

5TH DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

21 OCTOBER 2017

- 1) Commander Ron Jones called the meeting to order @ 0941 Hrs.
- 2) Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Craig posted the colors
- 3) Chaplin Nancy Beckham lead us in prayer
- 4) Sergeant-at-Arms draped the MIA flag
- 5) Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble of the American Legion
- 6) Roll call of Officers and Post revealed a quorum was present

1. District Commander	Ron Jones	Present
2. 1 st Vice Commander	Alan Caesar	Absent
3. Adjutant	Jimmy Cox	Absent
4. Finance Officer	Pat Sansom	Present
5. Chaplin		Vacant
6. Asst. Chaplin		Vacant
7. Historian	Bill Freauff	Present
8. Judge Advocate	Gary Smith	Present
9. Service Officer	Zach Fresquez	Absent
10. Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Craig	Present
11. Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms		Vacant
12. Hub Master	Larry Taylor	Absent
13. ALR Advisor	Michael "TJ" Jenkins	Absent
14. Americanism Chairman	Dennis Snow	Absent
15. Baseball Chairman	Joe Senones	Absent
16. Boy Scout Chairman		Vacant
17. Boys State Chairman	Bob Kaminski	Present
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	Alan Caesar	Absent
24. National Security Chairman		Vacant
25. Oratorical Chairman	Alton Brown	Absent
26. Public Relations Chairman		Vacant
27. SAL Advisor	Gary Smith	Present
28. School Awards Chairman		Vacant
29. VA&R Chairman		Vacant

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9) Roll call by Post:

Post 23 – Absent	Post 53 – Absent	Post 81 – Absent
Post 111 – Present	Post 124 – Absent	Post 184 – Absent
Post 218 – Absent	Post 275 – Absent	Post 292 – Present
Post 368 – Absent	Post 424 – Present	Post 453 – Present
Post 504 – Present	Post 507 – Present	Post 511 – Present
Post 581 – Absent	Post 597 – Present	Post 656 – Absent
Post 802 – Absent	Post 855 – Absent	Post 347 – (New Post)

10) Guests in attendance:

- a) **Lloyd Buckmaster – Past Department Vice Commander**
- b) **Gene Toohey – 4th District Commander**
- c) **Jeff Perkins – Past 1st Division & 5th District Commander**
- d) **Gary Smith - Past 5th District Commander**
- e) **Bret Watson – Past 17th District Commander**

11) Resolution read for Gene Toohey, candidate for 1st Division Commander. Gene spoke to the group.

12) Resolution read for Bret Watson, candidate for Department Vice Commander. Bret spoke to the group.

13) Resolution read for Lloyd Buckmaster, candidate for Department Commander. Lloyd spoke to the group.

14) Resolution read for Jeff Perkins, candidate for Department Commander. Jeff spoke to the group.

15) Ron called for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting of the 5th District. Jeff Perkins motioned and Bob Kaminski 2nd the motion to waive the reading of the minutes posted on the 5th District webpage. The motion carried by majority vote.

16) Commander Jones called for the reading of the finance report from Pat Flores. Bill Craig motioned and Gary Smith 2nd the motion to accept the report pending review. The motion carried by majority vote.

17) Commander Jones gave membership report. District in 10th place in the Department at 48.95%. Five Posts have met or exceeded goal of 55%. Post 597 turned in 7 memberships and \$1.00 was collected from those members that didn't have a blank membership application.

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18) American Legion Baseball - Gary Smith stated that Texas had only 3 senior teams last year. Also, National would like us to focus on building Junior teams to provide a better foundation. Three Posts (275, 292 & 511) will try to develop some teams.

19) Post 504 & 507 supporting Veterans Day on the Mesquite Square. Jeff is building a 3rd wall for Veterans Day.

20) Unfinished Business

- a) Gary Smith motioned and Linda Weston 2nd the motion to purchase a banner flag for Rowlett Post (347). The motion was amended to purchase of a double-sided banner flag for no more than \$350.00. the amended motion was 2nd by Alton Brown. The motion carried by majority vote.**

21) New Business

- a) Motion by Gary Smith to purchase new gavel for the Legion District, seconded by W.S. Turner, motion carried.**
- b) Motion by Gary Smith to purchase new remote control for the District projector, seconded by Jeff Perkins, motion carried.**
- b) Bobby Vandembush made a motion to donate \$500 for homeless veterans, seconded by Jeff Perkins, motion carried.**

22) Next District meeting will be Sunday, February 25, at Richardson Post 368.

25) District Convention will be in April – location is TBD.

26) Closing ceremonies were held and meeting was adjourned at 1051 Hrs.

Ron Jones, 5th District Commander