

MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 17-18, 2015

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, pledge, prayer and preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:08 AM. Commander Skelley then asked for the roll call. Officers not present are as follows: Vice Commander Division 4 Poe(E). Committee Chairmen not present were Americanism Grimes and Public Relations Miller. Districts present were 2, 4C, 5C, 6C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15, 16C, 17, 19, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 7, 21C, 36C, 37, 50, 76, 83C, 111, 121, 163C, 172, 179, 208, 223C, 231C, 241C 245C, 297, 321C, 368, 393, 410, 430, 447, 453C, 491, 517C, 522C, 550C, 554, 575C, 593C, 598C, 654, 655 and 817. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Gary Winters made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, 2nd by David Dew. Motion passed.

Commander Skelley then introduced Walter Ivie, Department Treasurer, Texas to the body. He brought greetings to the body and thanked all members for their service and support.

Commander Skelley then introduced Dale Barnett, leading candidate for American Legion National Commander, to the body. He brought great words of wisdom and thanks for everything the SAL does for The American Legion Family. He said his goal and main focus is "Walk for Veterans"

NEC Chatham came forward to introduce our guest. He then introduced Charles Keith, National Vice Commander Midwest, Detachment of Wyoming. Vice Commander Keith then came forward to bring his greetings and comments from our National Commander Mike Moss.

Adjutant Winkelmann gave the body some notes and updates and copies of the Standard Operating Procedures. Commander Skelley then recessed the meeting at 9:40 AM

The meeting was reconvened at by Commander Skelley at 10:51 AM

NEC—NEC Chatham came forward to give his report. He reported on the Fall NEC held in Indianapolis in October 2014. Please see the attached report for a complete list of items discussed and other discussed important matters that came out from this meeting. Motion was made by Milton to accept the report, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Department Liaison Schendel came forward to give his report. He spoke to the body concerning issues inside the Detachment especially membership, rules and the workings of all Squadrons. He thanked 10th District Commander Rocco on his achievement in membership and asked all Districts to follow that leadership role. He spoke to the body concerning financial issues within the Post and Squadrons and the important role of communications with the Post and Squadrons. A copy of this report is attached to these meetings. John made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew. Motion passed

INTERNET—Gary Winters came forward to give his report. He stated that the Internet, Awards and Public Relations Committee reports are being combined for this meeting only. He spoke about correcting addresses, announcements and points of contacts. He also spoke about not having a facebook page for PR. All Committees agreed. They also spoke about continuing the page for our forefathers and better communication. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Gary made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by David Dew. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Santiago Bentancourt came to give his report. He discussed some House and Senate bills that are being discussed in the Texas Legislature. He stated that he is now working for the State of Texas and presented that announcement to the body. There was also some discussion concerning DAV friendly tags for all DAV vehicles across the state. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Santiago Betancourt, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept the report. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—Acting Chairman Alonzo Cavillo came forward to make the report. He told the body about accomplishments of various Squadrons. A list of these Squadrons were presented to the body with their achievements. He also spoke about a flag project that his Squadron supports within the community and should be worked on throughout the Detachment. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Alonzo Cavillo, 2nd by Ray Hartline to accept the report. Motion passed.

VA & R—Chairman Rick Trczynski gave the report. He reported on various activities by Squadrons in the Detachment and read those to the body with explanations of those accomplishments. He also talked about other Veterans programs which the SAL supports and helps with. He also asked the body to continue the support of the various Veterans programs and support groups. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Rick, 2nd by Gary Winters . Motion passed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH—Chairmen Jimmy Don Dixon, along with CWF/CMN Chairman Mark Patterson gave the report. Jimmy spoke to the body concerning various achievements by the Squadrons around the Detachment. Motion made by Jimmy Don, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew to accept the report. Motion passed. Chairman Patterson then gave the CMN/CWF report, first on the raffle for the Detachment Convention what is being given away. A total of 5000 tickets will be made and distributed. Prizes include a TV and a couple of pre-loaded credit cards. The hat was passed for CWF and a total of \$245.00 was collected. He then asked for donations from the various Squadrons for CWF and CMN. Mark then made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Jon Kingston. Motion passed

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The report was given along with the Internet report and is listed under that line item.

Commander Skelley recessed the meeting at 12:02 PM for lunch.

Commander Skelley called the meeting back into session at 1:10 PM

MARKETING—Chairman Ray Hartline gave his report. He stated that there will be shirts available at the convention so sales could be more available. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Ray to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Chatham came forward to give his report. He stated that the Detachment Convention, being held in Beaumont, TX is being held July 10-12, 2015. All cost, rooms and meetings and other schedules were discussed and a complete report is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Milton, 2nd by Gary Paul. Motion passed

BOYS STATE— Chairman Arreaga gave the report. He stated that there are 17 young men signed up for Boys State and there is room for 1100 boys this year. Registration will be the same as last year and no changes will be made. This is also the 75th Anniversary of Boys State this year. Travis then read what Boys State means and the definition of what the program is all about. A complete report is attached to these minutes and all forms and necessary paperwork is available on the web site. Dates are June 7-12, 2015. Motion made by Travis Arreaga, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed.

AWARDS— Chairman Mark Patterson gave the report and it was stated that his report is associated with the Internet report.

CHAPLAIN—Chaplain Murphy to give his comments. He told everyone if he is not aware of illness or deaths of any SAL member or family members, he cannot properly do his job. He also stated that he puts up prayers for all military personel.

PUFL—Chairman Gary Paul gave the report. He stated that there is \$41,318.17 in the account and there are 127 living members and 12 deceased members. He stated that Ed Magers has re-built the card program and that all new cards will also contain the PUFL members' membership ID number. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Paul made a motion, 2nd by Ed Magers. Motion passed

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Bill Kuehner came forward to give the report. As of 1/13/15, we were at 63.84% including 30 Squadrons that made 100% by January 1, 2015. These Squadrons, if approved, will receive a \$50.00 check. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Bill made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jon Kingston. Motion passed.

FINANCE—Chairman Connie Waddell came forward to give the report. He spoke to the body about some changes being made to the schedule of payments concerning expenses. There were also some other changes made to the extent of how much monies will be made for certain expenses. The Finance Committee along with the PUFL Committee made a recommendation along with a vote to transfer 75% of the PUFL funds into a interest bearing account for a period of at least 3 years but not to exceed 5 years. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Connie, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept the report. Under discussion, Milton Chatham made a motion to table the newly

stated changes until all time that all Squadrons, Districts and Divisions are aware of these changes. 2nd by Eddie Seekers Motion passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There was some discussion on projectors, screens and computers. It was stated that the screens have been purchased and are at headquarters, but the projectors and computers have not been purchased at this time.

NEW BUSINESS—No major new business was brought up during this meeting. However, it was reported that there are some items that need to be corrected at Department Headquarters. Commander Skelley gave some Thumbs Up to Squadron 22, Squadron 447 and squadron 208 for their hard work in various programs.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—Division Commander Creech told the body about a Home Depot program to donate up to \$5,000.00 to any American Legion Post for upgrades to their Post or helping a Veteran in re-working their home. Commander Skelley told the body about his Homecoming coming up March 7, 2015 at Squadron 208 in Kerrville. There was various notes of discussion brought to the floor for discussion. Adjutant Winkelmann then gave his notes to the floor for everyone's interest. There was some discussion concerning ALEI training class that is available. National Vice Commander Keith thanked everyone for the invitation and appreciates what Texas is doing for the National Organization. Commander Skelley thanked all members for their hard work and especially the Chairmen in their hard work that they are doing. Commander Skelley also gave thanks to Department Liaison John Schendel for his untiring efforts and hard work for what he does for the SAL Detachment of Texas.

Being no further business to come before this meeting, Commander Skelley called the body with 3 raps. After the prayer, a hand salute to the colors was called for, Commander Skelley then adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM. No other business will be called for the weekend.