

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 2019
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Call to Order

By order of the Commander and pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1 of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Texas, I, Bill Kuehner, Detachment Adjutant, do hereby call all members of the Detachment Executive Committee to convene on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:30AM and, Sunday, January 27, 2019 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 Governors Row, Austin, Texas, 512-448-2222. Room rates are \$115.00 per night plus tax. All room reservations must be made as soon as possible.

When: Saturday, January 26, 2019 @ 10:30AM

Sunday, January 27 2019 @ 9:00AM

Agenda

You will find the agenda for the meetings within

Adjutant's Notes

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman, and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported to me as soon as they occur, including email addresses. Please email 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 our mailings.

The minutes from the 2018 Detachment Fall DEC are enclosed. Please review and bring all corrections to this meeting in January.

Upcoming events: Detachment Convention will be in Irving this year. It will be at the Westin hotel, 4545 John Carpenter Fwy, Irving Tx. 972-929-4500, room rate is 119.00 per night. The dates are July 12-14 2019. The Auxiliary hotel is the Sheraton, 4440 W. John Carpenter Fwy. Irving. 972-929-8400, room rate is 119.00 per night

Commander's Comments

Department Headquarters Policy

There have been some changes at Department Headquarters that we all need to observe. From this day forward until further notice, these are the new policies that have been mandated. If anyone or any Squadron has complaints, concerns, issues, or need information concerning membership or other matters, all comments and/or questions must go through the Detachment Adjutant, Bill Kuehner, or if he is unavailable contact the Detachment Commander Jon Kingston. All items must be in letter or email form when possible. Adjutant Kuehner can be reached at 817-845-2990 or by email at bkuehner@sbcglobal.net. Commander Kingston can be reached at 940-367-0165 or by email at jonkings@centurytel.net. Please follow these rules so that all issues can be resolved expediently and properly.

MID-WINTER AGENDA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

Training – Leadership Training	9:00AM
Opening Session	10:30AM
Call to Order	Commander Kingston
Post Colors	Sgt-at-Arms Jennings
Invocation	Chaplain Jeff Saul
Moment of Silence	
Pledge of Allegiance	Division 1 Commander Tom Arista
Preamble	Division 4 Commander Ken Dorsett
Roll Call	Adjutant Kuehner
Reading of Minutes	Adjutant Kuehner
Special Introductions (if any)	NEC David Blair

NEC Report

NEC David Blair

Department Advisor Report
LUNCH BREAK

Milton Chatham
11:45AM-1:00PM

(Reconvene)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Internet

Gary Winters

Legislative

Anthony Lambert

Americanism

Roy Fowler

VA&R

Bart Kleespies

Children & Youth

Tracy Wood

CWF

Shannon Boyce

Public Relations

Dustin Moore

Marketing

Ray Hartline

Convention City

Tom Arista

Boys State

Travis Arreaga

Awards

Wesley (Buck) Jones

PUFL

Steve Slaughter

Internal Affairs / Membership

Juan Torres

Finance

Eddy Seegers

RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY

9:00AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

Reconvene	9:00AM
Call to Order	Commander Kingston
Post Colors	Sgt-At-Arms Jennings
Continue Committee Reports (if needed)	
Unfinished Business	
New Business	
Good of the Sons of the American Legion	
Benediction	Chaplain Jeff Saul
Retire Colors	Sgt-at-Arms Jennings
Adjournment	Commander Kingston

**Fall DEC - Austin
September 22-23 2018**

Saturday, September 22

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Cmdr Kingston, Colors being in place, a right hand salute was given. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Preamble, the meeting was called into session at 10:40 AM. Roll call was conducted, all officers were present except Asst. Sgt at Arms Taylor Watson. All chairman were present except, Legislative- TJ Lambert,VA&R-Bret Kleespies, Internet- Gary Winters

Districts present were 1,2,4,5C,6C,7C,8C,9C,10C,11C,12,13C,14,15C,16C,1720C,21,22C.
Numerous Squadrons were in attendance.

Following roll call, JA Rolf Austin, confirmed a quorum. Cmdr Kingston then called for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Gary Randall to accept as published, 2nd by Dustin Moore, Motion carried.

Cmdr Kingston then appointed Rick Davis , Sqdn 658 as Asst. Sgt at Arms for Fall DEC. He will receive a full Call in.

Cmdr Kingston then called upon Dept Advisor, Milton Chatham to give his report. Motion by Ken Dorsett to accept, 2nd by Kevin Winkelmann, after discussion, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

PDC Thom Skelley elaborated on part of Miltons report pertaining to a National Resolution on membership Eligibility if your qualifying parent quits or leaves the organization.

Cmdr Kingston then called for committee reports.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: The report was given by Chmn Roy Fowler. Chmn Fowler made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Thom Skelley, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Legislative: Report given by Dustin Moore, Dustin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Roy Fowler, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Internet: Dustin Moore gave the report, Dustin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Danny Layne, Motion carried. Copy of report attached.

P.R.: Report given by Dustin Moore. Dustin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Randall, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Department VA&R Committee member, Cedric Patterson addressed the body and gave a brief talk on VA Hospitals/Clinics, VAV's, and all the volunteer hours that go into the program and thanked the SAL For all the hard work we do in supporting this program.

Cmdr Kingston then called for a lunch break at 11:55.

After retiring the colors, Cmdr Kingston recessed the meeting until 1:15 PM.

Lunch Break: 12:00-1:15 PM

Cmdr Kingston called the meeting back to order at 1:15.

Cmdr Kingston then called upon the Committee reports to continue.

VA&R: Report given by Bart Kleespees. Bart made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Tom Arista, Motion carried. Copy of report attached.

C&Y/CMN-CWF: Report given by Tracy Wood and Rob Bradley. Motion by Tracy to accept the report, 2nd by Dustin Moore, Motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Dept President, Shay Kuehner then brought greetings from the Dept Auxiliary. She thanked the SAL for all we do to support the LEGION FAMILY.

Marketing: Report given by Chmn Ray Hartline. Ray made a motion to accept, 2nd by Gary Randall, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Convention City: report given by Tom Arista. Detachment Convention will be in Irving, July 12-14. We will be at the Westin Hotel on John Carpenter Fwy. Room rate is 119.00 per night. Cut off date is June 17. Tom made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ken Peters Jr. Motion carried.

Boys State: Report given by Chmn Travis Arreaga,. Travis made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Tom Arista, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Awards: report given by Chmn Buck Jones. Buck mentioned that there was very few candidates submitted at this time for any of our awards. Buck made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Roy Fowler, motion carried.

PUFL: report given by Steve Slaughter. 127 PUFL members from 57 Squadrons in Detachment. Monies in the bank for this account seem to be fairly accurate. Steve made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Roy Fowler, motion carried.

Internal Affairs: report given by Chmn Juan Torres. Juan made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Ken Peters Jr. Motion carried.

Finance: Report given by Chmn Eddy Seegers. Eddy made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Dustin Moore, motion carried. Copy of report attached.

Cmdr Kingston then called for a recess until 9:00 AM Sunday September 23. After retiring the colors Cmdr Kingston recessed the meeting at 3:15 PM.

Sunday, September 23. Reconvene 9:00 AM

Cmdr Kingston called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

After the usual opening, Cmdr Kingston asked for the roll call. Adj. Kuehner then called the roll. Again JA Austin declared we had a quorum.

Cmdr Kingston then moved to Unfinished Business. There was none.

Cmdr Kingston then moved to New Business.

New Business:

There are National Resolutions addressing Transgenders/Female eligibility in the organization and if your eligible parent leaves the organization our eligibility leaves as well. After discussion the body voted not to support these resolutions and NEC David Blair will vote accordingly on the National floor.

PDC Thom Skelley made a motion to purchase a jacket for Past Dept Advisor, John Schendel, 2nd by Kevin Winkelmann, motion carried. Kevin will order the jacket.

Good of the Sons of the American Legion:

Past National Chris Huntzinger past away earlier in week. Cmdr Huntzinger donated a bottle of Texas Crown that he had won in a raffle back to the Detachment. We have raffled that same bottle every year since and have made over \$5000.00 to support our programs. This year we decided to give it to the Huntzinger Family to donate to their favorite cause. The check was presented at the NEC in Indianapolis.

VCD2 David Moore mentioned Sqd 618 will hold a Bar-B-Que cook-off details to follow.

5th District Cmdr Lewi Elam spoke about the Annual Lua at Post 453 on October 13, 2018

PNC Kevin Winkelmann then asked if anybody had an interest in moving up to the National level and would help those to get an appointment.

National AL Cmdr Brett Reistad then brought greetings from the National Organization. Thanking the SAL for all we do for the Legion Family.

Dept Advisor Milton Chatham then thanked the body for all their relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey.

Cmdr Kingston then raffled a National Commanders pin from Cmdr Reistad, and a ball point pen for \$502.00, a hat was passed around and brought the total to \$665.00 for Child Welfare.

There being no further business, Cmdr Kingston called on Chaplain Jeff Saul for closing prayer. After retiring the colors, Cmdr Kingston adjourned the meeting at 10:45AM

Respectfully submitted

Bill Kuehner
Detachment Adjutant

SAL Advisors Report
September 21, 2018

When asked, I readily accepted the position of SAL advisor as I would be coming back anyway.

My first assignment was presenting the 2018-2019 SAL Budget to the Americanism Commission. There was one thing wrong. I did not have a copy of the proposed budget. The chairman presented the budget that was approved for 2017-2018 which was accepted with changes to be made once the proposed 2018-2019 budget was received.

After proposed budget was received by the Commission Chairman Tvrdik, I was informed that it was \$2714 .00 over what was received in 2017-2018 and had to be amended. He requested for the SAL Budget Committee to meet to amend or the Americanism Commission would. He informed me later that this amount (\$2714.00) would be cut from the Commander's account.

PDC Slaughter, Kuehner, PD Creech, Detachment Kingston, and I met to make the proposed changed. These cuts were approved by the Budget and Finance Commission. PDC Slaughter has a copy of the proposed budget.

I was informed that the request made by PNC Winkelmann could not be done as they were not the correct figures. Checks will be passed out on Sunday following the close of business.

Milton R. Chatham

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SAL Advisor



Fall DEC, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas Boys State Report 2018

The Boys State Program was held at the University of Texas at Austin June 10-15 in Austin Texas. There were 1,111 registered delegates in attendance, which was 13 more than the previous year. A total of 1,106 finished the program.

A brief overview of the 2018 Program are below:

- 234 posts sent at least one delegate
 - one more than the previous year
- 509 schools sent at least one delegate
 - 21 more than the previous year
- Squadron #71 sent 68 delegates, the highest number for the entire state.
- Squadron #159 & Squadron #179 tied sending 24 delegates.
- District 10 & 20 tied for sending a total of 112 delegates.
- District 4 in second place at 109 delegates.
- Squadron 159, had one of the Boys Nation Delegates.

The Dates for the 80th session (2019):

- June 10-14
- University of Texas
- Possible change in residence hall. There is a chance that the program will return to Jester Dorm. Information will be posted on the website.

The Boys State website was continually updated during the week, election results as well as links to the daily newscasts are be posted there. Anyone can purchase photos online. All the city photos are available for download free of charge.

www.texasboysstate.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Travis M. Arreaga
Boys State Chairman, Sons of The American Legion
Assistant Director, Texas Boys State

Sons of The American Legion,
Detachment of Texas
Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met in the Conference Center of the Omni Hotel, South Austin at 11:47 ec a.m. on September 22, 2018. In attendance were Financial Officer Henry Creech, PDC Steve Slaughter, NEC David Blair, and Committee Chair Eddy Seegers.

The estimated membership for budget purposes was too high so we had to lower the budget amounts by \$2,800.00.

Steve Slaughter, Henry Creech, Milton Chatham, David Blair, and Commander Kingston reviewed the existing budget and made the necessary changes.

It was noted that Call In Expense Reports would be needed for appointed Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Davis and for Bart Kleespis who filled in for the VA&R Committee Chair.

The above Sons were asked to be sure their mailing addresses were given to the Finance Officer so a check could be provided to them.

NEC David Blair moved that the National Emergency Fund donation from the Detachment be directed to assist North Carolina and South Carolina hurricane relief. Finance Officer Henry Creech seconded.

When all business was finished the committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Eddy Seegers, Chairman, Finance Committee

Public Relations Committee Report

Fall D.E.C Meeting

Sons Of The American Legion, Detachment Of Texas.



Last year was a long and grueling year, but it was also a successful year. It is important that we share our successes with our fellow members, but as well as with The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, and as well as The American Legion Auxiliary. The accomplishments that the great state of Texas has done is outstanding. For Instance, **VA&R**, Total number of Hours at Veterans' Homes- 2063, Total number of hours at the VA- 342, Total number of hours at the Fisher House- 552. Also, **Children and Youth**, and **Child Welfare Foundation**, Total Donations to Child Welfare Foundation- \$8109.00, Total number of hours towards Child Welfare Foundation- 2246, GI Josh Dogs handed out- 116, with the total cost of \$4182.00, and finally Donations to other Children and Youth Projects- \$16,394.00.

At our Detachment Convention in San Antonio, Past National Commander Kevin Winkelmann talked about creating a Page for the Accomplishments of the Detachment. I personally will seek to have that created with the help of our Internet Chairman Gary Winters. With that being said, im requesting that all Committee's please submit a report to me, so we can publish it on our website and Facebook page.

With all of that aside, gentlemen, the world is changing rapidly. Social media is one of the best ways to get our message out to the public, right along with the Internet. This is one of the main juggernauts to gain new members, as well as young members. We need to let them know of the opportunities for service and involvement. People always ask, "How do we start doing this?" Or "How do we get involved with our communities?". The answer to those questions are complicated, as each community is different, each one responds differently. However, when in contact with someone who you're promoting the organization to, the first step is a hand shake. The power behind it is everything, it's the motivation, its the passion, the will, the drive. It's like going in for an interview for a job, you start off with a firm handshake to who ever your employer is. After that, you just show what we're about.

Finally, remember that there are tools out there on the internet, not only provided by The American Legion, but also provided by the Sons Of The American Legion. Everyone with a computer and internet access can find the Public Relations

Toolkit online. The resources that can be found are seemingly endless. For example, in the toolkit it includes scripts for radio and television spots, also templates for press releases, and ideas for posting on social media. I was lucky to find a Public Relations handbook that was created by The American Legion.

As past Committee Chairman Eddy Seegers said **“Remember, the more excited we are about the work that we do and the service we provide, the more others are going to want to help as well”**.

Public Relations Committee,

Dustin L. Moore, Chairman

Gary Randall, PDC

Richard V. Armstrong II, 10th Dist Cmdr

Detachment Historian's Report

Fall D.E.C. Meeting

Sons Of The American Legion, Detachment Of Texas



On July 25, & 26, 2018, I had the privilege to attend The American Legion, Department Of Texas, Baseball Tournament, in Brenham, Tx. Alongside with Department Commander Lloyd Buckmaster, Department President Shay Kuehner, and Detachment Commander Jon Kingston. The experience was amazing and a program that should be widely spread across The American Legion Family. Also, with The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary's 100th Birthday just right around the corner, this year is already going to be a historic year. I strongly recommend that your squadron, district, or division, help participate in celebrating their centennial. With also celebrating news, our very own detachment will turn 85 years old in 2019. The Detachment was chartered by The American Legion on February 8, 1934. I will also reiterate in my report in Mid-Winter. I also recommend for a celebration of some kind, nothing on a huge scale.

With other news, this year Commander Kingston has spoken to me about creating a Detachment Scrapbook to enter in the National Sons Of The American Legion Official History Contest. It's going to take the effort of all everyone to send in photos, with descriptive details in order to complete this book. I'll be working hand in hand with a couple people like, Commander Kingston, PDC Skelly, Chairman Seegers, and others. I can't do this without the help of everyone. If your squadron, district, or division, are doing events or meetings, please send photos to me with descriptions. It shouldn't take you no more than 5 minutes. I can only do so much. Also, if the Detachment Commander comes to a function of yours please send photos of that as well, for his scrapbook. You can send the pictures to my email DustinMooreSALTx@gmail.com or if you have Facebook, just look up "Sons Of The American Legion, Detachment Of Texas".

Continuing, If you are a Detachment Officer, Detachment Committee Chairman, District Commander, you need to get with me to take your picture to put it on the detachment website. Also, ALL Detachment Officers are to get together at the recess of the first day of the Fall D.E.C. we will take a group photo to be put on the website throughout the year and to be put into the scrapbook. Also, there is a Legacy page, this is an opportunity for every member to honor those that earned them their membership in the Sons Of The American Legion, we only have 26 entries. I'd love to see a lot more!

Dustin L. Moore
Detachment Historian
2018-2019

AL & SAL Hotel

July 9-14

Westin DFW

\$ 119.⁰⁰ Single & DOUBLE

4545 W. John Carpenter Fwy

129.⁰⁰ [3]

IRVING 75063

139.⁰⁰ [4]

972-929-4500

Cutoff date

June 17th

Aux Hotel

Sheraton DFW

4440 W. John Carpenter Fwy

IRVING 75063 972-929-8400

MORE info on events/entertainment

@ Midwinter

Tom Arista

Convention
Chair

FALL 2018 DEC.

PUFL COMMITTEE

CURRENT BALANCE 43,637

JUST GETTING STARTED, WILL GET INFORMATION FROM BILL KUEHNER AND PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT IN JANUARY. ALSO PLAN TO DO AN AUDIT TO DETERMINE IF PUFL FUNDS ARE SUFFICIENT^{15M} TO SUPPORT OUR PUFL MEMBERSHIP.

V A & R REPORT

9/22/18

9/8/18

BRET KLEESPIES, ^{SON} TOOK A VETERAN OUT FOR
A FISHING TOURNAMENT, IN ASSOCIATION W/
HEADWATERS FOR HEROES' BASS TOURNAMENT.
24 HOURS. 1 SON

~~8/28~~ 8/31/18

9/1

TRASH PICK UP AT POST 208. 27 HOURS. 9 SONS

~~8/28~~ 8/30/18

DONATED & DELIVERED 75 CHAIRS TO
VET'S CENTER IN KERRVILLE \$400. 10 HOURS 5 SONS

8/28/18

DONATED & DELIVERED A BED FOR A VET
& HIS WIFE. \$300 4 HOURS

8/29/18

DONATED & DELIVERED A VAN WHEELCHAIR/
SCOOTER LIFT. \$1500. 4 HOURS 4 SONS

9/13/18

SON FIXED A VETS AIR CONDITIONING \$0 2 HOURS

9/10/18

~~8/28~~ HELPED FAMILY MEMBERS OF A KOREAN WAR

TO 9/21/18 VET CLEAN OUT HOUSE & HAUL OFF TRASH
& COST, 60 HOURS, 5 SONS

9/19/18

~~8/28~~ DUAL MEMBER & WENT TO VETERANS HOUSE
& FIXED SINK, SAME MEMBER FIXED & REPLACED
SPEAKERS IN THE POST BINGO HALL \$50, 10 HOURS, 1 SON

SINCERELY,

BART KLEESPIES

9/22/18

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
CHILD WELFARE

MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN: TRACY WOOD

CHAIRMAN: SHANNON BOYCE

PDC: BRAD PACK

10TH DISTRICT COMMANDER: RICH ARMSTRONG

11TH DISTRICT COMMANDER: ROY FOWLER

CHILDREN & YOUTH, CHILD WELFARE RAFFLE THIS
YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

\$250 GIFT CARD 1ST PLACE

\$150 GIFT CARD 2ND PLACE

\$50 GIFT CARD 3RD PLACE

\$50 GIFT CARD PERSON SELLS MOST TICKETS

\$100 WORTH TICKETS: PERSON WHO SELLS MOST TICKETS

\$50 WORTH TICKETS: PERSON WHO SELLS SECOND MOST

\$25 WORTH TICKETS: PERSON WHO SELLS THIRD MOST

TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH 5 FOR \$20

DRAWING TO BE HELD SUNDAY AT THE DETACHMENT
MEETING IN IRVING TX IN JULY 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

TRACY WOOD

The American Legion



For God and Country

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September 12, 2018

The American Legion
Department of Texas
P.O. Box 140527
Austin, TX 78714-0527
William R. West, Department Adjutant

Dear Bill:

During the proceedings of the August 27, 2018 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota the following Squadron(s) from your Department were presented and **approved** for cancellation and/or merge:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sqdn #</u>	<u>Location</u>
Baker-Lively (to merge with Gary Johnston Sqdn 0198)	0209	Seymour

The attached list of members have been transferred, unless merging into another Squadron, to Department Headquarters holding Squadron 0345 in order to complete the cancellation. It will be up to the Department to get the transferred members into another Squadron, or leave them as is...Department prerogative. These members **will not** have a pre-printed card in the Squadron where their membership is placed.

The Department or Squadron will need to provide a card from their extra stock if the member does not have a valid card. The following year a card will be pre-printed for each member in his new Squadron.

If you require further information you may contact me at (317) 630-1205.

"STILL SERVING AMERICA"

Yours in Service,

Brian Compton
Charters Clerk – Internal Affairs & Membership
National Headquarters

Enclosure(s)

Cc: Department Commander
Robert E. Newman, Chairman, Internal Affairs
Randy Goodman, Chairman, M&PA
John W. Querfeld, Director, Internal Affairs & Membership
Greg K. Gibbs, National Commander, SAL
Anthony W. Wright, National Adjutant, SAL
William M. Kuehner, Detachment Adjutant, SAL
Paul Brown, Assistant Director, SAL Liaison