

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
DETACHMENT CONVENTION 2016
EL PASO, TEXAS**

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 of Texas to convene on Friday July 15, 2016 at 2:00 pm, Saturday July 16, 2016 at 9:30AM and Sunday July 17, 2016 at 9:00AM at the Convention Center, Rio Grande Room B, in El Paso, TX.

Hotel Locations

THE AMERICAN LEGION

CAMINO REAL HOTEL
101 S. EL PASO ST
EL PASO, TX 915-534-3000
RATE—\$95.00 PER NIGHT

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DOUBLETREE HOTEL
600 N. EL PASO ST.
EL PASO, TX 915-532-8733
RATE—\$99.00 PER NIGHT

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
409 E. MISSOURI AVE.
EL PASO, TX 915-544-3333
RATE—\$99.00 PER NIGHT

AGENDA

You will find the agenda enclosed. All meetings will be held at the Convention Center along with all Committee meetings. Please review the enclosed schedule times for Committees. We will be having a special guest at this convention, National Vice Commander Mid-West Steve Ward from the Detachment of Kansas.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Please see the attached remarks from Detachment Commander Waddell

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported as soon as they occur. This includes e-mail addresses. Please e-mail me all correspondences if possible. Again this year, we have started pre-registration for all delegates and members to the Detachment Convention. Please review the enclosed registration form and

return it, filled out with your payment to the Department of Texas, to Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant. Pre-registration will be \$25.00 and on-site registration will be \$35.00. Under 18 will be \$10.00. Also, please remember to fill out your paperwork for your delegate strength to receive your votes for the Detachment Convention. Look at our website for the form or find it in this newsletter. Your voting strength is determined by your Squadron's membership, 30 days prior to the Detachment Convention. This date will be June 15, 2016. Finally, a note on membership transmittals. Please make sure all transmittals are filled out correctly and includes payment for your members in the form of a check, money order or a cashier's check. NO CASH!!! Also, please keep a copy for your records. Our next meeting will be the Detachment Fall Conference in Austin, TX the weekend of September 16-18, 2016. The location of the meeting will be the Omni Hotel. Their phone number is 512-448-2222 and the room rates are approx. \$95.00 per night. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Finally, election of new officers are upon us. Please remit your Squadron, District or Division Certification of Officers as soon as you can. This will help with the process of getting your cards quicker.

FINANCE

ATTENTION: PDC's, Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, District Commanders I plan to send the confirmation email for Detachment Convention during the month of May. If you plan to attend the convention and wish to receive your call-in at the convention, you must confirm by the first Sunday in June. Otherwise, you will not receive your check until mid August. This is a 3-day convention. You must answer roll call each day and attend your assigned committee meeting to receive your call-in. See you in El Paso

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INTERNET

We are seeing very good response from the redesigned website. The website is a tool for you to use to make your job a little easier. We have most forms and up to date info on coming events posted. If there is something you would like to add to the website, please let me know. We can post your newsletters, coming events and pictures from your events. Right now we are really looking for pictures of the local events from around the Detachment. If you have an event and have pictures of the Commander or other Detachment guests, please send them to me so I can get them up on the website. We will also soon be adding pictures of all of the Detachment Officers and would like pictures of all the District Commanders. If you hold an event that you would like to have the pictures posted, please include what the event was, the date of the event and the names of the people pictured. We have all the room in the world, so send all the info and pictures you can and let's show the nation what Texas is doing.

Please send all of this information to webmaster@laketexomadesigns.com.

Gary Winters
Webmaster

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

As everyone should know by now, we now have an office at Headquarters. It is set up and running and is there for every member's use. We will be sending out the newsletters in the email

form this time plus regular mail delivery. Hopefully, we can accomplish some good results and will get further input at the Fall DEC in September.

AGENDA

OPENING SESSION, FRIDAY JULY 15-----2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER WADDELL

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

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

MOMENT OF SILENCE, RESOLUTION FOR POW/MIA FLAG, RESOLUTION FOR
BLUE STAR BANNER AT ALL MEETINGS-----COMMANDER WADDELL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----1ST DIVISION COMMANDER RAY HARTLINE

PREAMBLE-----2ND DIVISION COMMANDER JUAN TORRES

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

READING OF MINUTES-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

APPOINTMENTS TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE-----COMMANDER WADDELL

GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION-----ALT. NEC DAVID BLAIR

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST-----NEC MILTON CHATHAM

PRESENTATION OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST-----STEVE WARD
NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER, 2015-2016
DETACHMENT OF KANSAS

FIRST READING OF CREDENTIALS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE
GARY PAUL

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS----- (IF NECESSARY)

NEC REPORT-----NEC MILTON CHATHAM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----4:00 TO 4:30

- A) CMN/CWF
- B) Boys State
- C) Convention City
- D) Internet/Credentials
- E) Marketing

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----4:30 TO 5:15

- A) Legislative
- B) PUFL/NEC

- C) VA & R
- D) Public Relations
- E) Campaign Committee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----5:15 TO 6:00

- A) Americanism
- B) Children & Youth
- C) Awards
- D) Finance
- E) Internal Affairs/Membership

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING

SATURDAY JULY 16, 2016

LEADERSHIP CLASSES

- A) DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDERS, 8:00-8:45AM
- B) ALL MEMBERS, 8:45-9:30AM

CALL TO ORDER, 9:30 AM-----COMMANDER WADDELL

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----3RD DIVISION COMMANDER JACKIE MATHEWS

PREAMBLE-----4TH DIVISION COMMANDER JOHNATHAN POE

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

LIAISON REPORT-----JOHN SCHENDEL, DEPARTMENT ADVISOR

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CREDENTIALS—2ND READING BY COMMITTEE-----GARY PAUL
BOYS STATE-----TRAVIS ARREAGA
CONVENTION CITY-----STAN BLAIR
INTERNET-----GARY WINTERS
MARKETING-----RAY HARTLINE
LEGISLATIVE-----ALTON FAULKNER
PUFL-----RICHARD GRIMES
VA & R-----RICKTRZCINSKI
PUBLIC RELATIONS-----EDDY SEEGERS
AWARDS-----WESLEY JONES
AMERICANISM-----CLARENCE BRITTON
CHILDREN & YOUTH-----TRACY WOOD
CMN/CWF-----JIMMY DON DIXON
FINANCE-----HENRY CREECH
INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP-----RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE—IF NECESSARY

IF COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE NOT COMPLETE BY 12:00, WE WILL BREAK FOR LUNCH TILL 1:30

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUE

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

DETACHMENT COMMANDER CONNIE WADDELL'S FINAL REPORT

IF THE TIME REACHES 4:00PM AFTER COMMANDER WADDELL'S REPORT, WE WILL RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING. PENDING PARTICIPATION, THE 5-STAR PROGRAM CLASS WILL START AT 4:15 PM. IF TIME PERMITS, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER WADDELL

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----PDC BILL KUEHNER

PREAMBLE-----PDC DAVID DEW

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

PRESENTATION OF 5 STAR AWARDS

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE GARY PAUL

ELECTION OF OFFICERS-----JUDGE ADVOCATE GARY PAUL

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, DETACHMENT OF TEXAS 2016-2017

CLOSING OF MEETING-----NEWLY ELECTED DETACHMENT COMMANDER

BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

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

POST DEC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF MEETING

MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 30-31, 2016

SATURDAY JANUARY 30, 2016

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 Waddell then asked for the roll call. Officers not present are as follows: Vice Commander Division 4 Poe(E). Committee Chairmen not present were Americanism Clarence Britton. Districts present were 2, 4, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 17C, 19, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 7, 36, 37, 50, 71, 83, 121, 163, 172, 179, 208, 223, 231C, 241 245, 297, 321, 393, 430, 447, 453, 472, 499, 517, 550, 554, 575, 586, 593, 598, 654 and 817. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Milton Chatham made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept as posted, 2nd by Joe McPeters. Motion passed.

Adjutant Winkelmann gave the body some notes and updates and copies of the Standard Operating Procedures. Commander Waddell then called for the Committee reports.

NEC—NEC Chatham came forward to give his report. He reported on the Fall NEC held in Indianapolis in October 2015. 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 Ed Magers. 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 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 Henry Creech. 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 called The Legacy Page. It was stated that this page will be archived at this time. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Gary made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Milton Chatham. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Alton Faulkner came to give his report. He discussed some House and Senate bills that are being discussed in the Texas Legislature. He stated that there were 1200 bills to hit the floor and most were tabled. He also spoke about the Open Carry Act which was passed. He also spoke on the Windstorm Act. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Alton Faulkner, 2nd by Anthony Lambert to accept the report. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—With Chairman Britton not present, member Ken Peters Jr came forward to give the report. He told the body about accomplishments of various

Squadrons. A list of these Squadrons accomplishments are attached to this report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Ken Peters Jr, 2nd by Ralph Rocco 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. He then spoke about an upcoming fund raiser for Post 231 to help re-build their post due to last springs floods. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Rick Trczynski, 2nd by Blair Sanders . Motion passed.

Department Commander John McKinney came forward to bring greetings to our group and praised the Detachment for their hard work and continued support of The American Legion Family

CHILDREN & YOUTH—Chairmen Tracy Wood, along with CWF/CMN Chairman Jimmy Don Dixon gave the report. Tracy spoke to the body concerning various achievements by the Squadrons around the Detachment. He also spoke about the upcoming raffle to be held at the Detachment Convention in El Paso. \$5.00 per ticket, 5 for \$20.00. 1st place \$500.00 gift card, 2nd place \$300.00 gift card and 3rd place \$150.00 gift card. The person who sold the winning ticket gets a \$50.00 gift card and the seller of the most tickets gets \$100.00 worth of tickets, 2nd seller gets \$50.00 worth of tickets and 3rd seller gets \$25.00 worth of tickets. Motion made by Jimmy Don, 2nd by Henry Creech to accept the CMN/CWF report. Motion passed. Tracy Wood made a motion to accept the Children and Youth report, 2nd by Milton Chatham, motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The report was given by Chairman Eddy Seegers. He spoke about upcoming items on the computer, web site and the use of our computers. He commended Squadron 96 on posting their monthly calendar of events. He spoke about the use of various sites available on the computer. He has available to all members copies of the PR guide and how to use Public Relations as a valuable tool. A complete copy of his report is attached to the minutes. Eddy Seegers made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Roy Fowler. Motion passed.

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 David Dew. Under discussion an amendment was made to the motion to purchase and donate 50 years pins to each member that reaches that 50 year plateau. David Blair made the motion , 2nd by Rick Trczynski. Motion passed

Department Treasurer Walter Ivie came forward to discuss the funds that are controlled by the Detachment. His request is to deposit \$50,000.00 into CD's or some other type of investment. These monies can be taken from the PUFL and Operating Accounts The body discussed this at length.

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Stan Blair came forward to give his report. He stated that the Detachment Convention, being held in El Paso, TX is being held July 15-17, 2016. All cost, rooms and meetings and other schedules were discussed and a complete report is attached to these minutes. He also spoke about convention pins, ads for the convention program and other items that are available. He also said the committee voted

to purchase 2 page ads to be paid by the Detachment. A motion was made by David Blair, 2nd by Ken Dorssett. Motion passed

BOYS STATE— Chairman Arreaga gave the report. He stated that there are 61 young men signed up for Boys State and there is room for at least 1000 boys this year. Registration will be \$295.00 this year and other changes in location will be made. 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 12-17, 2016. Motion made by Travis Arreaga, 2nd by Tracy Wood. Motion passed.

AWARDS— Chairman Wesley Jones gave the report. He stated that he has not received any nomination for any of the awards. He stated the cut-off date is May 1st of each year. He also stated that all applications are on our website. Milton Chatham made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jerry Miller. Motion passed.

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 personal. He told the body about all of our losses this past 6 months

HISTORIAN—Historian Eddy Seegers came forward to give his comments concerning his putting together of the Commander's History Book.

PUFL—Chairman Richard Grimes gave the report. He deferred the report to the Detachment Adjutant and the Adjutant gave a brief report of the total funds available and the quantity of members that are now entered into the PUFL program. A complete report was attached to the minutes that were sent out in this immediate past newsletter. Chairman Richard Grimes made a motion, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept the report. Motion passed

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Richard Bartholomew came forward to give the report. As of 1/28/16, we were at 67.99%. The Squadrons that won the award checks for getting 100% by January 1st came forward to receive their check. It was stated that District 15 made a 100% goal who now stands at 115%. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Richard Bartholomew made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Roy Fowler. Motion passed.

FINANCE—Chairman Henry Creech 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 \$35,000.00 of the PUFL funds into a interest bearing account for a period of at least 3 years but not to exceed 5 years. An additional \$15,000.00 from the Reserve account would be added to the \$35,000.00. The total of \$50,000.00 would then be put into the interest bearing account or a CD. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Henry Creech, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew to accept the report. Motion passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Liaison Schendel came forward to present an award to Alonzo Cavillo an award from 2014 for largest donation to Special Olympics of a Squadron.

NEW BUSINESS—Motion made by Brad Pack to donate \$2500.00 to Post 231 to help in rebuilding their post. 2nd by David Dew. There was some discussion. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—There was various announcements made by individuals concerning information and events for the SAL. PDC meeting will be held at 9:00 AM Sunday morning.

Being no further business to come before this meeting, Commander Waddell called the body to order with 3 raps. After the prayer, a hand salute to the colors was called for, Commander Waddell then adjourned the meeting at 12:52 PM. No other business will be called for the weekend.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

Name of Squadron

No.

Name of Town

We hereby certify that the following members of this Squadron were named as delegates to the 2016 Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas based upon membership 30 days prior to Detachment Convention—Total _____

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

NAME 2016 CARD NO

NAME 2016 CARD NO

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

AT LARGE DELEGATES
PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDERS
DISTRICT COMMANDERS
DIVISION COMMANDERS

7 _____

8 _____

9 _____

10 _____

11 _____

12 _____

AT LARGE VOTES TO BE CAST WITH PERSPECTIVE SQUADRON

Chairman of Squadron Delegation

Squadron Commander

Squadron Adjutant

Each Squadron is entitled to one (1) vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof

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2016 DETACHMENT CONVENTION
ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

NAME _____ SQ. NO. _____

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**ADVANCE REGISTRATION \$25.00—ON SITE \$35.00
UNDER 18 \$5.00**

Mail to: Kevin Winkelmann
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**DEADLINE FOR ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS
JULY 9, 2016**