

District Meeting Agenda April 18, 2015 – 9:00 AM

Post Colors (Bill Freauff)

Prayer (Ed Kownslar)

Pledge of Allegiance

POW/MIA Chair (Bill Kownslar)

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion

Roll Call (Marico Jefferson)

District Officers Present: Commander, Vice, Adjutant, Sergeant-at-Arms, Finance Officer, Chaplain. Absent: Historian, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms

Posts Present: 23,81,111,218,275,292,368,424,453,504,511,597,802

Guest Introductions

John McKinny, John Hince, John Brewer

Minutes – Last District/Convention (Marico Jefferson)

Ed Kownslar—motion to accept the last minutes as posted online.

Bob Kiminski—Second; motion carried

1st Reading of Delegate Voting Strength

Gary Poplin- post count consistent with roll call—91 delegates.

Finance Report (Pat Sansom)—report attached

Gary Poplin—Motion to approve Finance Report as read.

W.S. Turner—second; motion carried

Discussion: Dept of Texas opened a bank account for the 5th District; Bank fees \$24: National mandate to keep tax exemption; districts must be under an Department EIN account, 3 signatures need to remove funds. Question asked: by Gary Poplin to John Hince, Were National by-laws initiated to have the authority to do so? There is an assumption that the by-laws and

constitution were changed to support Nationals' mandate.

Pat Sansom has not received receipts from past convention.

Gary Poplin— motion that Finance officer create receipts for and pay pending amount of last convention.

Larry Taylor—second; motion carried

Commander's Report—report attached

Committee & Advisor Reports –

Membership (Larry Taylor) – Post 292 leading district for membership 122%

Americanism (Dennis Snow) --excused

Community Service - Not available.

Children & Youth * Junior Shooting * School Awards - Not Available

Baseball (Larry Taylor) – report attached. District baseball fund started by Post 368 ALA raised \$275. Check presented to the Finance Officer.

Boy Scouts (Bernard Aderholt)- excused.

Boys State (Vacant) – Cmdr. Reiterates the need to get boys registered and nominated early. Orientation at Post 453, May 17, 2015 1pm. Boys State is June 7-12.

Constitution & Bylaws (Bill Freauff & Gary Poplin)

Judge Advocate Gary Poplin advises using words "In compliance with Department and National Constitution and By-Laws" when updating Post Constitution and By-Laws.

Legislative (Ed Kownslar)—letter attached

National Security (Jeff Perkins) - unexecused

Oratorical (Cyndi Miller)- excused

Public Relations (Tom Kelly) – contact email address
tomhkelly@mac.com

VA&R (Vacant) * –

John McKinny: Hazelwood Act, Texas Veterans are in danger of losing; between now and the end of May. Contact your State Representative and Senator to let them know not to change the act or dismantle it.

JROTC (Matt Graska) – unexcused

Gary Smith advises Post to purchase trophies and awards from Emblem Sales ahead of time.

SAL Advisor (Larry Taylor) – report attached.

Larry Taylor recommends dual membership in AL and SAL.

ALR Advisor (Phil Anderson)

\$1782 raised for veteran education; encourages Veterans Day Parade participation in November.

Sick Call, Relief and Employment - none to report.

Service Officer's Report (Vacant)—looking for volunteers.

Unfinished Business - nothing discussed

New Business - no new business.

Resolutions (Marico Jefferson) -- Resolutions attached

Resolutions read: John McKinny, John Hince, John Brewer, Charlie Peoples, Edward Kownslar, Bill Craig.

Gary Poplin—motion to set aside resolutions

Larry Taylor—second, motion carried

Good of the Legion - Around the District Roll Call

Post 597 Next Saturday, April 15 for Michelle Godfrey cancer medical expenses fund raiser.

Post 453 purchasing a service dog for 5yr girl who is epileptic.

Pat Sansom—motion for 5th District to donate \$500 to Texas National Cemetery Foundation for water for memorial day celebration.

Ed Kownslar—second; motion carried

Announcements –

May 9, 1st Division Convention, South Fork Hotel, Plano

July 7-12, Department Convention, Beaumont, TX

Aug 28-Sept 3, National Convention, Baltimore, MD Coffee Tour, May 16

—Post 23, 53, 368

Riders State Rally, June 5-7, Elmont, TX

Memorial Day Celebration, General from Ft. Hood will be guest speaker.

2nd and Final Reading of Delegate Voting Strength (Gary Poplin)

13 Posts Present, 7 absent, 103 delegates

Resolutions (Marico Jefferson)

Seven resolutions read: John McKinny, John Hince, John Brewer, Susan Marty, Charlie Peoples, Ed Kownslar, Bill Craig.

5th District Sergeant-at-Arms election:

Gary Poplin— motion for nominations to cease and that Bill Craig be elected by acclamation.

Allen Ceasar—second; motion carried

5th District Chaplain election:

Gary Poplin—motion for nominations to cease and that Ed Kownslar be elected by acclamation.

Larry Taylor—second; motion carried

There were no nominations for 5th District Vice Commander.
Nominations closed for Vice District Commander today. Vice Commander elections will proceed in June.

5th District Commander election:

Gary Poplin—motion for nominations to cease and that Charlie Peoples be elected by acclamation.

Larry Taylor - second; motion carried.

Gary Poplin—motion that no action be taken on the remaining resolutions at this time.

Larry Taylor—second; motion carried.

Closing Prayer (Ed Kownslar)

POW/MIA Retired (Bill Freauff)

Colors Retired (Bill Freauff)

Meeting Adjourned 11:05

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DATE: JANUARY 15, 2015

TO: POST COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS

SUBJECT: DISTRICT CONVENTION CALLS

By virtue of the authority vested in the District Commanders by the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of Texas, a Convention of the respective District as indicated is hereby called.

The purpose of the Convention is for:

- Odd-numbered Districts to elect a District Commander, District Vice Commander, and such other District Officers deemed necessary by the respective Districts,
- All Districts will elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, in Baltimore, MD, August 28 – September 3, 2015,
- All Districts will appoint Principal and Alternate Member to the Department Convention Committees in Beaumont, July 10, 2015,
- And conduct such other business of the District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, based upon the 2015 membership certified to the District Commander by the Department Adjutant.

Please hand carry your certification of Delegates to your District Convention using the found on the Department Website.

All resolutions to be considered by the Convention must be in proper form, typed, signed by the Post Commander and attested thereto by the Post Adjutant, and forwarded or handed to the District Commander upon arrival at the Convention.

Furnish your District Commander with a complete list of member's deceased since your last District Convention for the Memorial Service.

All members of The American Legion are invited. Each Post in the District should send a delegation to the convention. It is important that all Post Commanders attend. All Past District Commanders should make a special effort to attend. Your cooperation in making this Convention a success will be greatly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William West", with a flourish at the end.

WILLIAM WEST
State Adjutant

**American Legion 5th District
Finance Officer Report of Pat Sansom**

For the Period 18 October 2014 through 17 April 2015

Year to Date
Sept 1, 14 - Feb 14, 15

Break-down of Income:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Boys State donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
SAL Income		\$ 59.95
Spring Convention Income	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
Fall Convention Income	\$ 435.00	\$ 1,215.00
Fines at meetings/conventions	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Interest Income		\$ 0.10
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,912.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,752.05</u>

Break-down of of expense:		
Pat O'Henry Oratory Medal	\$ 11.90	\$ 11.90
Bank Fees	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
Boys State expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Fall Convention expenses (includes SAL & Aux pmt)		\$ 500.00
SAL expenses		\$ 197.65
Business expenses	\$ 625.52	\$ 625.52
Memberships/dues-GDVC	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Donations/MHS JROTC	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
meeting expenses/Xmas Party supp	\$ 35.57	\$ 119.81
paper & ink cartridges	\$ 138.46	\$ 138.46
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 995.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,802.34</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 1,916.55</u>	<u>\$ 1,949.71</u>

Total District Assets:	
Checking account	\$ 1,949.84
Chase Dept Checking account	\$ 9,323.36
Boys State Account	\$ 3,053.23
SAL account	\$ 3,953.38
Total District assets	<u>\$ 18,279.81</u>

Break-down by accounts		
2013 Dept Convention Fund	\$ 3,061.89	
Boy State Fund	\$ 3,378.75	\$300 allocated for bus trans.
Convention Fund	\$ 5,041.80	
Education/Training Fund	\$ 750.50	
General Fund	\$ 993.49	
Oratorical Fund	\$ 1,100.00	\$500 allocated for 2015 scholarship
SAL Fund	\$ 3,953.38	
Total Fund accounts	<u>\$ 18,279.81</u>	

Respectfully submitted,


Pat Sansom
Finance Officer

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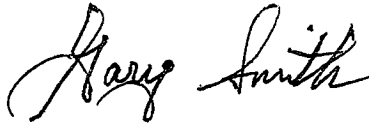
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COMMANDER'S REPORT

February 15, 2015

As District Commander, I have visited many Posts since our last meeting. In addition, I took part in the following: 5th District Coffee Tour and Post 275 CBL ceremony.

Over the next 2 months I will continue to visit Posts and drive membership along with the District Vice Commander. Effort is still ongoing to establish a Rowlett Post and work has started on establishing a new Post in DeSoto.



Respectfully submitted,
Gary Smith
5th District Commander
The American Legion
Department of Texas
214-431-2187

American Legion Baseball

5th District Dept. of Texas

April 18, 2015

Currently the state tournament dates have not been set yet, but it will be held at Fireman's Park 901 N Park St. Breham, Texas 77833. We will let you know as soon as the dates are set.

I would like to share with you some statistics that AL National has gathered 55 MLB players inducted into the hall of Fame played AL Baseball, 75% of College Baseball players played AL Baseball and 50% of MLB players played AL Baseball.

The ALA unit 368 wanted to support AL Baseball and had a raffle and raised \$175.00. In talking to Commander Smith and our District Finance Officer Pat we will at district level start an AL Baseball fund to help posts with the expense of sponsoring a baseball team. The AL 368 also raised \$ 75.00 toward the District Baseball fund totaling \$250.00. If you would also like to support AL Baseball please help us build this fund.

Larry Taylor Vice-Commander

Fifth District

Dept. of Texas

Membership Report 5th District Dept. of Texas

April 18, 2015

Currently the 5th District is 91.80% of goal we are number 8 in the state of Texas and need 226 members to achieve or goal of 100%. May 6, 2015 we should be at 100% but we have a long way to go.

I would like to congratulate post 282 for leading the 5th District at 122.22% of goal, post 184 at 112.77, 23 112.09, 424 104.00 53 103.09 656 and 802 at 100. %. We have 3 posts in the 90s. To Date only 7 Posts out of 20 are making goal.

I know that a lot of post have been very busy the first part of this fiscal year but I would like to ask that each post make membership a priority, as we have started slow but we can finish strong. Retention is a big part of or membership drive and any membership cards you have that have not been renewed please give them a call and ask them to renew and continue to support veterans in your area, you would be surprised at how many will say yes.

Last year the 5th District finished number 1 in the State of Texas, I know with your help we can be number 1 again. Anyone needing help with membership please do not hesitate to call me.

Larry Taylor

Vice-Commander 5th District

Dept. of Texas

The American Legion

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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

February 13, 2015

Mr. Edward Kownslar
211 W. Rochelle Rd.
Irving, TX 75062

Dear Mr. Kownslar:

On the recommendation of your Department, it is a pleasure to appoint you to the National Legislative Council as a Member for the Department of Texas for the 114th Congress. The term of your appointment is through the tenure of your Congressional Member or by mutual consent of the Department and yourself.

The National Legislative Council performs an extremely important mission for The American Legion. Your Department nominated you because you are a prominent Legionnaire who can personally contact your Member of Congress concerning The American Legion's national legislative goals and objectives with facts and insight tailored to your Congressional Member's interests and constituents.

The Chairman of the National Legislative Council, Mr. Jeff Joyner of North Carolina, has enclosed more detailed information on your position. You are encouraged to keep in contact as necessary with the Legislative Division staff at the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

You have my best wishes and my appreciation for your willingness to serve in this important capacity. If for some reason you are unable to accept this appointment, please notify the Legislative Division immediately.

Also, if you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jeff Steele, staff liaison to the Council, at (202)-263-2987 or jsteele@legion.org.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Michael D. Helm in cursive.

Michael D. Helm
National Commander

The American Legion
Balch Springs Post 507
Balch Springs Texas
Resolution of Endorsement
William "Bill" Craig
Sgt. At Arms
For the 5th District
Department of Texas

WHEREAS: The American Legion Department of Texas continues to seek qualified, and dedicated leaders to work for the betterment of veterans and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that this leadership be proven and tested; and

WHEREAS: Balch Springs Post 507 has such a leader in William "Bill" Craig whose commitment to veterans and the American Legion is well documented, and

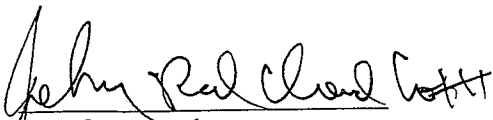
WHEREAS: Bill is eligible for membership in the American Legion by his honorable service in the United States Marine Corps from 1984 to 1988.

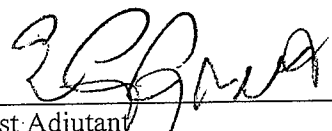
WHEREAS: Bill has represented the American Legion at the Post level in various capacities including serving one year as Post Chaplain. One year as Post Judge Advocate. Two years as Post Vice Commander, and Two years as Post Commander.

WHEREAS: Bill has served the 5th District Department of Texas first as 5th District Adjutant for two years. Assistant Sgt. At Arms for a year. Then was elected at the 2014 District Spring Convention was elected to Serve as District Sgt. At Arms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Balch Springs Post 507 convened in regular post meeting on November 11th 2014. That we go on record as proudly and unanimously endorsing the candidacy of Bill Craig for the office of District Sgt. At Arms, 5th District Department of Texas for the years 2014 to 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all Post Commanders of the 5th district asking their support.


Post Commander


Post Adjutant



**Earl Graham Post No. 159
American Legion**

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, it shall be the duty of the delegates to the 2015 American Legion Department of Texas Convention to elect a qualified Legionaire to serve as Department Vice Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Earl Graham Post No. 159, Bryan, Texas, has in its ranks a qualified Legionaire named John Hince who is dedicated to serving the Legionaires of Texas as Department Vice Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince earned his eligibility as a member of the American Legion by virtue of his service in the United States Army from 1969-1973, including a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince has served his Post as Chaplain, Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander: and,

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince remains active in Post No. 159 as a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Post No. 159 Honor Guard; and,

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince served as District 6 Commander, 2012-2014, and achieved 100% of membership goal both years; and,

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince is currently serving as 2nd Division Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince has activley served on and contributed to the Department Executive Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, Legislative Commission, and was selected as Chair of the District Commanders' Caucus for 2013-2014, and

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince represented the Department of Texas at the 2014 National Convention in Charlotte, NC as a delegate and as a member of the National Security/Foreign Relations subcommittee, and

WHEREAS, Legionaire John Hince authored the resolution to revise and reduce the cost of Paid Up For Life membership, which was approved and submitted to National by the Department of Texas; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Earl Graham Post No. 159, American Legion, at it's meeting held on November 6, 2014, wholeheartedly and unanimously endorses John Hince for the high office of Department of Texas Vice Commander for the year 2015-16.


Gary Banta
Commander


Tom Marty
Adjutant



**RESOLUTION OF ENDOSEMENT
JOHN H BREWER
FOR
1ST DIVISION COMMANDER
THE DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
2015-2016**

WHEREAS: It is the duty of the 3rd District Membership to elect a 1st Division Commander for the years of 2015-2016, and

WHEREAS: Missing in Action, Post 12 has a qualified candidate who is eligible for membership as a Result of his service in the U. S. Army from 3 February 1960 to 2 April 1962 and the U. S. Army Reserve from 3 April 1962 to 12 March 1963 and U. S. Marine Corps from 13 March 1963 to 31 October 1990, being Honorably Discharged as a Corporal in the U. S. Army and U. S. Army Reserve, and Sergeant Major in the U. S. Marine Corps for a total of 30 years and 8 months, and

WHEREAS: He has been a working member of The American Legion for 14 years and has been an elected Officer for the past 5 ½ continuous years to The American Legion, and

WHEREAS: He has served on the Post level as 1st Vice Commander six (6) months, Commander one (1) year, and District level as 3rd District Vice Commander two (2) years, 3rd District Commander one (1) year and as 3rd District Commander in the 2nd year, and

WHEREAS: He has served the 3rd District as the Commander for the years 2013-2015 where is achieved 98.58% in Membership for the years 2013-2014 placing the 3rd District in 9th Place out of 23 Districts where he achieved The Top Ten Gold Pin Award, and

WHEREAS: He has served Homeland Security, Immigration Service as Immigration Contractor and Federal Officer, Immigration Service, Assistant Supervisor over Investigations for a total of 11½ years combined military and federal service of 42 years and 3 months, and

WHEREAS: He is currently serving as a Life Member for the VFW, Life Member for Marine Corps League, and is a Vietnam Veteran, where he achieved the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major of 14th Marines, NAS, Dallas, Texas who were deployed and participated in the Gulf War, and

BE IT RESOLVED: That with pride and full support of the Members of Favre Baldwin Missing in Action Post 12, Tyler, Texas, Department of Texas on this Twelfth Day of August 2014 at its Regular General membership meeting go on record as wholeheartedly and unanimously endorsing John Howard Brewer, an outstanding Legionnaire, as candidate for 1st Division Commander of the American Legion Department of Texas for years 2015-2016.

**MIKE CROSON
COMMANDER**

**DON KAPA
ADJUTANT**



The American Legion
Earl Graham Post 159
Bryan, Texas

**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT FOR SUSAN MARTY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS HISTORIAN, 2015-2016**

WHEREAS: The American Legion, Department of Texas, will elect, during their annual convention a Department Historian for 2015-2016.

WHEREAS: The Department Historian must keep an accurate history of the principal events Pertaining to the Department, Posts, and members; and

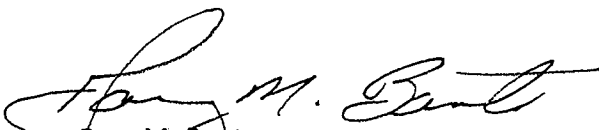
WHEREAS: Earl Graham Post 159 has in its ranks a qualified Legionnaire named Susan Marty Who is dedicated to serving the Legionnaires of the Department of Texas as Department Historian; and

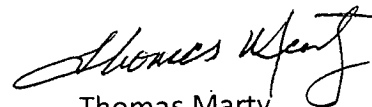
WHEREAS: Legionnaire Marty earned her eligibility for the American Legion by virtue of Six years of active duty service in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS: Legionnaire Marty has served the members of Post 159 as post historian and was awarded First place for her 2013-2014 year book at last year's Department convention.

Therefore let it be resolved, that Earl Graham Post 159, in its general meeting April 2, 2015 hereby Does endorse Legionnaire Susan Marty for the office of Department of Texas Historian for 2015-2016

Attested to this 2nd day of April, 2015


Gary M. Banta
Commander


Thomas Marty
Adjutant



Earl Graham Post No. 159
American Legion

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

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WHEREAS, Earl Graham Post No. 159, Bryan, Texas, has in its ranks a qualified Legionnaire named John Hince who is dedicated to serving the Legionnaires of Texas as Department Vice Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince earned his eligibility as a member of the American Legion by virtue of his service in the United States Army from 1969-1973, including a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince has served his Post as Chaplain, Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince remains active in Post No. 159 as a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Post No. 159 Honor Guard; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince served as District 6 Commander, 2012-2014, and achieved 100% of membership goal both years; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince is currently serving as 2nd Division Commander; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince has actively served on and contributed to the Department Executive Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, Legislative Commission, and was selected as Chair of the District Commanders' Caucus for 2013-2014, and

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince represented the Department of Texas at the 2014 National Convention in Charlotte, NC as a delegate and as a member of the National Security/Foreign Relations subcommittee, and

WHEREAS, Legionnaire John Hince authored the resolution to revise and reduce the cost of Paid Up For Life membership, which was approved and submitted to National by the Department of Texas; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Earl Graham Post No. 159, American Legion, at its meeting held on November 6, 2014, wholeheartedly and unanimously endorses John Hince for the high office of Department of Texas Vice Commander for the year 2015-16.

Gary Banta
Commander

Tom Marty
Adjutant

The American Legion

Travis Post 76,

Austin, Texas

Resolution of Endorsement

For John McKinny

State Commander

Department of Texas

2015-2016

WHEREAS: The American Legion Department of Texas continues to seek qualified, dedicated leaders to work for the betterment of veterans and The American Legion; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that this leadership be proven and tested; and,

WHEREAS: Travis Post 76, Austin, Texas has such a leader in John McKinny whose commitment to veterans and The American Legion is well documented; and

WHEREAS: John is eligible for membership in The American Legion by his honorable service in the United States Army from September 1969 to June 1971 including a 12 month tour in Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS: John has represented The American Legion in various capacities including serving as the Chairman of the State of Texas Veterans Preference and Employment Committee for the past 23 years and whose employment awards have received numerous National Awards; and

WHEREAS: John has been The American Legion's National Legislative Commission's Texas Representative for the past ten years and continues to serve in that capacity representing the Department in an exemplary manner in Washington D.C.; and

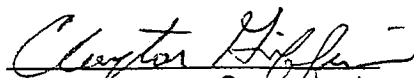
WHEREAS: John served the veterans of Texas for 17 years as Assistant Director and 20 years as the Director of the Veterans Employment and Training Service whose mission was and is employment and reemployment rights for Veterans; and,

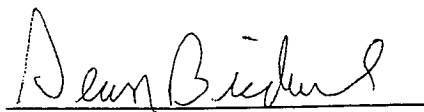
WHEREAS: John most recently exhibited excellent leadership qualities while serving as the Department Vice Commander for the year 2013-2014; and,

WHEREAS: John McKinny's years as Director Veterans Employment and Training Service and his management of this complex and statutory mission has given him the experience and proven leadership skills necessary to serve the Department of Texas as State Commander.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Travis Post 76, Austin, Texas convened in regular post meeting, August 4, 2014, that we go on record as proudly and unanimously endorsing the candidacy of John McKinny for the high office of Department Commander, Department of Texas, for the years 2015-2016; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all Division, District and Post Commanders asking for their support.


Commander


Adjutant



THE AMERICAN LEGION
LOVE FIELD POST 453
2755 BACHMAN DRIVE
DALLAS, TEXAS 75220

**Resolution of Endorsement
For
District Chaplain**

Whereas, The Love Field Post 453, Dallas, Texas, has in its membership a dedicated Legionnaire by the name of **Edward (Ed) Kownslar**, who has all the qualifications and desires to serve the Legionnaires of the 5th District of the Department of Texas in this capacity; and

Whereas, Ed has been a member of The American Legion for 8 years and is eligible through his service in the United States Navy from 1989 to 1996; and

Whereas, Ed has served his post as Post Chaplain at Post 453 from 2010-2015; Chaplain for the Sons of the American Legion, 5th District of the Department of Texas from 2013 to 2015, Commander, Squadron 453 of the Sons of the American Legion at Love Field Post 453 from 2013 to 2014; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, we the members of the Love Field Post 453, Dallas, Texas at our regular membership meeting held January 6, 2015, go on record to unanimously endorse **Edward (Ed) Kownslar** for the office of Chaplain, 5th District of the Department of Texas.

Charles Peoples
Post Commander
Love Field Post 453

Robert Vandebush
Adjutant
Love Field Post 453



LOVE FIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST 453
2755 Bachman Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220
214-358-2934, al453.org, al453@sbcglobal.net

**Resolution of Endorsement
For
5th District Commander**

WHEREAS: Love Field Post 453, Dallas Texas has in its membership a dedicated Legionnaire by the name of Charlie Peoples, who has all the qualifications and desires to serve the Legionnaires of the Department of Texas in this capacity; and

WHEREAS: Charlie has been a member of the American Legion for 13 years and is eligible through his service in the United States Army, from 1958 to 1962; and

WHEREAS: Charlie has served his post as Service Officer for the years 2010-2012, and Post Commander for the years 2012-2015; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we the members of Love Field Post 453, Dallas, Texas, at our regular meeting held in March 3, 2015, go on record to unanimously endorse Charlie Peoples for the high office of District 5 Commander for the years 2015-2017.

Bobby Vandembush
Post Adjutant
American Legion Post 453

Robert Kaminski
1st Vice Commander
American Legion Post 453