

## **American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District Spring Convention Saturday, April 9, 2011**

1. **Call To Order:** Commander Bernard Aderholt called the convention to order at 9:03 AM for the training section of the convention.
2. Commander Aderholt closed the training section at 11:45 AM to reconvene at 1:30 PM for the business meeting.
3. **Call To Order:** Commander Bernard Aderholt called the convention to order at 1:58Pm.
4. **Posting of Colors:** Sgt At Arms Jim McClendon posted the colors.
5. **Invocation:** Don Cecil gave the invocation.
6. **Pledge:** Bob Elkins recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
7. **Preamble:** Commander Aderholt presented the Preamble.
8. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:** All officers were present with the exception of Freddie Cotton and Scott Davis.

The following Posts were absent 23, 124, 184, 292, 581, 597, 656, 802, and 855

**9. Introduction of guests:** Commander Aderholt introduced National Executive Committeeman and Past Department Commander Jim Prendergast, Alternate National Executive Committeeman and Past Department Commander Paul Dillard, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander Sonny Starr, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Bobby Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Linda Reed, Past 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander and Past 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bob Elkins, Past 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Mike Phelan, Department Detachment Commander Gary Paul, 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Commander Steve Davis, Kelly Brown, Bobbie Kay Scoggins, and Jeremy Comeaux

9. Motion made by Gary Poplin to seat the delegates. Seconded by S. A. LeJune. Passed

**10. Minutes of Previous 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting:** Motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as posted on the 5<sup>th</sup> District website by Gary Poplin. Seconded by Matt. Passed. Motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous convention and accept the minutes as posted on the 5<sup>th</sup> District website by Gary Poplin. Seconded by S. A. LeJune. Passed.

11. Commander Aderholt invited Bobbie Kay Scoggins to speak about the Voluntary Service program.

12. Judge Advocate report on voting strength: Gary Poplin reported that the posts represented a voting strength of 95. Seconded by S. A. LeJune. Passed

13. Motion by Matt to deviate from standard procedures. Seconded by Bob Elkins. Passed

14. Commander Aderholt invited 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander Starr to address the Convention.

15. Commander Aderholt invited Department Detachment Commander Paul to address the Convention.

16. Commander Aderholt invited 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Commander Steve Davis to address the Convention.

17. Commander Aderholt invited National Executive Committee Prendergast to address the Convention.

18. Commander Aderholt invited Alternative National Executive Committee Paul Dillard to address the Convention.

**19. Reports:**

- a) Membership Report: Dist Commander reported 5<sup>th</sup> District in 19<sup>th</sup> place. 38 new memberships turned in.
- b) Finance Report: Jeff Perkins presented the Finance Report. Jack reported “status quo” with finances total of \$7,674.71 and a checking balance of \$5,847.96. Passed. Gary Poplin made a motion that the incoming and outgoing district commanders and finance officers complete an audit on the bank accounts. Seconded by S. A. LeJune. Passed. Motion made by Gary Poplin that Pat Sansom, Incoming Finance Officer take the funds received for the convention and open a bank account more convenient for her accessibility. Seconded by S. A. LeJune. Passed. Motion made by Gary Poplin to pay the bills for the Convention from the current checking account with a report at the next district meeting. Seconded by S. A. LeJune. Passed.
- c) Chaplain Report: Don Cecil – Presented annual Chaplain Report. Passed.
- d) Historian – Bill Freauff – No report
- e) Service Officer: - Dave Herod – Post 81 has presented \$25,000.00 over the past year.
- f) VA & R: Dave Herod – New director at VA Hospital
- g) Americanism: Tom Engle – No report
- h) Community Service: James Williamson – No report
- i) SAL: No report
- j) Oratorical: Jim Rey – No report
- k) Boys State: No report
- l) Baseball: No report
- m) ROTC – No report
- n) Boy Scouts: Larry Taylor – No report
- o) Children and Youth – No report
- p) Junior Shooting – no report
- q) School Awards – no report
- r) Constitution and By-Laws: no report
- s) Public Relations: No report
- t) Legislative: Gary Smith – status quo – on District Website
- u) Hub Master- Gary Smith – Notify with info for events.
- v) National Security: Bernard Aderholt – no report
- w) ALR Advisor: Robert Burns – No report
- x) Convention –
- y) Adopt a ward – SA LeJune – No report

**20. New Business:**

- a)

**21. Old Business:**

- a) Fireman/Police of the Year forwarded to Department

**22: Good of the Legion:**

- a) Post 275 to hold a Memorial Service on 4/17 for Mary.
- b) Post 111 submitted a Resolution for Changing the Division Commander Residency Requirement. Motion to forward resolution made by Gary Poplin and seconded by Bob Elkins. Passed.
- c) Post 81 ALR reminded everyone of the Run for the Wall on 5/22/2011.

**23. Endorsements:** The 5<sup>th</sup> District voted to endorse the following for Department

- a. Mr. Lupe Garza for Department Commander. Passed
- b. Mr. Fleming for Department Vice Commander. Passed
- c. Ms. Kousman for Department Sgt-at-Arms . Passed
- d. Ms Miller for Department Historian. Passed
- e. Mr. Ivie for Department Treasurer. Passed
- f. Mr. Corbin for Department Judge Advocate. Passed

**24.** Commander Aderholt invited 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Linda Reed to address the membership.

**25.** Commander Aderholt invited 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Bobby Baker to address the membership.

**26.** Commander Aderholt invited Post 81 Commander Mike Phelan to address the membership.

**27.** Motion made to dispense with the reading of the Convention Call. Seconded and passed.

**28.** Motion to close normal convention business and move to the elections made by Gary Poplin and seconded by S A LeJune. Passed

**29.** Nominations opened for District Commander – Jeff Perkins was nominated and he accepted. There were no other nominations. Gary Poplin made a motion to cast one vote in acclamation for Jeff Perkins as 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander. Seconded by Bob Elkins. Passed

**30.** Nominations opened for District Vice Commander – Gary Smith was nominated and he accepted. There were no other nominations. Gary Poplin made a motion to cast one vote in acclamation for Gary Smith as 5<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander. Seconded by S A LeJune. Passed

**31.** Nominations opened for District Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim McClendon was nominated and he accepted. There were no other nominations. Gary Poplin made a motion to cast one vote in acclamation for Jim McClendon as 5<sup>th</sup> District Sergeant-at-Arms. Seconded by S A LeJune. Passed

**32.** Nominations opened for District Chaplain – Don Cecil was nominated and he accepted. There were no other nominations. Gary Poplin made a motion to cast one vote in acclamation for Don Cecil as 5<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain. Seconded by Bob Elkins. Passed

**33.** Document covering elections - Passed

**34.** 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander elect requested endorsement of Pat Sansom – 5<sup>th</sup> District Finance Officer, Bernard Aderholt – 5<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate, Bill Freauff – 5<sup>th</sup> District Historian, and Bill Craig – 5<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant. Passed.

**35.** 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Aderholt asked Past 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bob Elkins to take over the podium in order to present the following motions”

- a. Commander Aderholt made the motion to Honor 5<sup>th</sup> District Finance Officer Jack Jimison by giving him the title: 5<sup>th</sup> District Finance Officer Emeritus. Seconded and Passed.
- b. Commander Aderholt made the motion to Honor 5<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain Don Cecil and to nominate him for Chaplain of the Year. Seconded and Passed.

36. 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander resumed control of the meeting

12: **Prayer:** Don Cecil offered the closing prayer

13: **Retirement of Colors:** Sgt at Arms Jim McClendon Retired the Colors

14: **Adjournment:** Commander Aderholt adjourned the convention at 3:33 PM.

/signed/  
Jeff Perkins  
Adjutant, 5th District  
Department of Texas