015 Financial Highlights:

1. Our Director, Gary Flenniken has set a goal of 1,100 boys in the program for this, our 75th anniversary year. If we can make that happen, the University is most excited about turning the entire Jester Dorm over to us for our program and the revenue from the extra Boys State delegates will far surpass the marginal costs for renting larger rooms for our convocations. However, until I see a plan for the 1,100 recruits, I am submitting this budget for the conservative attendance numbers we have been able to produce the last few years.
2. The initial year of "Store" operations for the selling of Boys State brand items was very successful. We grossly underestimated the demand for "Graduation Cords" and could have sold far more if we had more in stock. Advance payment was taken for 180 and, in July, the HQ staff mailed them to the boys who purchased them. However, the demand (mostly by parents) for the cords caught us completely off-guard. The insulated cups were not as successful as we anticipated but that's perhaps because we are old enough to care about wet rings under glasses on our furniture and 17-year old boys aren't. On the positive side, the cups made an EXCELLENT gift to our visiting dignitary and many were passed out at the Capitol Complex to lubricate the wheels of our visit there on Friday. A full accounting of the store operation will be done and sent to the Americanism Committee when I can spend a day in the store room inventorying what remains of our stock.
3. I am proposing that the Legion reimburse the staff of Boys State at the same rate that the Legion uses for reimbursement of its member mileage. Also, for the last ten years or so, each counselor has been reimbursed \$10 a day for per diem. When they leave, the UT garage takes \$10 a day from them for parking their car. So, in reality, they don't get any per diem at all. I am proposing that we reimburse for parking since there no longer is anywhere near the UT campus that anyone can park for free anymore. All of the counselors in the program are giving up a week of vacation or pay to serve us. We have two doctors, a lawyer or two, teachers, IT experts, and many struggling high school seniors and/or college students for whom that missed week of pay hurts the pocketbook. I feel these proposed changes are the decent thing to do.

Goal for Legion Night 2015:

I proposed to the Boys State Staff that beginning in 2015 we change "Legion Night" into "Legion Day" whereby Legionnaires would come to the campus in the morning and spend the entire day shadowing one or the Cities and or other programs (House/Senate), see the debates, hear the kids argue and frame their platforms, eat meals with us in the cafeteria, and then stay for the evening's traditional Legion Night.

The Staff responded with not only "yes" but with a goal to have 150 Legionnaires participate in the program. Bill West and I can invite, but it will take the Americanism Committee and it's connections throughout the Department to spread the word and make it happen.

If we can get that kind of participation, our goal of increasing Boys State attendance to 1100 will become a reality.

Boys State November 2014 Planning Meeting Agenda:

(If you have suggested agenda items, please send them to me at: Pbarker78746@gmail.com)

Review of 2014 Program:

- Finances
- Attendance numbers
- Boys Nation report
- Success/issues of on-line application process
- Store operation
- Assessment of early legislature election results
- Assessment of social media program success/challenges
- Control of inappropriate media postings
- Success of the Visiting Dignitary program

Plan for 2015 75th Anniversary Program:

- Finances
- Attendance goals
- On-line application issues
- Development of weather safety plan
- Plan for control of improper use of social media
- Changes to pocket manual, printing deadlines, and ownership
- Changes to counselor/statesman orientation program and ownership
- Staff changes and responsibilities
- Consider increasing Legion Night to "Legion Day"
- UT Commitments and Schedule
- Capitol and Parade Commitments and Schedules
- Plan for Visiting Dignitary program
- Special events to commemorate 75th anniversary

**The American Legion Department of Texas
Boys State 2014 - 2015 Budget
(2013-2014 Actuals As Of August 31, 2014)**

Prepared For DEC, Sept 26, 2014

| | Supporting Data: | 2014 - 2015 | | 2012 - 2013 | | 2011 - 2012 | | 2010 - 2011 | |
|--|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------|--|
| | | Proposed Budget | Actuals | Actuals | Actuals | Actuals | Actuals | Actuals | |
| Est. No. of registrants: | (No shows: 20) | 950 | 966 | 946 | 850 | 856 | | | |
| Registration Fee (Incl. 1 Free Tee at \$5.80): | | 275 | 275 | 275 | 275 | 275 | | | |
| Registration Fees: | | 261,250 | 266,970 | 260,228 | 229,675 | 233,275 | | | |
| Merchandise Sales: | | 0 | 11,105 | 11,105 | 16,075 | 16,011 | | | |
| | Tee Shirts: 930 Registrants X 4 shirts ea X \$5 = | 18,600 | | 19,349 | | | | | |
| | Caps, Stickers, Towels, & "Branding" Mat'ls.: | 10,000 | | 8,285 | | | | | |
| | Investment Earnings | 3,000 | 5,592 | 2,922 | 3,653 | 3,747 | | | |
| | Gain (Loss) on Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Other Receipts, Donations, etc. | 200 | 0 | 142 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Total Receipts: | 293,050 | 283,667 | 290,926 | 249,403 | 253,033 | | | |

Receipts

Expenses

University of Texas Expenses:

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Program Exp. - Housing & Food (Boys+Cou) | 930 Boys/90 Cou | 171,360 | 168,617 | 169,033 | 148,040 | 148,551 |
| Program Exp. - Meeting Rooms | | 9,000 | 3,867 | 5,463 | 11,155 | 4,085 |
| Program Exp. - Recreation, Field Rental | | 7,500 | 7,392 | 7,392 | 7,392 | 7,200 |
| Program Exp. - Catering | | 1,500 | 920 | 748 | 1,035 | 1,150 |
| Program Exp. - UT Internet, A/V Use, Teleph. | | 6,000 | 5,603 | 5,087 | 134 | 101 |
| Program Exp. - Guest Meals (Incl. in Housing/food) | 400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 349 |
| Computer Equipment | | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Shirts and Store Purchases:

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|---|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Boys Tee Purchase, 930 X 5 X \$4.00 = | | 18,600 | 29,785 | 26,845 | 18,752 | 19,347 |
| Staff Tee Purchase, 48 x \$5.45 = | | 260 | | | | |
| Staff Polos, 426 X \$21.00 = | | 8,950 | | | | |
| Boys State Brand Materials (caps, pins, etc.) | | 12,000 | 12,034 | | | |

Operating Expenses:

| | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Supplies | 1,500 | 1,290 | 1,700 | 830 | 1,150 |
| Manuals | 2,000 | 1,706 | 0 | 2,603 | 2,370 |
| Music | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Medical | 500 | 200 | 265 | 544 | 200 |
| National Directors Conference | 5,000 | 4,897 | 3,176 | 0 | 661 |
| Parade/Capital Fees | 500 | 300 | 480 | 240 | 80 |
| Staff Stipends | 2,750 | 2,750 | 2,673 | 0 | 2,050 |
| Pins, Patches, Plaques, Ribbons, Lanyards | 800 | 511 | 504 | 8,000 | 420 |
| Flag Etiq, Const & Bylaws | 1,300 | 625 | 1,275 | 970 | 1,228 |

Travel:

| | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------|
| Travel Committee Planning | 1,000 | 830 | 400 | 489 | 674 |
| Travel Expense (Incr. Mileage to Legion Rates) | 20,000 | 17,811 | 13,949 | 0 | 12,388 |
| Insurance | 500 | 352 | 0 | 0 | 693 |

Miscellaneous Expenses:

| | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Investment Management | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Leased Trans Equip - Buses, Vans, Truck | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,021 |
| Leased Trans Equip - Other | | 2,467 | 2,994 | | |
| Leased Equipment | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 100 | 67 | 409 | 0 | 0 |
| Postage | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Printing | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Telephone | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Web Site | | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Operating Expense | 1,000 | 5,242 | 1,000 | 1,324 | 0 |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Expenses: | 275,320 | 267,266 | 243,431 | 201,644 | 205,026 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Change in Assets: | 17,730 | 23,660 | 40,236 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

2014 UT Housing & Food Cost:

2014: 925 Boys Plus 80 Counselors:

Unit Housing & Food Cost:

James A. Edmond Sq. 121 Waco, Texas

Children & Youth, V.A. & R, & Americanism – Report July 12, 2014 to Sept. 27, 2014

Donated 2 pints of blood.

Donated \$400.00 of magazines to Wounded Warriors @ Brooks Medical Center. In the care of Hill Country Hobby's in San Antonio, Tx. & the owner Gary Emery.

Donated 24 models for \$420.00 to Wounded Warriors @ Brooks Medical Center. In the care of Hill Country Hobby's in San Antonio, Tx. & the owner Gary Emery.

Build & donated a model, of a World War 2 Gato class submarine. To a World War 2 Sub Vet, in the markings of the sub he served on during World War 2, the USS Fargo (SS-264). Total cost: \$75.00 Total hours: 47.

Build & donated 7 models to Waco ISD, to their Mars Space Museum & to Teacher Mary Duty.
Total cost: \$90.00 Total hours: 110.

Donated \$300.00 in school supplies to two local teachers Mary & Susan Duty in the Waco ISD for students in need.

Donated \$120.00 in items from NASA / AMES Research Lab. in Sunnyvale Ca. to two local teachers Mary & Susan Duty to help in space study's in their own schools in the Waco ISD.

Build & Donated 9 Models to a display @ James A. Edmond Post 121, Waco. Total cost: \$186.00
Total hours: 83. (This display is a on going project of 107 models total when completed. Covering the time frame from the Spanish-American War to present time).

Donated \$50.00 to James A. Edmond Post 121, to help with putting in a handicap ramp at the home post.

Donated \$50.00 to James A. Edmond Post 121. to help with the cost of putting in a playground at the home post.

Build & donated a model of a P-51C. For a Display at Ft. Worth, Post 838 in honor of Lt. Lee Archer. Who was with the 302nd FS / 332nd FG 15th AF (Red Tails) & three other members of the post who were also members of the "Tuskegee Airmen".
Total cost: \$33.00 Total hours: 20

Home service hours: 30

Field service hours: 110

New Braunfels 179

VA & R Four Hosp Visits Teacher