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National Commander 2014-2015

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To: Detachment of Texas
Date: July 16, 2015
Subject: National Commander Visitation

Thank you for your hospitality during your Sons of The American Legion Convention the weekend of July 09-12, 2015.

Thank you NEC Milton Chatham for your outstanding Hospitality and for escorting me during the meeting.

Having the opportunity to meet the National Honorary Jr President Gracie and taking the time to find out about her projects was priceless.

Observing the Detachment of Texas Comradeship and supporting the youth of today by getting them involved only helps "Build the Bridges to the Future." Great Team Work!

Thank You for all you do for our Veterans and your community, State and Nation. The American Legion Family greatly appreciates your participation.

All my best,

Michael W. Moss

Mike Moss
National Commander

Detachment Membership Report
July 11, 2015
Beaumont, Texas

As of Detachment Convention we are at 99.05% of goal. We had 80 of 163 Squadrons who obtained 100%. We also had 6 Districts that made their goal. We had 1 District who had all Squadrons achieve 100% goal, and a BIG THANK YOU, to 10th District Commander Ralph Rocco for a job well done. Commander Rocco, if he were in attendance at Convention, would have been the first ever District Commander to win, a gift certificate, of \$100.00 to Emblem Sales, for his District achieving 100% goal from all Squadrons. Good Job!!!

Here is how the Detachment numbers break down per Division;

Division 1: Goal 2221, Actual 2105, 94.78%
Division 2: Goal 1750, Actual 1522, 86.97%
Division 3: Goal 1649, Actual 1575, 95.51%
Division 4: Goal 1046, Actual 981, 93.79%
Detachment Goal: 6242, Actual 6183, 99.05%

Commander Skelley, presented a traveling trophy to 3rd Division Commander Creech, for attaining the highest percentage of membership for the membership year.

There were 23 Squadrons who achieved 100% membership by December 31, 2014, and their checks have already been mailed to them. There were 18 other Squadrons who reached their goal by the Legion Birthday, and all but 4 were handed out. The other 4 Squadrons checks will be mailed out soon after Convention.

We had 2 Squadron applications for charters, in the 15th District. Incoming District Commander, Alonzo Calvillo, will persue these request.

It was also noted, that those Squadrons that had not turned in a Certification of Officers, by the fall of the gavel July 12, at the end of Convention, you would not be eligible to receive the monetary award for 100% membership. Those Squadrons will be mentioned at the Fall DEC in San Antonio.

The Detachment Vice Commanders handed out 100% caps, and certificates to the following Squadron Commanders and Adjutants.

Division 1, Jon Kingston:

Squadrons;

267,488,12,353,418,21,62,96,165,283,310,321,376,81,368,275,507,597,356,379,516,655,838,
71,120,198,and 220.

Division 2, Ken Peters Jr:

Squadrons;
7,393,22,50,388,426,491,84,578,586,42,121,223,322,490,and654

Division 3, Henry Creech:

Squadrons;
89,226,241,271,291,392,459,649,76,83,177,317,447,533,245,363,364,37,439,300,443,592,
593,and667.

Division 4, Johnathan Poe:

Squadrons;
58,339,430,598,653,692,181,635,208,308,370,410,and 487.

The membership report is attached as of July 10.

It has been my honor to serve as your Internal Affairs/Membership Chairman this year, and I thank you all for an outstanding membership year!!!

Bill Kuehner
Internal Affairs/Membership Chairman
Detachment of Texas

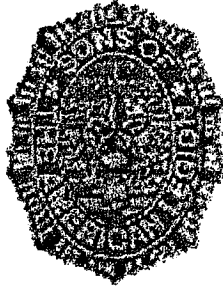


**2015-2016
MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015	10%
OCTOBER 14, 2015	25%
NOVEMBER 13, 2015	35%
DECEMBER 9, 2015	45%
JANUARY 20, 2016	60%
FEBRUARY 10, 2016	75%
MARCH 9, 2016	80%
APRIL 13, 2016	90%
MAY 11, 2016	100%
*JULY 26, 2016	105%

*Delegate Strength Target Date

**2015-2016
MEMBERSHIP
YEAR**



CWF Report July, 2015 Beaumont Convention.

Meeting Started 3:00 PM Friday July, 10

Members Present CWF Chairman Mark Patterson, Children & Youth Chairman Jimmy Don Dixon, Gary Paul, Jon Kingston, Clarence Britton. Meeting Adjured @ 5:00 PM.

We Tallied The Monies And The Hours Spent On CWF & Children & Youth. We Had 71- CSR Reports.

Winners Are As Follows:

DIV #1 \$300.00 CWF One Josh Dog

5th District \$1902.00 CWF 616 Hours Children & Youth

Squadrons:

Large Squadron: 379 Bedford \$2600.00 CWF

Medium Squadron: 447 Round Rock \$3003.00 CWF 189 Hours C&Y.

Small Squadron: 368 Richardson \$1600.00 CWF 40 Hours C&Y

Total Monies Donated 3-Districts 2- Divisions

And 66 Squadrons \$34,514.00.

Total Hours Children & Youth 5350 Hours.

CWF Raffle Tickets Sales \$2854.00

Pass the Hat in Saturday Meeting \$361.00

Port Arthur Squadron #7 \$400.00 Check to CWF.

Duncanville Squadron #81 \$200.00 Check to CWF.

John Schendel \$200.00 Check to CWF.

Money Total for the Weekend \$4015.00

Winners of the Raffle:

TV Ken Dorsett

Tablet Gene Mayes

Blue Ray Juan Torres

Gentlemen Thanks For A Great Year.

CWF Chairman Mark Patterson

SONS OF THE AMERICAN

JULY 12, 2015

	<u>PINS</u>	<u>SHIRTS</u>	<u>GREEN</u>
5 YEAR	129	LRG	4
10 YEAR	337	2 XLRG	1
15 YEAR	364	3 XLRG	6
20 YEAR	71	4 XLRG	3
25 YEAR	400		
30 YEAR	265	<u>SHIRTS</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
35 YEAR	486	MED	4
40 YEAR	94	LARGE	0
SAL	666	XLRG	10
TOTAL	2812	2 XLRG	6
		<u>CAPS</u>	1

ROBERT SONNIER HAS 20 SAL PINS ON CONSIGNMENT

JONATHAN POE HAS 17 PINS ON CONSIGNMENT

A TOTAL OF \$2,934.25 HAS BEEN TURNED IN SINCE MCALLEN

A TOTAL OF \$778.00 WAS SOLD IN BEAUMONT, NOT YET TURNED IN

Brad Pack and I met for Inventory during the Beaumont Convention

For Good & Country
Ray

V.A. & R MEETING WAS CONVENED @
8:30 JULY 11, 2015

PRESENT WERE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN
TRACY WOOD, DAVID BLAIR, JONATHAN MONTGOMERY
AND MICAH MONTGOMERY.

THERE WERE TWO V.A. & R REPORTS TURNED
IN FROM JAMES A EDMOND SQUADRON 121
WACO AND KERRVILLE MEMORIAL POST 208
KERRVILLE (SEE ATTACHED REPORTS)

DISCUSSED BOOT CAMPAIGN BENEFIT ~~AT~~
AT THE LAZY DOG SPORTS BAR SPONSORED
BY SHINER BEER/KEG 1 ON FRIDAY JULY 17TH
2015 TO BENEFIT OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS.
THE LAZY DOG SPORTS BAR IS LOCATED IN KERRVILLE
TX.

DISCUSSED THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE DOGS OF
TEXAS. THEY ARE HAVING A SPORTING CLAY SHOOT
ON 8/22/15 AT THE NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX
IN SAN ANTONIO. FOUR STAR GENERAL HAGEE
IS TO PRESENT THREE SERVICE DOGS TO THREE
DISABLED VETERANS ON THAT DAY.

WORKED ON VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
CONSOLIDATED REPORT TO DETERMINE SQUADRONS
OF THE YEAR. THERE WERE 69 CONSOLIDATED
REPORTS TURNED IN. RESULTS ARE ATTACHED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tracy Wood

CONSOLIDATED REPORT ITEM NUMBER

1	1072	VETERANS HOME VISITS
2	3075.5	HOURS VETERANS HOMES
3	\$6913	DONATIONS VETERANS HOMES
4	784	V.A. VISITS
5	4022	V.A. HOURS
6	\$11,690	ITEMS DONATED TO VA.
7	3373	FIELD SERVICE HOURS
8	3939	HOURS HOME SERVICE
9	228	HOURS FISHER HOUSE
10	\$2320	COST FISHER HOUSE
11	4368	HOURS SUPPORT OF TROOPS
12	\$25,231	COST OF SUPPORT OF TROOPS
13	3537	HOURS FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK
14	\$2540	COST OF FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK
15	1785	HOURS OTHER V.A. PR PROJECTS
16	\$17,723	COST OF OTHER V.A. PR PROJECTS
17	305	VETS HELPED NATIONAL VETS ASST. DAY
18	9012	HOURS NATIONAL VETS ASST. DAY
19	\$1975	COST NATIONAL VETS ASST. DAY
20	\$800	COST OPERATION COMFORT WARRIOR

2014-2015 TOTALS FOR ALL CONSOLIDATED V.A. PR REPORTS

LARGE SQUADRON WINNER - KERRYVILLE

SMALL SQUADRON WINNER - CORSICANA

DISTRICT WINNER - 11TH DISTRICT

DIVISION WINNER - 2ND DIVISION

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

James A. Edmond Sq. 121 Waco, Texas

Children & Youth, V.A. & R, & Americanism – Report Jan. 17, 2015 to July 18, 2015

Donated 3 pints of blood.

* Donated 35 models for \$640.00 to Wounded Warriors @ Brooks Medical Center. In the care of Hill Country Hobby's in San Antonio, Tx. & the owner Gary Emery.

* Donated 35 books for sale, to Hill Country Hobby's in San Antonio, Tx. With the proceeds going to the Wounded Warriors @ Brooks Medical Center.

Build & Donated 9 Models to a display @ James A. Edmond Post 121, Waco. Total cost: \$256.00, Total hours: 143. (This display is a on going project of 103 models total when completed. Covering the time frame from the Spanish-American War to present time). Total comp. @ this time: 39.

Helped @ BBQ cook-off & Car/Bike show @ home post on Mar. 28, 2015.
Total of 14 member helped for a total of 210 hours.

Helped run the South 40 Car/Bike Show @ the HOT Fairgrounds in Waco, Texas. On March 29, 2015.
Total of 9 members helped for a total of 50 hours.

Donated \$120.00 to Elm Mott VFD.

Donated \$20.00 to American Legion Post 121, in Waco for Legion Birthday.

Donated \$20.00 to American Legion Aux. Unit 121, in Waco for Aux Birthday.

Donated \$20.00 to American Legion Post 31, in Martin to help get them going again.

Donated \$1200.00 to Family Abuse Center, in Waco.

Donated a Blue-ray/DVD player to Royal Manor II nursing home in Waco, Texas. For the use of the residence @ the center. Total cost \$40.00.

Hospital visits: 2

Nursing home visits: 12

Home service hours: 173

Field service hours: 324

(SINCE LAST CONVENTION) SQUADRON # 208
Jan 2015

1-11-12

RICK TRZEINSKI

- 2/11) NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERANS PATIENTS DAY - VA *
- 2/28) NATIONAL SALUTE TO WOMEN'S VETERANS - CALLIOUX *
- 3/7) Host Homecoming Commander Skelley - Pos. # 208 *
- 4/21) 21ST DISTRICT CONVENTION - BANDERA (WE CONTINUE ON)
- 4/4) HEROES TO HEROES EASTER FEST
- 4/4) TOUCAN Jim's Fundraiser
- 4/17) BLAIR + RICK TOOK 4 WOUNDED WARRIORS FISHING IN *
La Grange Tx - Guided TRIP
- 4/25) HEADWATER FOR HEROES FUNDRAISER / BENEFIT
- 5/9) BLAIR + RICK TO MARSHALL TX (FUZZY) TO SUPPORT *
"PETS FOR VETS" FUNDRAISER. RAISED APPROX \$2500000
- 7/15) TOOK 10 VETERANS FROM KETTVILLE VA TO KETT FEST
Rodeo - *
- 7/16) NATIONAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE DAY. RICK SPENT
THE DAY FIXING THINGS FOR HIS DAD AROUND THEIR
HOUSE.
- 7/22) MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - 750 *
PUT OUT FLAGS IN CEMETERY
- 7/25) (1) MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION CANCELLED (1) MOVED TO
CALLIOUX.
- 8/13) FLAG DAY CELEBRATION - RETIRE FLAGS
- 7/4) INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - COMFORT
MEMORIAL CELEBRATION KETT COURT HOUSE, UNVEIL NEW
NAMES + PANELS

RICK - MONTHLY BINGO + BIRTHDAYS @ VA.

TRACY / JONATHAN BUILT HANDICAP RAMP BOBCHENE *

Public Relations Committee Report

The Committee met at 2:54 p.m. In attendance at the meeting were Eddy Seegers, PDC David Dew, and Jeff Saul.

There were no pending issues to the knowledge of the committee members so attention was directed at future opportunities.

First, a reminder to everyone about the Legacy Page. This is an opportunity for EVERY member to honor those that earned them their membership in the Sons of the American Legion. In spite of the encouragement by Commander Skelley this past year, there are only 9 submissions honoring 10 of those whose service gave us the honor to belong to the Sons. The Legacy Page can be found by going to the Detachment webpage at saltexas.org. A link to the Legacy Page can be found on the right side of the Detachment Information page. Members can also email Gary Winters of the Internet Committee (and all around web guru) or the Public Relations Committee Chairman directly with the information and photograph.

Next, Squadrons, Districts, and Divisions can promote their activities both on the SAL webpage and on the Detachment Facebook page. The Facebook page can be found by searching for "Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Texas" after logging in. Again, the information can be emailed to Gary Winters or the Public Relations Committee Chairman. Social media is a great way to get our message out to members, prospective members, and younger people that don't even know about the Sons of the American Legion and the opportunity for service that it provides. It is one of the tools that we have and, in the opinion of the Chairman of this committee, very much under used.

Continuing, there needs to be some focus on getting our message out to younger potential members. We need to let them know of the opportunities for service and involvement. The SAL should also focus on removing some of the misconceptions about what the Legion family is and does. This is one of the places where social media can be such a wonderful tool.

Finally, a reminder about the tools available at legion.org that include a wide array of media tools, including regularly updated suggested speeches for patriotic holidays, the Public Relations Handbook, event-planning guides, and various Legion information-campaign kits, as well as radio and television public-service announcements.



TEXAS BOYS STATE

07/09/15

Members Present:

Travis Arreaga, Chairman

PDC Gary Paul

Texas Boys State Report

The 75th Texas Boys State program was a huge success. There were 1,008 delegates in attendance this year at the University of Texas at Austin. This session was the largest we have had in recent years. Below are a few highlights from the program this year.

- Utilization of a new computerized on-site check in tool used on iPads thus speeding up the registration process.
- The expansion of Legion night into an all-day program for the Legion family to fully experience the program first-hand. There is an increasing Legion presence each year, we hope to continue to grow this program.
- The annual college fair was a large success with over 30 schools in attendance. The date was changed to Friday to allow the parents to attend and stay to pick up their sons.
- Increased the quantity and quality of our visiting dignitary program, even having a Medal of Honor recipient speak to the delegation.
- The most noticeable and newest addition to the program was utilizing a professional audio video company to document all aspects of the program. The company generously donated their services for the week and allowed the program to retain all the rights to the photos and videos for use in publications.
- The Boys State executive team will continue to meet throughout the year as well as attend the annual director's conference in Indianapolis at the end of September.

Respectfully submitted

Travis M. Arreaga

Boys State Chairman

Assistant Director, Texas Boys State

**INTERNET REPORT
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
DETACHMENT CONVENTION
July 11, 2015**

We have two sites for you 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>. Here 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.

If your squadron would like your events, Post Home calendar or other features published please email us via the link on web site.

After last year's Detachment Convention in McAllen, at the request of Commander Skelly, we put up a Legacy page on the Web Site. This page was intended to be a repository of our parents/grandparents whose service entitled us to our membership in The Sons of The American Legion. This should be something you are proud of because without your parent's service to this great country you would not be eligible for membership in The Sons of The American Legion. The first entries on this page were posted on July 21st for Commander Skelly father and my father. In August we picked up another entry. As of the July 3rd membership report we have 6166 members in the State of Texas yet we have had only 9 members submit their legacy. We can do better. All you are requested to do is send picture of your parent through whom you are eligible and a short bio on their service, such as branch, years they served, awards/medals. Etc. The picture does not have to be of them in uniform. If you don't have a picture, send the bio. Let's show the pride we have in our parent who made us eligible to be a member of The Sons of The American Legion.

Gary Winters,
Internet Chairman

**BY LAWS
FINANCE**

Now Reads

SECTION 3. The Alternate National Executive Committeeman, if attending the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee Meeting, and not acting in the place of the Executive Committeeman, shall receive one hundred percent (100%) coach air fare and the set single room to the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee meeting, not to exceed the call in received by the National Executive Committeeman.

SECTION 4. The Detachment Commander shall receive call-ins, to attend both National Executive meetings during his term of office, not to exceed the call in received by the National Executive Committeeman.

Changes:

SECTION 3. The Alternate National Executive Committeeman, if attending the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee Meeting, and not acting in the place of the Executive Committeeman, shall receive:

1. The cost of an airline ticket (Coach Class), purchased no later than twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting.
2. Baggage fees if applicable. Receipt required.
3. Mileage at the current American Legion rate to and from his home to the airport.
4. Transportation from the Indianapolis International Airport will be reimbursed up to the allowance as determined by The American Legion.
5. Individuals who drive to the meeting will receive a mileage allocation based on the rate per mile as used by The American Legion. Only the driver of the vehicle will be entitled to receive the mileage allowance. The maximum allowable reimbursement shall be the same as the rate set forth by The American Legion. Parking at the meeting hotel will be covered up to the maximum allowance as determined by The American Legion.
6. Per Diem for the two days, plus the travel per diem, at the rate allowed for meetings in Indianapolis unless otherwise authorized by The American Legion's Internal Affairs.

SECTION 4. The Detachment Commander shall receive call-ins, to attend both National Executive meetings during his term of office per the allowance allowed to the National Executive Committeeman less the allowance given for his attendance by The National Sons of The American Legion.

Sons of the American Legion

Budget 2015-2016

*New Year
Budget*

<i>Account</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>New Year Budget</i>
Income Accounts		
40009XSA	Sal Dues Income	65,500.00
43100XSA	Registration Detachment Conv.	1,700.00
42110XSA	Merchandise Sales	500.00
45900XSA	Misc. & Other Income-Boys State	0.00
44130XSA	Interest Income	0.00
Total Income Accounts		67,700.00
Expense Accounts		
69010PSA	SAL National Dues Expense	13,100.00
70500PSA	Awards--Trophies	1,750.00
70520PSA	Awards--PUFLs 4@450	1,350.00
70510PSA	Awards--Membership	1,200.00
81008PSA	Officers Shirts and Covers	1,600.00
71400ASA	Bank Charges	0.00
71600PSA	Boys State Program	550.00
72500DSA	Detachment Commander Expense	6,000.00
74350PSA	Detachment Adjutant Expense-SA	3,000.00
72504DSA	Detachment Chaplain Expense	100.00
72506DSA	Detachment Historian Expense	150.00
72508DSA	Detachment Finance Officer Expense	100.00
72550PSA	Commander's Assistance SAL	750.00
73600ASA	CWF Donation	500.00
73601XSA	Nat'l Emergency Fund	500.00
73602XSA	SAL Nat'l Campaign Fund	500.00
74320PSA	Nat'l Representatives Expense	3,350.00
74500PSA	Detachment Convention Expense	11,000.00
76000TSA	Fall DEC Meeting	8,000.00
79400PSA	Mid-Winter Meeting	7,000.00
80000PSA	Nat'l Convention Expense	3,000.00
81001PSA	SAL Blue Books	1,000.00
84100PSA	Merchandise Expense	500.00
84900PSA	Emergency Fund	500.00
88500PSA	Division Commander--1st	500.00
88502PSA	Division Commander--2nd	500.00
88504PSA	Division Commander--3rd	500.00
88506PSA	Division Commander--4th	500.00
84500DSA	Administrative Contingency Fund	100.00
95130003	Website Maintenance	100.00
Total Expense Accounts		67,700.00

THE SPRING MEETING OF THE NEC WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMANDER MOSS AT 8:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015. A ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND NECMEN WAS CONDUCTED WITH A QUORUM BEING PRESENT.

FOLLOWING GREETINGS BY AMERICAN LEGION LIASON AND THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER (TAL) DONATIONS WERE ACCEPTED AND \$177,000.00 FOR VARIOUS AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS WAS RAISED. WE THEN ADJOURNED FOR COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS AND THE NATIONAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE TRAINING.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION: GOAL IS TO WHERE THE AMERICAN LEGION WANTS TO GO. RECOMMENDED THAT EVERYONE SIGN UP FOR WWW.LEGION.ORG/LEGISLATIVE; WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WAS THE BIGGEST EVER; NEED TO GET MORE NOMINATIONS FOR GEORGE B EVANS AWARD.
2. HOMELAND SECURITY: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ARTICLES TO BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.
3. LEGISLATE AND HOMELAND COMMISSIONS NOT GETTING MUCH RESPONSE FROM DETACHMENTS; PR FAIR AT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE.
4. VETERAN AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION: VOLUNTEER HOURS SPENT AT FISHER HOUSES SHOULD BE REPORTED ON CSR.
5. CHILDREN AND YOUTH: OVER \$290,000 COLLECTED SO FAR THIS YEAR; THE AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND HAS DONATED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DISABLED VETERANS AND THE CHILDREN OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THIS GREAT NATION; TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND IS FUNDED THROUGH THE ENDOWMENT FUND AND GRANTS ARE AWARDED TO VETERANS' FAMILIES THAT ARE IN NEED.
6. CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION: DONATED \$1000.00 IN MEMORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JERRY HEDRICKS, NC), DECEASED.
7. AMERICANISM COMMISSION: SEEKING PHOTOS AND OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION TO PREPARE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AT NATIONAL: TWO RESOLUTIONS-SUPPORT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND REITERATE COMMITMENT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION 'SERVICE TO GOD' PROGRAM; SCRAPBOOK JUDGING AT NATIONAL AND ALL DIRECTIVES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.
8. INTERNAL AFFAIRS: SUBMIT CANDIDATES FOR NMI; CHAIRMAN TANSEL WILL LOOK INTO REQUESTING A SECTION IN THE LEGION MAGAZINE.
9. CONVENTION COMMITTEE: GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED; INFORMATION ON CONVENTION ON WEBSITE.
10. MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING: NO UPDATE ON EXTENDING THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR TRAINING; WHY ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND AFTERNOON SESSION WHEN THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF NEC WILL BE LOOKED INTO; WHEN WILL ANOTHER CLASS ON HOW TO CONDUCT A MEETING BE HELD; CLASS ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEC LOOKING INTO.

11. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: WHY AREN'T MEMBERS RENEWING; NEED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX ON MEMBERSHIP; MORE DETACHMENTS ARE LOOKING INTO PAID UP FOR LIFE.
12. FINANCE COMMISSION: PROPOSE CHANGE IN CALLINS AND PAYMENT OF PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION. THIS WAS APPROVED BY NEC AND HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AND WILL BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2015. RECOMMENDED CHANGES ATTACHED.

COPIES OF DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY SAL ATTACHED.

CARRYING ON FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


MILTON R. CHATHAM
NEC

Sons of The American Legion Resolution
National Executive Committee
May 2 & 3, 2015

No.: SAL Res 2 – Spring 2015
Title: NEC Meeting call in change
Origin: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion is the governing body of the organization between conventions; and

WHEREAS, the current monetary call in rate structure for the Sons of The American Legion National Executive committee meetings has not been revised since 2006 ; and

WHEREAS, the cost of airline tickets has dramatically increased; and

WHEREAS, the current call in structure has been reviewed and modifications to meet current costs need to be implemented; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2 – 3, 2015, that the Sons of The American Legion adopt the following monetary call in allowance for the National Executive Committeeman (or the Alternate National Executive Committeeman), Past National Commanders, National Officers (elected and appointed), National Commission and Committee members to attend the National Executive Committee meetings as outlined below:

- 1) The cost of an airline ticket (Coach Class), purchased no later than twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting.
 - a. In case of a cancellation, the individual must notify the National Headquarters prior to the day of departure so that the airline ticket can be used within one year of the date specified. Any cost of a subsequent change fee will be paid provided proper notification of cancellation was made as indicated above.
 - b. If a National Executive Committeeman cancels his trip subsequent to the airline ticket being purchased, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman will receive per diem and baggage fees only. No travel or mileage will be allowed.
- 2) Baggage fees if applicable. Receipt required.
- 3) Mileage, at the current American Legion rate, to and from home to the airport.
- 4) Parking fees at the airport are not applicable..
- 5) Transportation from the Indianapolis International Airport will be reimbursed up to the allowance as determined by The American Legion.
- 6) Individuals that drive to the meeting will receive a mileage allowance based on the rate per mile as used by The American Legion. Only the driver of the vehicle will be entitled to receive the mileage allowance. The maximum allowable reimbursement shall be the same as the rate set forth by The American Legion. Parking at the meeting hotel will be covered up to the maximum allowance as determined by The American Legion.
- 7) Per Diem for two days, plus the travel per diem, at the rate allowed for meetings in Indianapolis unless otherwise authorized by the Legion's Internal Affairs

Resolutions Subcommittee Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Signature Chairman, Resolutions Subcommittee

Bob Brown

Bob Brown, Chairman, Sub Committee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Dr. Jerry Leopold

Dr. Jerry Leopold, Chairman, Finance Commission

ADDENDUM B

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION REPORT TO
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
MAY 6 - 7, 2015**

**Disposition of Action of
Sons of The American Legion**

In compliance with Resolution 21 "entitled", "Establish Procedure for Handling Matters Originating from SAL National Conventions and SAL National Executive Committees", adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion at its meeting April 30-May 1, 1973, this is to report disposition made by the Internal Affairs Commission of SAL actions taken at the National Executive Committee May 6-7, 2015.

SOURCE	TITLE	ACTION
SAL Res 1 - Spring 2015	Amendment to the Rules of the NEC for the Sons of The American Legion	Approved
SAL Res 2 - Spring 2015	NEC Meeting call in change	Approved
SAL Res 3 - Spring 2015	Child Welfare Foundation Donation of \$1,000 in Memory of The American Legion National Resolutions Subcommittee Chairman Jerry L. Hedrick (NC)	Approved
SAL Res 4 - Spring 2015	Child Welfare Foundation Donation of \$4,000 from the 2015 Budget	Approved
SAL Res 5 - Spring 2015	Endorsement of Donald S. Ramirez (CA) for National Vice Commander	Received and Filed
SAL Res 6 - Spring 2015	Rescinding Non-Legislative Resolutions from the SAL	Approved
SAL Res 7 - Spring 2015	Re-aligning the SAL structure to coincide with that of The American Legion	Approved
SAL Res 8 - Spring 2015	Endorsement of William G. Hill (MD) for National Vice Commander	Received and Filed
SAL Res 9 - Spring 2015	Flag Protection Amendment Endorsement	Approved
SAL Res 10 - Spring 2015	Reaffirmation of Service to God	Approved
SAL Res 11 - Spring 2015	Endorsement of Joseph A. Korba (NJ) for National Vice Commander	Received and Filed

7-10-2015

Awards committee met at 3:00 P.M. 7-10-2015

P.D.C. Albert Arellano, Ken Peters 6th dist. commander,
Larry Benner, & myself.

We discussed the nominations and made our
selections.

We selected

SAL of the year

Clarence Britton Post # 522 Membership # 260966214

Dual Member of the Year

Larry Benner Post # 522 Membership # 200319570

Adjutant of the Year

Joel Roberson Post 430 membership # 100160899

Mathon of the Year

Shirley Paul Unit # 71 23 years service

Advisor of the Year

Tom Bowe Post 430 membership # 20351394

Ken Dorsett





AMERICANISM COMMITTEE REPT 7/10/15

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2014 - 2015

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 2 76 Squadron Number
 3 2015 Current Year Membership
 4 AUSTIN City/Town

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ALONZO CALVILLO
JOE SAENZ
 2 10 District JERRY RENARD
 3 FRANKS Squadron Name
 4 10 Prior Year Membership
 5 78763 Zip Code

AMERICANISM

<p>1 <u>29</u> No. of Boys Sponsored, Boys State 2 <u>5</u> No. of Girls Sponsored, Girls State 3 <u>0</u> No. of 5 Star/10 Ideals Program 4 <u>1211</u> No. of Flags Presented 5 <u>11,614</u> No. of Small Flags Placed on Graves 6 \$ <u>2,285</u> Cost, Small Flags 7 \$ <u>7,250</u> Cost, Scholarships Awarded 8 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>NONE</u> Squadron Sponsors, Oratorical Contest 9 \$ <u>0</u> Cost, Oratorical Contest 10 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>2</u> Squadron Sponsors, Color Guard 11 \$ <u>50</u> Cost, Color Guard 12 \$ <u>255</u> Cost, Flag Etiquette Programs 13 <u>43</u> No. of Flag Retirement Programs 14 <u>30,061</u> No. of Hours, Community Service 15 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>NA</u> Squadron Sponsors, Scouting 16 \$ <u>0</u> Cost, Scouting 17 <u>100</u> No. of Hours, Junior Shooting 18 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u> Squadron Sponsors, AL Baseball Team 19 \$ <u>3,100</u> Cost, Other Teams Sponsored 20 <u>176</u> No. of Hours, Blood Drives</p>	<p>2 \$ <u>10,185</u> Cost, Boys State 3 \$ <u>1,955</u> Cost, Girls State 4 \$ <u>0</u> Cost, 5 Star/10 Ideals Program 5 \$ <u>2,325</u> Cost, Flags Presented 6 <u>1,960</u> No. of Small Flags Given Away at Parades 7 <u>484</u> No. of Hours, Small Flags 8 <u>286</u> No. of Hours, Educational Programs 9 <u>0</u> No. of Contestants, Oratorical Contest 10 <u>0</u> No. of Hours, Oratorical Contest 11 <u>39</u> No. of Apperarances, Color Guard 12 <u>32</u> No. of Flag Etiquette Programs 13 <u>93</u> No. of Hours, Flag Etiquette Programs 14 <u>1,018</u> No. of Hours, Flag Retirement Programs 15 \$ <u>54,963</u> Cost/Donations, Other Organizations 16 <u>150</u> No. of Youths Involved, Scouting 17 <u>10</u> No. of Youths Involved, Junior Shooting 18 \$ <u>200</u> Cost of Sponsorship, Junior Shooting 19 \$ <u>950</u> Cost, Baseball Team 20 <u>270</u> No. of Pints Collected, Blood Drives 21 \$ <u>1,209</u> Donations, National Emergency Fund</p>
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CHILDREN & YOUTH

<p>1 \$ _____ Donations, Child Welfare Foundation 2 \$ _____ Donations, Special Olympics 3 \$ _____ Donations, Children's Miracle Network 4 _____ No. Given, Josh Dogs 5 \$ _____ Donations, Operation Military Kids 6 \$ _____ Donations, Other C&Y Projects</p>	<p>7 _____ No. of Hours, Child Welfare Foundation 8 _____ No. of Hours, Special Olympics 9 _____ No. of Hours, Children's Miracle Network 10 \$ _____ Cost, Josh Dogs 11 _____ No. of Hours, Operation Military Kids 12 _____ No. of Hours, Other C&Y Projects</p>
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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

<p>1 _____ No. of Visits, Veterans Homes 2 \$ _____ Donations, Veterans Homes 3 _____ No. of Hours, VA Medical Center 4 _____ No. of Hours, Field Service 5 _____ No. of Hours, Fisher House 6 _____ No. of Hours, Support for the Troops 7 _____ No. of Hours, Family Support Network 8 _____ No. of Hours, Other VA&R Projects 9 _____ No. of Vets Helped, Natl. Vet's Assist Day 10 \$ _____ Cost, Natl. Vet's Assist Day</p>	<p>11 _____ No. of Hours, Veterans Homes 12 _____ No. of Visits, VA Medical Centers 13 \$ _____ Estimated Value, Items Donated to VA 14 _____ No. of Hours, Home Service 15 \$ _____ Cost, Fisher House 16 \$ _____ Cost, Support for the Troops 17 \$ _____ Cost, Family Support Network 18 \$ _____ Cost, Other VA&R Projects 19 _____ No. of Hours, Natl. Vet's Assist Day 20 \$ _____ Cost, Operation Comfort Warrior</p>
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1 \$ _____ Other Donations, Not Covered Above 2 _____ Other Hours, Not Covered Above

Signature: Walter W. Jones Title: Adjutant Date: 6-25-15
 Contact Phone Number: (512) 419-1760

(AIDER)

1st Division Commanders Report 2014/2015

I went to Carthage on 8/15/2014 and was able to reactivate Squadron 353 and they paid for 19 members for the year of 2015 after being inactive for 3 years.

During the month of September I visited Squadrons 376 Bedford / 655 Haltom City and help with their activation also with Squadron 379 Also visited Squadron 88 Lake Dallas and Squadron 597 Carrollton. Attended the Fall DEC in Austin, TX

In the month of October I went to the following District conventions, 13th District on 10/11/2014 after the District convention Gary Paul and I went to Post 550 Pilot Point to their Annual BBQ cook-off and their Welcome home to the post 1st Woman Veteran, also visited the

5th District on 10/18/2014 and the 12th and 4th District on 10/25/2014

On February 16th I went to the American Legion Department of Texas State Oratorical Contest at the Denton County Courthouse and if you have never been to one I strongly recommend that you do it was an experience I won't forget.

Spring District Conventions that I attended 1st District 03/21/2015 the 3rd District on 04/11/2015 also the 13th District Convention on 04/18/2015

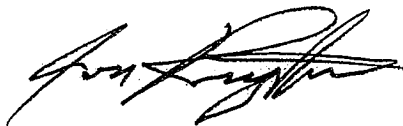
Also went on a couple Membership Drives, 4th & 12 District and was invited to the SAL Squadron 96 & 379 Election.

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year as being your 1st Division SAL Commander.

For all the Squadrons that reached your 100% goal I salute you.

Again I want to thank you all again.

Jon Kingston – PDC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Kingston". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and "K".

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2nd DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT
2014-2015

Oct. 11, 2014- Attended 11th District Convention Post 121, talked from podium on how the SAL need the Dual Members to attend the SAL Meetings for leadership and assistance to carry out programs vital to the American Legion.

No quorum, set up Special Meeting in Killeen Nov. 22, 2015, to elect 11th District Commander to finish term. While there I called auction bids on baskets.

Nov. 22, 2014- Attended Special Meeting at Post 223 Killeen to hold Election for SAL 11th District Commander, Robert Wigman elected Commander.

Jan. 16-18 Attended Mid- Winter DEC in Austin.

Jan. 19- 21 Was honored to travel with National Commander Helms, Texas Dept. Commander Sparks, Vice-Commander Rogers, Adjutant West, and a host of AL & ALA Members on VA Hospital Tours of Waco and Temple, and tour of Fort Hood, had a fantastic time.

March 7, 2015- Attended Detachment Commander Skelley's Homecoming in Kerrville. and called auction bids to assist with the Texas Veterans Dogs.

May 30-31 Presided over 2nd Division SAL Meeting held in Bryan Post 159.

Made calls and sent e-mails weekly to the SAL District Commanders of the 2nd Division, I'm sure some are tired of hearing from me hounding them over membership. I want to thank everyone for putting up with me this past year, it was fun.

Henry Creech
8539 8th Street
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Squadron 593
Converse, Texas

20th District & 3rd Division Commander report for 2014-2015

I had my phone go bad and lost everything including over 300 contacts and my log. I had to start my log over in September 2014 in addition to these log-in's. I Sit on the Board of Directors for the Converse, Lions Club with meetings on the 1st Thursday, BOD and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday and General of each month. Their activities are not listed in this report and this report does not include a lot of the monthly breakfasts or steak nights that I or the S.A.L. work and or are in charge of along with monthly post clean up, repairs and local monthly street, trash pick-up, phone calls etc..

May 2015

2—Sites, Bites and Bikes
6—American Legion General Membership Meeting
8-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
9=3rd Division Meeting
16-3rd Division Convention
20-American Legion Exect. Meeting
26-S.A.L. General Membership Meeting

June 2015

3-American Legion General Membership Meeting
6-592 Installation
12-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
17-American Legion Exect. Meeting
20-667 Installation
26-Helped 887 with Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
28-593 Installation
30-S.A.L. General Membership Meeting

July 2015

4-Rode in parade with 667 in Schertz, Texas
9-12 Detachment Convention

As an Officer of the Det. Of Texas, I respectfully submit this as my report for 2014-2015

Henry Creech
Commander 20th District and 3rd Division

January 2015

- 7-American Legion General Membership Meeting
- 9. S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 22- Meeting with squad 828 Commander and Dave Paris (20th AL Advisor)
- 27-S.A.L General Membership
- 28-American Legion Exect. Meeting

February 2015

- 4. American Legion General Membership Meeting
- 11-20th District American Legion Meeting
- 13-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 18-American Legion Exect. Meeting
- 24-Blood Drive
- 27-S.A.L. Fish Fry

March 2015

- 4—American Legion General Membership Meeting
- 5-7 Kerville, Tom Skelley Homecoming
- 13-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 14-Leagion Birthday at Post 667
- 16-Worked with McAllen post to assist with deceased members son
- 18-Helped squad 336 get started
- 21-20th Squadron 7n stops delivered squad counsel reports
- 25-Guest speaker at post 336 Legion birthday celegration
- 31-S.A.L. General Membership Meeting

April 2015

- 1—American Legion General Membership Meeting
- 4-Planting a City Park
- 10-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 15-American Legion Exect. Meeting
- 20-20th District Convention
- 20-21-9th Division Convention and Installed then in Port Lavaca
- 28-S.A.L. General Membership Meeting

September 2014

- 3—General Membership
- 12-S.A.L Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 13-Trash Pick-up
- 17-American Legion Exect. Meeting
- 26-28-Fall DEC
- 30-S.A.L. General Membership

October 2014

- 1—American Legion General Membership
- 3-4-Worked post/S.A.L Booth—Night in Ol' Converse
- 4-Rode in Converse Parade
- 7-spoke at Squad 592
- 8-20th District Meeting
- 10-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 15-American Legion Exect. Meeting
- 18-19-Hosted Tom Skelley
- 19-S.A.L. Golf Tournament
- 21-Squad 208 Kerville
- 28-S.A. L. General Membership

November 2014

- 1—Rode in Veterans Day Parade in Universal City, Texas
- 5-American Legion General Membership Meeting
- 14-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 19-American Legion Exect. Meeting
- 22-E.I.U. Training
- 25-S.A.L. General Membership Meeting

December 2014

- 2—Spoke at 592 and installed new Commander
- 3- American Legion General Membership
- 10-American Legion 20th District Meeting
- 12-S.A.L. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
- 17-American Legion Exect. Meeting.
- 20-20th District Christmas Party
- 30-S.A.L. General Membership Meeting

AMERICANISM AND CHILDREN & YOUTH

COMIC BOOKLETS

The American Legion believes that the best way to promote patriotism and citizenship is to help children understand and respect our nation's principles, history and symbols.

I Pledge Allegiance

item# (755.302)



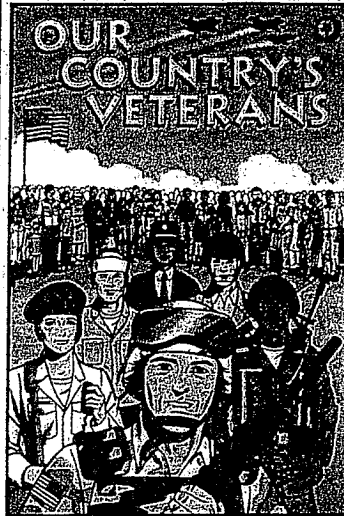
Cartoon stories and fun activities teach children:

- What the Pledge of Allegiance means
- The meaning of key words in the Pledge
- Why we say the Pledge
- What our flag means
- On what occasions we pledge allegiance
- How to pledge allegiance
- Proper conduct and respect
- Other ways to be a good citizen

An essential part of every young person's education as an American!

Our Country's Veterans

item# (755.304)



Teach children all about veterans. They will learn:

- What a veteran is
- The valor of veterans
- The challenge of service and its price
- The true price of freedom
- How veterans protect our freedoms
- Benefits and rewards of being a veteran
- How we can honor veterans
- How to thank veterans for their service
- Being a good citizen, and much more!

You can make sure children and families know the honor and sacrifice of our veterans.

Our Country's Flag

item# (755.300)



The exciting story of the U.S. flag. Readers of this booklet learn:

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- The meaning of the stars and stripes
- Proper ways to display the flag
- How to respect the flag
- Origin of the "Star Spangled Banner"
- Why we say the Pledge of Allegiance
- American ideals and the flag, and more!

Teach young people the meaning and history of the flag, and how they can respect it!

Light of Liberty

item# (755.301)



Knowing about our freedoms is the best way to preserve them. Use this to teach children:

- How America was formed in the Revolutionary War
- The Declaration of Independence
- The Constitution and Bill of Rights
- Rights and responsibilities of citizens
- Respecting the rights of others
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