

DISTRICT MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2018



5th District Meeting Minutes February 25, 2018

- Commander Ronnie Jones called the meeting to order at 1413
- Sargent-at-Arms (Comrade Bill Craig) posted the colors and the MIA chair
- Chaplin Ed Kownslar lead us in prayer
- Membership recited the Pledge of Alliance and Preamble of the American Legion
- Roll call of Officer's and Post revealed a quorum was present.

a.	District Commander	Ron Jones	Present
b.	1 st Vice Commander	Alan Caesar	Present
c.	Finance Officer	Pat Flores	Present
d.	Adjutant	Jimmy Cox	Absent
e.	Chaplin		Vacant
f.	Asst. Chaplin		Vacant
g.	Historian	Bill Freauff	Present
h.	Judge Advocate	Gary Smith	Present
i.	Service Officer	Zach Fresquez	Present
j.	Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Crag	Present
k.	Hub Master	Larry Taylor	Present
l.	ALR Advisor	Michael "TJ" Taylor	Present
m.	Americanism Chair	Dennis Snow	Present
n.	Baseball Chair	Joe Senones	Present
o.	Boy Scout Chair		Vacant
p.	Boys State Chair	Bob Kaminski	Present
q.	Community Service Chair		Vacant
r.	Constitution & By-Laws	Gary Smith	Present
s.	Children & Youth Chair		Vacant
t.	JROTC Chair		Vacant
u.	Junior Shooting Chair		Vacant
v.	Legislative Chair	Zora McPherson	
w.	Membership Chair	Alan Caesar	Present
x.	National Security Chair		Vacant
y.	Oratorical Chair	Alton Brown	Present
z.	Public Relations Chair		Vacant
aa.	SAL Advisor	Gary Smith	Present
bb.	Scholl Awards Chair		Vacant
cc.	VA&R Chair	D.C. Jones	Absent

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- Roll call by Post revealed the following:

a. Post 23 – Present	b. Post 53 – Present	c. Post 81 – Present
d. Post 111 – Present	e. Post 124 – Absent	f. Post 184 – Absent
g. Post 218 – Present	h. Post 275 – Present	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 – Absent
p. Post 581 – Absent	q. Post 597 – Present	r. Post 656 – Absent

- 1. Commander Jones heard a motion from Gary Smith and 2nd by Bob Kaminski to forgo reading of the minutes. The motion carried and passed by majority vote.

- 2. Commander Jones called for the reading and presentation of the finance report. Jeff Perkins motioned and Gary Smith 2nd the motion to approve the finance report as read (with any necessary corrections). The motion carried and passed by majority vote.

- 3. Bob Kaminski reported that Boys State orientation will be held at Love Field Post 453 on 5/20/2018 starting @ 1300. Boys State fees are \$295.00, bus cost \$55.00, and spending money \$50.00. Boys depart Post 453 on 10 June 2018 for Austin and return on 15 June 2018.

- 4. The following Post reported rendering Community Service in their respective communities:
 - a) Post 802 donated over 800 pairs of socks
 - b) Post 292 donated men’s and women’s socks and underwear to the Dallas Vet Center
 - c) Post 111 provided the manpower and donated a flag/flagpole to the Cedar Hill Life School.
 - d) Post 511 hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for the Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas.
 - e) Post 53 donated \$1000.00 to Post 597 to assist and aid the Harvey Relief Victims.

- 5. Gary Smith reminded all present of the resolution passed at the Mid-Winter Conference (28 Jan 2018) requiring all those interested in holding District or Department positions take the AELI course. Anyone who may have taken the course prior to 28 Jan. 2018 will be required to take the course again.

- 6. 292 Post Commander (W.S. “Big T” Turner) addressed students in the ROTC program at Kimball High School. The Post Commander explained in detail the advantages and benefits of participating in the ROTC program on the high school and college level.

- 7. Alton Brown reported that the Oratorical winner from Post 53 will be representing the 5th District in the National competition on 14 & 15 April 2018.

- 8. Our new 5th District SAL Commander is Louis “Catfish” Elam from Squadron 453.

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9. The effectiveness of the VA&R position for the 5th District has been handicapped by the illness of the VA&R chairman (D.C. Jones). This position provides the vital and necessary link between the 5th District and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Simply stated, “No representation equals no voice”.

10. New Business:
 - a) Replacement Gavel was presented to Commander Jones
 - b) Bill Freauff motioned and Jeff Perkins 2nd the motion to provide funding and the necessary resources to gather materials for a 5th District Yearbook. The Yearbook will be entered in upcoming competitions. Cost for the book and inserts, not exceed \$100.00. The motion carried and passed by majority vote.

11. Good of the Legion:
 - a) The purchase and placement of the Banner Flag for Rowlett Post 347 and not been finalized. An amount not to exceed \$350.00 was approved and allocated in our 21 May 2017 meeting.
 - b) The 1st Division Convention will be held at the Hurst Conference Center on 5 May 2018. More information forthcoming.
 - c) American Legion Memorial to be held in San Antonio; commemorating our 100th Year Anniversary at 0900 on 14 July 2018.
 - d) Warrior Brain Institute for active duty personnel, their spouse and veterans will be held 19 March 2018 at St. Mark Methodist Church.
 - e) 5th District Spring Convention at Post 424 on 21 April 2018. More information forthcoming.

12. Closing ceremonies were held and meeting adjourned at 1558.