



**General Membership Meeting
American Legion 5th District
24 October 2015**

1. Meeting called to order by 5th District Commander (Comrade Charlie Peoples) at 1400.
2. District Sargent at Arms posted the colors
3. Chaplin James Perry lead us in prayer
4. Reading of the American Legion Preamble
5. Roll Call of District Officers' revealed the following:

1) District Commander	Charlies Peoples	Present
2) 1 st Vice Commander	Ronnie Jones	Present
3) 2 nd Vice Commander		Present/Absent
4) Finance Officer	Pat Sansom	Present
5) Adjutant	Alan H. Caesar	Present
6) Chaplin	Edward Kownslar	Absent/Excused
7) Judge Advocate	Sam Underwood	Present
8) Sergeant at Arms	Bill Craig	Present
9) Service Officer		Office Vacant
10) Hub Master		Office Vacant
11) VA&R	D.C. Jones	Present
12) Americanism		Office Vacant
13) Baseball Chair		Office Vacant
14) Boy Scout Chair		Office Vacant
15) Boys State Chair	Robert Kaminski	Absent
16) Community Service		Office Vacant
17) Const. & By-Laws	Gary Smith	Present

6. Roll call by Post revealed the following:

1) Post #23	Present	11) Post #424	Absent/Unexcused
2) Post #53	Absent/Unexcused	12) Post #453	Present
3) Post #81	Present	13) Post #504	Present
4) Post #111	Present	14) Post #507	Present
5) Post #124	Absent/Unexcused	15) Post #511	Absent/Unexcused
6) Post #184	Present	16) Post #581	Absent/Unexcused
7) Post #218	Present	17) Post #597	Present
8) Post #275	Present	18) Post #656	Absent/Unexcused
9) Post #292	Present	19) Post #802	Absent/Unexcused
10) Post #368	Absent/Unexcused	20) Post #855	Absent



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7. *The Sargent at Arms announced the following dignitaries/guest in attendance:*
- A. *Comrade Gary M. Smith Past 5th District Commander*
 - B. *Comrade John H. Brewer 1st Division Commander*
 - C. *Comrade Tom Arista 5th District SAL Commander*
 - D. *Comrade Jeff Perkins Past 1st Division and 5th District Commander*
 - E. *Comrade Roger M. Folmar Past 4th Division Commander*
8. *The Commander requested the minutes be read from most recent past meeting of the 5th District. Comrade Bill Craig motioned and Comrade Sam Underwood 2nd the motion approving the minutes as posted on the District website with any necessary corrections. The motion was approved and carried by majority vote.*
9. *Comrade Pat Sansom submitted and read the finance report for the period 18 April through 23 October 2015. Comrade Bill Godfrey motioned and Comrade James Perry 2nd the approval of the finance report as read with any necessary corrections. The motion was approved and carried by majority vote.*
10. *Comrade D.C. Jones reported on the VA&R program and upcoming events important to Veterans and the Legion.*
- A. *Homeless Veterans' Stand Down*
 - B. *Veterans Appreciation Week November 6-14, 2015*
 - C. *Holiday Packing of the Bags. Items requested – shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion, lip balm tooth brushes, shaving cream, combs, socks, gloves, scarves, toboggans, books, and pens*
 - D. *Pre-Veterans' Day Cookout – Tuesday, 3 November 2015; Dallas VA Atrium*
 - E. *Veterans Day Parade – 11 November 2015*
- Comrade W.S. Turner motioned and Comrade Sam Underwood 2nd the motion to accept the VA&R report as read. The motion was approved and carried by majority vote.*

Old Business – None

New Business

- 1) *The Adjutant read "Resolution of Endorsement" for the following Legionnaires':*
- a. *Comrade Kenneth Mueller for the Office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman by Buddy Wright Post #48.*
 - b. *Comrade Walter W. Ivie for State Commander of the American Legion, Department of Texas by Travis Post #76.*



- c. *Comrade Roger M. Folmar for State Commander of the American Legion, Department of Texas by Paso Del Norte Post #58.*
- d. *Comrade Jeff Perkins for State Vice Commander of the American Legion, Department of Texas by Love Field Post #453.*

Comrade Bob Elkins motioned and Comrade Bill Craig 2nd the motion for the 5th District to endorse Comrade Jeff Perkins for State Vice-Commander of the American Legion, Department of Texas.

- 2) *Comrade Perkins shared the very interesting details of a Veterans specific tribute coming to North Texas. A “Mobile Wall” honoring fallen service members since 2001 till present is being designed for implementation. The concept resembles the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The mobility of the “Mobile Wall” represents the essence of its uniqueness.*
- 3) *Comrade Jeff Perkins motioned and Comrade Gary Smith 2nd the motion for the 5th District to donate \$500.00 for the purpose of financially supporting the “Mobile Wall”. The motion was approved and carried by majority vote.*
- 4) *Comrade Caesar (5th District Adjutant) sought further elaboration and clarification on the role and extent non-members are allowed to participate in/at an American Legion Post. Gary Smith (Past 5th District Commander), Sam Underwood (5th District Judge Advocate) and Bill Craig (5th District Sargent at Arms) provided the following clarification. “Non-members and other organizations can have fund raisers as long as the Post approves their events. The funds collected by such activities must have a purpose approved by the Post. In other words, the activity must specify how and to what programs/charities the funds will be donated to. The Post must ensure that all events, no matter who holds them, protect the good name of The American Legion. The funds collected do not necessarily have to be turned over to the Post – that is up to the Post to decide as part of the approval process or the standing policy of the Post. Non-members may be allowed to participate in Post functions – there is no problem using outside volunteers”*
- 5) *The General Membership Meeting of the 5th District adjourned per motion at 1630.*