

5th District Meeting Agenda January 12, 2014 – 2:00 PM

Post Colors (Jim Swafford)

Prayer (Don Cecil)

POW/MIA Chair (Jim Swafford)

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion

Roll Call (Marico Jefferson)

Posts present: 511, 453, 111, 292, 802, 23, 368, 275, 597, 504, 184

District Officers not present: Service Officer, Assistant Finance, Asst. Sergeant At Arms

Minutes (Marico Jefferson)

Previous Minutes posted on 5th District website.

Jeff Perkins—Move to accept minutes as posted

Charlie Post 453—Second

Motion Carried

Guest Introductions

Jeff Perkins—1st Division Commander

Bob Elkins—Past Commander 1st Division/5th District

Paul Secor—5th SAL Commander

Tom Arista—SAL Post 453 First Vice Commander

Cindy Miller—Department Historian

Resolutions (Marico Jefferson)

No resolutions

Finance Report (Pat Sansom)

Finance Report attached

Gary Poplin—Motion to accept report subject to audit.

Bill Freauff—second

Motion Carried

Gary Poplin, discussion over oratorical award money still in limbo \$100.

Gary Poplin—Motion to move \$100 to the general account

Jeff Perkins—Second

Discussion—Jeff Perkins limit for 5 yrs considering a freshman can win.

Motion Carried

Jeff Perkins question: did Post 81 provide receipts totaling \$500 for past convention?

Jeff Perkins—Motion: Post hosting the district convention should provide receipts to the district for funds to be refunded.

Van Mitchell—second

Discussion—\$500 will continue to be provided by the district to help with district convention costs. However, receipts will need to be provided to district with costs actually incurred.

Motion Carried

Commander's Report

Commanders report attached

Committee & Advisor Reports –

Membership (Larry Taylor) –

Report Attached

Discussion—Jeff Perkins, AD-345 belongs to national, TX-345 belongs to state. If members are national members for 2 yrs they are transferred to the state. All Posts transfers from TX 345 will receive credit for membership but not the dues. Most Posts that have 100% have 345 transfers. No National Membership Drive this year. Gary Smith said, considering we have access to the 345 list, we as a district can organize and do a membership drive ourselves.

Americanism (Dennis Snow) *

Presented and displayed info and pamphlets. Korean War Veteran Book is free 3 cases let him know which post wants one. Cell number 214-859-2961.

Community Service * Children & Youth * Junior Shooting * School Awards –

Baseball (Larry Taylor) –

Each post needs a baseball chairman. Carrollton Post 597 (Coach Harris) is the only post that supports a team www.baseball.legion.org. Coach Harris confirmed having a senior team in 2014 and is working on a junior team. Provide chairman names to Larry as soon as possible. Gary Smith said, projections are need for Fall DEC in Austin, TX deadline is January 18, 2014

Boy Scouts (Bernard Aderholt) –

Not present

Boys State (Ben Wood) –

Chairman has resigned. Commander is looking for a volunteer.

Discussion: Jeff Perkins stated that 4th District will have their own bus and will not collaborate with the 5th District as did previous years.

Constitution & Bylaws (Gary Poplin & Bill Freauff) –

Report attached

Legislative (Rick Demar)

Chairman resigned, volunteer needed.

National Security (Jeff Perkins) – membership is needed to help fight for Veterans rights/retirement benefits.

Oratorical (Pat McEnroe) – Report attached

Public Relations (Rick Demar) – resigned

VA&R (Don Harrison) – excused

JROTC (Matt Graska) – not present

SAL Advisor (Larry Taylor) –

SAL Commander sent letters out to all Squadron Commanders to attend district meetings. 424, 504, 511 are posts that need the most help. Paul Secor— donations program for children having surgery at local hospitals. Also, program for children whose parents are being deployed.

ALR Advisor (Robbie Burns)—not present

Sick Call, Relief and Employment

Service Officer's Report (Don Harrison)-excused

Unfinished Business - District

New Business - Training Class on 345 Member Extraction held by Cmdr. Gary Smith

Good of the Legion –

Post Roll Call

Post 597 Dart Tournament

Post 23 meet and great for new Armed Forces Recruits in March of 2014

Post 368—check calendar for events

Post 504—check calendar for events

Bob Elkins - Bill & Brenda Deleone H.S. Drill competition. Need money to send these kids on a trip. Birdville February, Mesquite in April.B

Bob Elkins—Move to donate \$420 for Mesquite competition in April

Jeff Perkins--second

Discussion—Bill Freauff Pinkston H.S. help distribute over 6,000 cases of Girl Scout cookies

Motion Carried

Announcements –

District Dart Tournament – Jan. 18, Carrollton Post 597 –

Mid-Winter DEC – Jan. 23-26, Austin –

1st Division Oratorical Contest - Feb. 1, Love Field Post 453 - District

Coffee Tour – Feb. 8, Posts 292, 504, 53, 23 & 368 –

Next District Meeting – March 9, Richardson Post 368 Closing Prayer (Don Cecil)

Jeff Perkins—Gold & Silver Membership award 25 and 50 members respectfully. Post Adjutant must turn in forms to get award pins. Vice Commander and or Membership Chairman to receive hat. Commander will still receive a pin for reaching 100% membership goal. District certification (CPRs) due by July 1—posts must turn in names of elected Post Officers to be eligible for department awards. Goals will remain the same y/y and will not be reduced: For example, if your goal is 75 and you Renewed 50, your goal next year will still be 75. Texas has the 4th largest veterans population in the U.S.

POW/MIA Retired (Jim Swafford)

Colors Retired (Jim Swafford)

Meeting Adjourned 4:07pm

This meeting was recorded and transcribed by Marico Jefferson, 5th District Adjutant
Minutes approved by Gary Smith, 5th District Commander

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