

# 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting

## 08 January 2017

1. Commander Larry Taylor called the meeting to order @ 1405
2. Sargent-at-Arms Bill Craig posted the colors
3. Chaplin lead us in prayer
4. Sargent-at-Arms draped the MIA flag
5. The membership recited the Pledge of Alliance and Preamble of the American Legion
6. Commander read resolution #288 regarding the MIA/POW Empty Chair
7. Roll call of Officers confirmed the following:

1) District Commander	Larry Taylor	Present
2) 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Ronnie Jones	Present
3) Adjutant	Alan H. Caesar	Present
4) Finance Officer	Pat Sansom	Present
5) Chaplin	Edward Kownslar	Present
6) Asst. Chaplin		Vacant
7) Historian		Vacant
8) Judge Advocate	Sam Underwood	Present
9) Service Officer	Zach Fresquez	Present
10) Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Craig	Present
11) Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms	James Moorner	Present
12) Hub Master	Linda Weston	Present
13) ALR Advisor	Bill Godfrey	Absent
14) Americanism Chairman	Dennis Snow	Present
15) Baseball Chairman	Joe Senones	Absent
16) Boy Scout Chairman		Vacant
17) Boys State Chairman	Bob Kaminski	Absent
18) Const. & By-Laws Chairman	Gary Smith	Present
19) Children & Youth Chairman		Vacant
20) JROTC Chairman		Vacant
21) Junior Shooting Chairman		Vacant
22) Legislative Chairman		Vacant
23) Membership Chairman		Vacant
24) National Security Chairman		Vacant
25) Oratorical Chairman	Alton Brown	Present
26) Public Relations Chairman		Vacant
27) SAL Advisor	Gary Smith	Present
28) School Awards Chairman		Vacant
29) VA&R Chairman	D.C. Jones	Absent

8. Roll call by Post confirmed a quorum was present:

Post 23-Present	Post 53-Present
Post 81-Present	Post 124 – Absent
Post 111- Present	Post 424-Present
Post 184-Absent	Post 218 – Absent
Post 275-Present	Post 292 – Present
Post 368-Present	Post 453 – Present
Post 504-Present	Post 507 – Present
Post 511-Present	Post 581 – Absent
Post 597-Present	Post 656 – Absent
Post 802-Present	Post 855 – Present

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9. Commander Taylor advised that all Posts should secure a surety bond by November 2016 for all members required to handle money on behalf of the Post.
10. Motion to accept Minutes since they are posted on the 5<sup>th</sup> District website (pending any necessary corrections') was made by Gary Smith and properly seconded Jeff Perkins. Motion approved by majority vote.
11. Motion to accept the finance report as posted on the 5<sup>th</sup> District website (pending any necessary corrections') was motioned (Jeff Perkins) and properly seconded (Sam Underwood). Motion approved by majority vote.
12. Membership Report: 5<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander Ronald Jones
  - a. 5<sup>th</sup> District is 13<sup>th</sup> out of 23 districts at 67.78%
  - b. Currently 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1<sup>st</sup> division
  - c. 3 posts are at or above higher than 80%
  - d. 6 posts are at or below 50%
  - e. 11 post are between 51-79%
  - f. Membership Drive Drawing: You must have 100.1% transmitted before the Spring Convention on 25 March 2017. Currently only two Auxiliaries' qualify for entry
  - g. Coffee Tour Dates: 21 Jan, 11 Feb, 25 Feb, and 11 Mar. Location and times TBA
13. Americanism – Dennis Snow
  - a. Feb. is Americanism Month
  - b. March is Community Service Month
  - c. March 15-17 designated observation of American Legion Month
  - d. March 25<sup>th</sup> is National Medal of Honor Day
  - e. Members should visit the schools supported by their post and increase youth involvement and participation in the various youth oriented programs of the American Legion
  - f. Every post should plan and participate in the various youth oriented programs of the American Legion
14. Chaplin Report – Sick Call
  - a. Post Commander @ 321 (Larry Opperman) Heart Attack
  - b. Russell Garmin Post 292 – Post Everlasting
  - c. William Schroeder Post 424 – Post Everlasting
  - d. Will Nealy Post 511 – Post Everlasting
  - e. William Dixon Post 504 (Hubmaster) – Cancer treatments
15. Unfinished Business – None
16. New Business – None
17. Good of the Legion;
  1. ALA Lunch
  2. Bring your Delegate forms to the Spring Convention
  3. Gary Smith and Jeff Perkins are our two new 5<sup>th</sup> District Trainers

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### 18. Closing

1. Closing prayer by Chaplin
2. MIA/POW flag retired
3. National Ensign retired
4. Meeting adjourned - 1448