



**Minutes of The American Legion 5th District,
Department of Texas
Meeting
Mesquite Post 504**

22 May 2016

- 1) The meeting held at Post 504 was called to order by Commander Larry Taylor at 2:01 pm
- 2) Sergeant-at-Arms (Comrade Bill Craig) posted the colors
- 3) Prayer by the Chaplain Edward Kownslar
- 4) Sergeant-at-Arms draped the MIA flag
- 5) Membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- 6) Membership recited the Preamble of the American Legion
- 7) District Sergeant-at-Arms (Bill Craig) posted the colors
- 8) Roll call of Officers and Posts revealed a quorum was present.

a. District Commander	Larry Taylor	Present
b. Vice Commander	Ronnie Jones	Present
c. Finance Officer	Pat Sansom	Present
d. Adjutant	Alan H. Caesar	Excuse
e. Chaplain	Edward Kownslar	Present
f. Judge Advocate	Sam Underwood	Present
g. Service Officer	Zach Fresquez	Present
h. Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Craig	Present
i. VA & R	D.C. Jones	Present
j. Americanism	Position Vacant	
k. Baseball Chair	Position Vacant	
l. Boy Scout Chair	Positon Vacant	
m. Boys State Chair	Robert Kaminski	Absent
n. Community Service	Positon Vacant	
o. Const. & By Laws	Gary Smith	Present

- 9) Roll call by Post revealed the following:

a. Post 23 – Present b. Post 53 – Absent c. Post 81 – Present

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| d. Post 111 – Present | e. Post 124 – Absent | f. Post 184 – Absent |
| g. Post 218 – Absent | h. Post 275 – Absent | i. Post 292 – Present |
| j. Post 368 – Present | k. Post 424 – Present | l. Post 453 – Present |
| m. Post 504 – Present | n. Post 507 – Present | o. Post 511 – Present |
| p. Post 581 – Absent | q. Post 597 – Absent | r. Post 656 – Absent |
| s. Post 802 – Present | t. Post 855 – Absent | |

10) Pat Sansom our Finance Officer read the finance report for March 20th through May 22nd. A motion made and a 2nd to accept the finance report pending audit. The motion carried by majority vote.

11) Ron Jones read the membership report. He asked for all to show they had a membership application on them. \$3 in fines were collected by those who didn't have a form.

12) The following June due dates: June 1st CPRs due; June 13th is membership cut-off for awards; June 20th C&BL; July 31st Certification of Officers

13) Larry Taylor announced that between now and the Department Convention, the post that turns in the most memberships will win \$100 at the Department Convention

14) Dennis Snow read off the upcoming Americanism Events and important anniversaries

15) School Awards – 292 presented JROTC & scholarship of \$4000; 453, 368, 111 & 504 presented JROTC awards; 81 gave a \$500 JROTC scholarship

16) Boy Scouts – 802 donated books to an Eagle Scout for a library

17) C&BL – 5th District to forward to state

18) Sick Call – Harry Ploehn from 368 passed away; Tony Button and Monique need prayers; Ed Kownslar needs a liver transplant; Lynn Sparks fell & broke her elbow. She had a 6.5 hour surgery.

19) Service Officer – Zachary Fresquez post 368 gave his phone number 760-855-0594 for anyone needing help

20) Program for State Convention in El Paso – Gary Smith made the motion that 5th District front the money for a full page ad & that we split the costs with the Auxiliary & SAL. Dennis Snow seconded. Motion passed & was carried by a majority vote.

21) Jeff Perkins made the motion that 453 be the host post for the 2019 100 year Department Convention. Gary Smith seconded. Motion passed & was carried by a majority vote.

22) Paul Dillard is running for National Commander. He needs about \$85,000 to \$100,000 from fund raising in Texas; with a minimum of \$300,000 total to get him in office.

- 23) Post Constitution & By-Laws that are older than July 1st, 2010 must be updated or the post will not receive any awards.
- 24) State form 802 needs to be updated if incorporated. Filing fee is \$5.
- 25) 2015 awards were presented
- 26) Closing prayer was given.
- 27) Bill Craig retired the POW-MIA flag.
- 28) Bill Craig retired the colors.
- 29) Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Pat Sansom, Finance Officer, and approved by Larry Taylor, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____