

5th District Spring Convention Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2013

Start:

Meeting started in regular order at 1405

Post Colors:

District Sgt-At-Arms posted the Colors

Prayer:

The opening prayer was lead by the District Chaplin.

POW/MIA Flag

District Sgt-At-Arms posted the POW/MIA flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

District Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion

Commander Perkins led the preamble.

Roll call of Officers and Posts:

All officers were present except for the Judge Advocate who was excused.

Posts 53,81,111,184,368,453,504,507,511,597,802 were represented.

Posts 23,124,218,275,292,424,581,656,855 were absent.

Introduce all guests:

Jim Prendergast – National Executive Committee

Department Vice Commander Lynn Sparks

Departmentt Historian Cyndi Miller

1st Division Commander Al Robart

Past 1st Division Commander Bob Elkins

Past 1st District Commander Bobby Baker

Past 5th District Commander Bernard Aderholt.

District Commander deviated from regular business to introduce the assistant Finance Officer to report on the District voting Strength.

Commander Perkins introduced the Department Vice Commander to address the District.

Department Vice Commander Sparks commended the District for having a strong turn out. Vice Commander Sparks discussed membership.

Commander Perkins introduced Bobby Baker to announce his candidacy for Department Vice Commander.

Commander Perkins introduced Assistant Department Sgt. At Arms Donald Toohey to announce his candidacy for Department Sgt. At Arms.

Department Historian Cyndi Miller addressed the District to announce her intention to run for reelection as Department Historian.

District Commander temporarily turned over the meeting to the District Vice Commander Gary Smith

Reading of the minutes from the previous District Convention.

District Finance Officer made a motion to wave the reading of the min.
Motion seconded by the service officer Don Harrison

Commander Perkins Introduced the District AUX President Holly Heatly to address the Assemblage.

President Heatly wanted to thank the Members and Officers of the 5th District for all their help and support during the last 2 years.

Finance report:

Finance Report was read. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report:

Vice Commander Smith gave the membership report. The 5th District has 5 posts currently over 100% and 3 posts within 10% of goal. The 5th district is currently at 90.46% of goal.

On April 25th the 5th District will be making a presentation to the Dallas Police Dept. Fire Dept. and EMS. This would be an excellent opportunity to recruit new members. 2/3 of Police, Fire Fighters , and EMT's are Veterans. Further details will be posted of the District web site.

Chaplain's Report:

Chaplin Cecil reported on his activities since the 12 months prior to March of 2013.

Commander Perkins thanked Chaplin Don Cecil for his service to the 5th District as Chaplin Don Cecil will be stepping down from the office of Chaplin at the end of his term.

Boys State

At this point the 5th District will be sending 50 boys to Boys State, and more applications are still coming in. It looks like a second bus will be needed to transport the boys. There will be an orientation for Boys State at Post 453 on May 19th.

SAL Advisor Report:

SAL advisor was not present. Commander Perkins introduced the new SAL District Commander Paul Secor. And the District SAL Vice Commander Les Jackson.

Commander Perkins asked for a motion to charge an allocation from the last District meeting to purchase Commander Secor a new cover. Since Department will provide him with a new cover Commander Perkins asked for a motion to purchase 2 SAL shirts from Uniform and Emblem Sale for Commander Secor. A Motion was made, seconded and carried.

ALR Advisor Report:

Post 81 ALR will be holding there annual fund raiser for the "Run For The Wall" ride. They will be meeting on Sunday 5/19/13 at Post 81.

Sick Call, Relief and Employment:

Chaplin Cecil reported Past District Commander Dan Arnold and his wife have moved into an assisted living facility. Past District Commander Arnold's health has been getting worse in recent months.

1st Division SAL Commander Steve Davis' wife has suffered a stroke. Commander Perkins asked members of the District to keep her in their prayers.

Unfinished business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

2013 Department Convention:

Past Commander Elkins reported the Dept convention committee working diligently in preparation of the July Dept. Convention. The Convention will be hosted by the 5th District and Posts will be co hosting 597 & 453 the convention.

Sheridan Hotel will hold AUX Conve. Across the hwy will be SAL and Legion convention at the Westin hotel. The hotels will set aside a block of rooms for the district. The Committee has been meeting approx once a month in preparation for the Convention.

Good of the Legion:

Sgt-at-Arms made a motion for 2 replacement flag poles for the District. Motion 2nd and Carried.

Commander called Legionnaire Rollin MacDuffy to present him with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his 60yr of continuous service to the American Legion.

District Adjutant read a proclamation for the nomination of Sr. Cpl Randy Williams of the Dallas Police department for Texas Police Officer of the Year.

A motion was made, seconded and carried. The nomination will be forwarded Department.

5th District Election:

The Commander called the assistant Finance Officer to read the list of the number of delegates from each post in District.

There are 88 available votes.

The following nominations were made for the 2013-2015 year.

Gary Smith was nominated for District Commander.

With no other candidates running Gary Smith was elected by acclimation.

Vice Commander Larry Taylor

With no other candidates running Larry Taylor was elected by acclimation.

Sgt-at-Arms Jim Swafford

With no other candidates running Jim Swaford was elected by acclimation.

Chaplin Ron Hall

With no other candidates running Ron Hall was elected by acclimation.

District Commander Perkins thanked the District for all their support over the last 2 yrs.

Next District meeting at Post 81, May 19, 2013

Chaplain Cecil gave the closing prayer.

Sgt-at-Arms retired the POW/MIA Flag and the Colors

Meeting closed in regular order at 1525

Submitted;

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