

**American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District,  
Department of Texas  
Meeting  
20 May, 2012**

District Commander Jeff Perkins opened the meeting in regular order with the posting of the Colors and opening prayer at 1400.

Commander Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

**Roll call:**

Jeff Perkins, 5th District Commander – Present & Presiding

Gary Smith, 5th District Vice Commander – Present

Bill Craig, 5th District Adjutant – Present

Pat Sansom, 5th District Finance Officer – Present

Don Cecil, 5th District Chaplain – Excused

Gary Poplin, 5th District Judge Advocate – Absent

Bill Freauff, 5th District Historian – Present

Jim McClendon, 5th District Sergeant at Arms – Absent

Jim Swafford, 5th District Asst. Sergeant at Arms – Present

**Post in attendance:**

23, 111, 184, 368, 424, 453, 507, 511,

**Post not in attendance:**

53, 81, 124, 218, 275, 292, 504, 581, 597, 656, 802, 855

**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.

A correction was made to previous minutes. Post 23 was in attendance at the District Convention.

Minutes accepted as corrected.

**Introduction of guests:**

The new SAL District Vice Commander Paul Secor was recognized.

**Finance report:**

The District Finance Officer Pat Sansom gave the finance report. A motion was made to accept the Finance report as read. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:****Membership Report:**

District Vice Commander Gary Smith reported the 5th District is currently in at 80.89%. Vice Commander Smith asked if any Posts had memberships to turn in. Post 511 turned 1 renewal. Post 23 turned in 3 new memberships and 2 renewals bring them to 100% of goal. Post 23 is the 1<sup>st</sup> post in the District to reach 100%

Vice Commander Smith asked the Sgt at Arms to check that all present had a membership application in their possession.

It was also reported by Vice Commander Smith that the Coffee tours will be starting up again August.

Vice Commander Smith stressed the importance of all Post filing their CPR (Consolidated Post Reports) that are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. They can now be filed with Department online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org)

Also are Post certifications are due. 5 Posts have submitted certification and 6 Posts have submitted CPR's.

Also reported that next years goal will be much more realistic. The goal will be 1 member per 100 over what ever the Posts membership was 30days prior to the State Convention.

### **Boys State:**

The bus will leave on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an orientation on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1300hrs at Post 453. This year 54 kids will be sent to Boys State.

### **Convention Report:**

The Department Convention will be held in Houston from July 11<sup>th</sup> thru July 15<sup>th</sup>. The issue of redistricting was discussed. The Posts will need to contact the District Commander or Vice Commander with their delegates as soon as possible to get them registered before the convention. The District Commanders and Division Commanders might be able to kill this motion before it is voted on Saturday. The Division Commanders and District Commanders have to approve the motion when they meet on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>. If they approve, the motion then it will be voted on by the Posts on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Another issue to be addressed at the Convention is the election of the new Department Officers on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Oratorical:**

It was proposed by Post 111 that the Oratorical Scholarship be renamed in honor of C. Jim Ray. Commander Perkins asked Post 111 to draft a resolution to be read at the District Convention.

### **ALR Report:**

A report was given on the Fallen Riders Fund. It will be proposed at the Department convention that the Fund will be set up thru an opened fund thru each individual post to protect against any one post being responsible for the management of the funds. The fund is for emergency relief of Riders. There will be a governing body to review the applications for assistance.

**Sick Call, relief and employment:**

None to report.

**Unfinished business:**

None to report.

**New Business:**

Commander Perkins entertained a motion to replace the District Sgt. At Arms Jim McClendon with the Assistant Sgt. At Arms Jim Swafford.

The Motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Commander Perkins entertained a motion to replace SAL Advisor Jim McClendon with Commander Joe Barrera of Post 424.

The Motion was made, seconded, and carried.

**Good of The Legion:**

Commander Perkins had all present to rise and sing Happy Birthday to the District Finance Officer Pat Sansom.

The next fund raiser for the District will be a Washer tournament to be held at Post 453 on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are working on a flier and will be sending it out thru the hubmaster soon.

Vice Commander Smith reported the VA is in need donations of furniture. An email will be sent out thru the hubmaster soon.

The next District meeting will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Post 802.

Commander Perkins extended his gratitude to Post 23 and VFW 5076 for their hospitality.

Meeting closed in regular order with closing prayer and retiring of the colors at 1442hrs.

Submitted;  
Bill Craig  
Adjutant, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Department of Texas