

**American Legion
5th District Dept of TX
Sunday September 23, 2012
Meeting Minutes
Held at Post 504**

1. Call to Order:

Commander Jeff Perkins called to meeting to order at 1401 hrs.

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. Roll call of Officers and Posts:

All officers were present.
The 5th District Posts represented were:
111, 368, 453, 504, 507, 511, 597, 802.
Post 184 was excused.

6. Motion made to deviate from Regular business:

Commander Perkins introduced Jim Fleming of Anna TX Post 194 to address the 5th District to announce his candidacy for Department Commander.

Commander Perkins entertained a motion to appoint Don Harrison of Post 453 as the new District Service Officer. The motion was made, seconded and carried.

Commander Perkins appointed Vice Commander Smith to the Legislative Committee in Austin. A motion was made to ratify to appointment. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. Reading of minutes of previous session:

Minutes of the previous session were accepted as posted pending corrections.

8. Finance Report:

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

9. Committee Reports

Membership Report:

District Vice Commander Gary Smith began by reporting that Post 581 was currently at 120.69% of goal for the year. Post 656 is 96%. 5th District is in 1st place in the 1st Division.

Asked if all present could produce an application for membership.

Vice Commander Smith reported on the upcoming Coffee tour on October 20th starting at Post 23 at 3:00 for 1 hour, then on to Post 504 at 4:15 for 1 hour, then onto 507 for 1 hour. Finishing at Post 511.

Vice Commander Smith asked if anyone had membership dues to turn in.

10. Chaplains Report:

Chaplain Cecil reported he had attended the funeral for a member of Post 53. Past District Commander Dan Arnold had been in the hospital due to recent illness. Chaplain Cecil will be out of service from September 28th till October 2nd.

11. Oratorical:

Each Post should have received the information for this year's Oratorical contest. District Judge Advocate Poplin brought up for consideration an issue from a previous session about unused funds in the oratorical account. Commander Perkins will bring this up for discussion at the Fall Convention.

12. Unfinished Business:

None

13. New Business:

November 3rd 5th District Fall Convention will be held at Post 511. Advanced admission will be \$15.00 & 20.00 at the door. This year's Fall Convention will honor WWII and Korean War Veterans. We are hoping all the Posts will sponsor a WWII and a Korean

War Veteran. Admission for WWII and Korean War Veterans and their spouses will be \$10.00.

Commander Perkins mentioned there will be a special guest speaker that night.

Past District Commander Elkins reported that the 2013 Department Convention will be held at the Westin Hotel in Irving, TX for the Legion and SAL. The Sheraton Grand Hotel will host the AUX Department Conventions from July 9th thru the 14th 2013. The District has Ball caps available for sale. More memorabilia will be made available.

14. Good of the Legion:

Guest Speakers.

Commander Perkins introduced Dr. Sugg and Derek Kennard to speak on behalf of sleep apnea. Dr. Sugg's office is planning a event of free screening for sleep apnea on September 29th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Wheatland Dental Clinic 3940 Wheatland Rd. in Dallas.

Commander Perkins reported the it was voted on at the DEC to send one representative from each Post on a paid trip to the DEC training session on December 15th & 16th in Austin. They are looking to bring about 585 people to Austin for this event. Each Post is encouraged to send a member. Department must know by October 6, 2012 the name of the member attending.

All the Posts in the 5th District have turned in their Post Certification Form.

The next meeting of the 5th District will be at Post 511 at the District Convention on November 3rd.

District Judge Advocate Poplin read a resolution from Post 111 to rename the 5th District's Oratorical award in honor of C. Jim Rey. The award will be renamed The C. Jim Rey Oratorical Award.

Past Commander Elkins reported on C. Jim's condition.

Meeting closed in regular order with Closing prayer and Sgt at Arms retiring the colors.

Meeting closed in regular order at 1524 hrs

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