

**American Legion  
5<sup>th</sup> District Dept of TX  
Sunday January 13, 2013  
Meeting Minutes  
Held Jackson-Hughes Post 368  
Richardson, TX**

**1. Call to Order:**

Commander Jeff Perkins called to meeting to order at 1400hrs.

**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. Reading of minutes of previous session:**

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

**6. Roll call of Officers and Posts:**

Nine officers were present.

The 5<sup>th</sup> district Posts represented were:

23,53,81,111,184,368,424,453,504,507,511,597,802.

**7. 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 5<sup>th</sup> District stands at 79.62%. placing the District in 3rd place in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and 15<sup>th</sup> overall in the Department.

There are 6 Post above goal. 581, 507, 802, 184, 511, and 656

The February goal is 90%. 3 of the 6 have already exceeded this goal. 581, 802, 507

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

Vice Commander Smith reported on the upcoming Coffee tour on starting at Post

## **10. Legislative Report:**

Vice Commander Smith stated he has posted a full Legislative report on the District web page. He summed up that legislative committee will be meeting at the mid winter DEC with representative of the TX state legislature to discuss several issue that the American Legion has been tracking in Congress.

## **10. Chaplains Report:**

Chaplain Cecil reported he will not be able to serve as District Chaplin for the upcoming years 2013-2014.

District Commander Perkins thanked Chaplin Cecil for his many years of service to the District. He asked that the members of the 5<sup>th</sup> District start thinking of who could be a candidate to succeed Chaplin Cecil.

## **11. Oratorical:**

Vice Commander Smith reported 1 candidate was present at the District Oratorical contest representing Post 597. The Division contest will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Denton.

It was noted that currently there is no scholarship award at the Division level. This is mostly due to the Division not having the means to raise funds that the Posts and Districts have. Vice Commander Smith suggested that he would be proposing at the mid winter DEC a Division award of a \$750.00 scholarship supplemented by Department and the Districts. This would work out to \$125.00 per District.

Commander Perkins asked for a motion for \$125.00 to be put towards and District Oratorical award.

The motion was made by Don Harrison, and seconded by Larry Taylor. Motion carried.

## **12. SAL:**

Past Detachment Commander Ed Magers reported the SAL is currently reorganizing their Officers. They have a Candidate for Commander and Adjutant.

Commander Perkin asked for a motion that the District Purchase the new SAL Commander Paul Seacore a SAL district Commanders Cover.

Motion made by Larry Taylor and seconded by Dennis Snow. Motion carried.

Ed Magers reported that Post 23 wishes to reactivate the SAL. They have a charter that has been set aside. This brought up for discussion what a post would have to do the start an SAL squadron. According to the SAL web page the sponsoring post must have it in the Post's by laws that an SAL squadron is authorized.

## **12. ALR:**

ALR advisor was not present.

A motion was made to appoint Robby Burns as Assistant ALR advisor.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Advisor Burns reported ALR are very limited in their activities at this time of year due to weather. They will be starting to work towards the activities of the coming year soon. They are working of 2013 wreaths across America program. The Run to the Wall event is coming up.

## **13. Boys State:**

Ed Magers reported that all personal involved directly with Boys State (as well as Boy Scouts, Baseball. And any other youth activities) will have to will have to have a back round check thru National. The results will only be sent to the individual. It will be up the individual to report if they past or failed the back round check. The Department has instituted new application procedures. No long do the kids apply thru the Post directly. They now apply on line directly to Boys State. But if they don't have a Post authorization they can not attend. The Post will have to send a list to Boys State of witch kids they are authorizing to go to Boys State.

## **14. Sick Call:**

No report

### **15. Service Officers report:**

Service Officer has been attending the meeting of the North Texas Coalition of Veterans.

### **16. Unfinished Business:**

Bob Elkins reported on JROTC. The Posts needs to order the metals now for presentation in Spring.

Commander Perkins asked for a volunteer to assume the responsibilities of District JROTC coordinator. Clarification was given for the duties of District coordinator.

Rick DeMar of the Service Officer of Post 23 volunteered to be District JROTC coordinator.

Finance Officer made a motion to pay for the supplies for the District historians Book. Robby Burns seconded. Motion carried.

### **13. New Business:**

The next meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> District will be at Post 453 at the District Convention on April 5th. Reminder to all Post the have to have their delegate forms filled out to have their votes count.

Ed Magers made a motion that the following names be added to the Districts Boys State checking account;

Mark Mayer  
Bob Kaminski  
Pat Sansom  
Bill West

The motion was made by Bob Kaminski and seconded by Don Harrison. Motion carried.

Bob Elkins reported on the 2013 Department convention in Irving TX. The District is currently raising funds thru the sale of caps, T-shirts, lapel pins and coffee mugs. Commander Perkins added the District is raffling off and autographed football to offset the cost of the Presidents reception.

### **14. Good of the Legion:**

District Adjutant Bill Craig read a resolution from Post 368 Richardson endorsing the candidacy of Larry Taylor for District Vice Commander for 2013-2015.

Commander Perkins stated the 3 resolutions up for consideration will be voted on at the District Convention in April.

Commander Perkin announced National will be holding a job fair at Post 511 on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next Coffee tour February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The tour will finish at Post 81. The 3 Post in the tour have not confirmed their participation.

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

Meeting closed in regular order at 1513hrs

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