

**American Legion
5th District Dept of TX
Sunday May 19, 2013
Meeting Minutes
Ronald L. McElroy Post 81
Duncanville, TX**

1. Call to Order:

Commander Jeff Perkins called to meeting to order at 1405hrs.

2. Posting of Colors:

Sgt At Arms Jim Swafford posted the colors.

3. Invocation:

Don Cecil gave the invocation.

4. Pledge & Preamble:

Commander Perkins recited the Pledge of Allegiance & Commander Perkins presented the Preamble.

5. Introduction of Guests:

Jim Prendergast National Executive Committee

Past Division Commander Bob Elkins

6. Reading of minutes of previous session:

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous session as posted on the district web page. Motion was seconded and carried

7. Roll call of Officers and Posts:

Nine officers were present. Finance Officer and Judge Advocate were excused.

The 5th district Posts represented were Posts:
23,81,111,292,453,504,507,511, and 597. 802 was excused.

8. Finance Report:

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

**9. Committee Reports:
Membership Report:**

Commander Elect Gary Smith asked the Sgt. At Arms to confirm all present had an application for membership. All did. Commander Elect Smith gave the membership report. The 5th District is currently 15th out of 23 District in the Department. And 3rd in the 1st. Division with 93.63% .

Post 453 is now the 6th Post in the 5th District to reach 100% membership. Post 23 turned in 5 memberships with 2 transfers. Post 81 turned in 19 renewals.

Commander Elect Smith wanted to remind everyone that membership is the life blood of the American legion.

Commander Perkins reported on the membership drive held in February. The 5th District picked up 250 member from the 345 roster (membership at large). National will be working with the 5th District for our next membership on October 23rd thru the 27th. This will allow these potential members to count towards the Districts 2014 goal.

10. Boys State:

Currently Boys State is holding their orientation at Post 453. Bob Elkins reported they will need 2 buses to take the candidates to Boys State this year.

11. Oratorical:

The 1st Division winner went on to represent TX at the National competition. She didn't win at Nationals but did represent Texas well.

12. ALR:

Post 81 held their annual bridge party this morning for the Ride to The Wall. All that attended had a great time.

13. Sick Call:

Steve Davis of the SAL reported that his wife is back in the hospital.

14. Unfinished Business:

Bob Elkins reported on the progress of the 2013 Department Convention to be held in Irving TX. Commander Perkins reported the district will need volunteers to represent the District at the committee meetings during the Department convention. Commander Perkins reported that the Department elections are very important and explained how the elections could impact the Department.

Jim Prendergast reported on the National Convention being held in August in Houston TX.

15. Good of the Legion:

Commander Perkins reported on the District's efforts to revoke the charter of American Legion Post 292 Dallas TX. An indictment of Post 292 has been brought forth by the District Commander in January. It was voted on, yet did not pass. Commander Perkins is bringing another indictment before department at the Department Convention in July. Commander Perkins asked for a motion from the 5th district to bring this indictment forward.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Commander Perkins Passed the Gavel to the District Commander Elect Gary Smith.

Commander Elect Smith announced the next District meeting will be on August 4th at Post 23.

The next District Convention will be Oct. 19th at Post 81.

Commander Elect Smith asked for confirmation of the list of appointed Officers for the Year 2013-2015.

A motion was made to accept the appointments. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commander Perkins presented certificates of completion of Department training to several of the members of the 5th District.

Meeting closed in regular order with a closing prayer lead by Chaplin Emeritus Don Cecil and Sgt At Arms retiring the Colors at 1513hrs

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