

5TH DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION MEETING
15 OCT. 2016

1. Commander Larry Taylor called the meeting to order @ 1007
2. Sargent-at-Arms Bill Craig posted the colors
3. Chaplin lead us in prayer
4. Sargent-at-Arms draped the MIA flag
5. The membership recited the Pledge of Alliance and Preamble of the American Legion
6. Commander read resolution #288 regarding the MIA/POW Empty Chair
7. Roll call by Post confirmed a quorum was present:

Post 23 – Present

Post 53 – Present

Post 81 – Present with 1 delegate

Post 111 – Present with 1 delegate

Post 124 – Absent

Post 184 – Absent

Post 218 – Absent

Post 275 – Absent

Post 292 – Present with 5 delegates

Post 368 – Present

Post 424 – Present with 3 delegates

Post 453 – Present

Post 504 – Present with 2 delegates

Post 507 – Present with 2 delegates

Post 511 – Present with 5 delegates

Post 581 – Absent

Post 597 – Present with 2 delegates

Post 656 – Absent

Post 802 – Absent

Post 855 – Absent

8. Roll call of Officers confirmed the following:

1. District Commander	Larry Taylor	Present
2. 1 st Vice Commander	Ronnie Jones	Present
3. Adjutant	Alan H. Caesar	Present
4. Finance Officer	Pat Sansom	Present
5. Chaplin	Edward Kownslar	Present
6. Asst. Chaplin		Vacant
7. Historian		Vacant
8. Judge Advocate	Sam Underwood	Absent/Excused
9. Service Officer	Zach Fresquez	Present
10. Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Craig	Present
11. Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms	James Moorner	Present
12. Hubmaster	Linda Weston	Present
13. ALR Advisor	Bill Godfrey	Absent
14. Americanism Chairman	Dennis Snow	Absent
15. Baseball Chairman	Joe Senones	Absent
16. Boy Scout Chairman		Vacant
17. Boys State Chairman	Bob Kaminski	Absent
18. Const. & By-Laws Chairman	Gary Smith	Absent/Excused

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19. Children & Youth Chairman		Vacant
20. JROTC Chairman		Vacant
21. Junior Shooting Chairman		Vacant
22. Legislative Chairman		Vacant
23. Membership Chairman		Vacant
24. National Security Chairman		Vacant
25. Oratorical Chairman	Alton Brown	Present
26. Public Relations Chairman		Vacant
27. SAL Advisor	Gary Smith	Absent/Excused
28. School Awards Chairman		Vacant
29. VA&R Chairman	D.C. Jones	Present

1. Commander Taylor advised that all Post's should secure a surety bond by November 2016 for all members required to handle money on behalf of the Post.
2. Commander Taylor advised that all Post read and follow the "Post Suspension of a Member of The American Legion or Legion Family" per Constitution of the American Legion, Department of Texas and the provisions of Article IV of the National By-Laws and Constitution of the American Legion.
3. Motion to accept the 5th District Spring 2016 Convention minutes as posted on the 5th District website (pending any necessary corrections') was properly seconded. Motion approved by majority vote.
4. Motion to accept the 5th District Spring 2016 Convention finance report as posted on the 5th District website (pending any necessary corrections') was properly seconded. Motion approved by majority vote.
5. 5th District Vice Commander Ronald Jones – Membership Report:
 - a. 5th District is 13th out of 23 districts at 47.02%
 - b. Currently 2nd place in 1st division
 - c. 3 posts are above 50%; 9 posts are between 40-49%; and 5 posts are between 11 and 39%
 - d. Post C&BL by Post:
 1. Pre 2010 – 23, 81, 111, 218, 504, 511, 581, 802
 2. 2010 and Newer – 53, 184, 275, 292, 368, 424, 453, 507, 597
 3. Not on file – 124, 656, 855
 - e. 345 Drive held 6, 7, and 8 October 2016 - 104 transfers from Headquarters post to local posts.
 - f. Coffee Tour 2016/2017 – Tentative dates and place:
 1. Saturday 5 November 2016 @ 111, 81, 292, 424 – Invite 184
 2. Saturday 7 January 2017 @ 23, 53, 368, 597, 453 – Invite 218 & 656
 3. Saturday 4 March 2017 @ 292, 511, 802, 507, 504
 - g. 5th District Membership Drive – Prizes at the Spring Convention
 1. Entity must have 100.01% membership or better by date of Spring Convention
 2. Each entity will have its own drawing box (ALE, ALA, SAL)
 3. A representative from each entity must be present to win
 4. 1st place – \$250.00 gift card
 5. 2nd place – Plaque
 6. 3rd place – Certificate of Accomplishment

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6. D.C. Jones – VA&R no report
7. Chaplin Report from 1 May 2016 to 15 October 2016
 - a. Home and hospital visits – 64
 - b. Weddings – 1
 - c. Set flag display @ Post 504 – 1
 - d. 5th District meetings – 2
 - e. Post meeting @ 504 – 3
 - f. ALA Breakfast @ 504 – 5
 - g. 9/11 Memorial Service @ Post 424 – 1
8. Biker Rodeo @ Post 424 -1
9. Unfinished Business – None
10. New Business – None
11. Good of the Legion;
 - a. Alton Brown made a motion to provide \$400.00 to Nissa Salas. Nissa Salas helps disabled veterans and needs the funding to apply for 501c3 status from the IRS. The motion was properly second and the motion passed by majority vote.
 - b. Resolution – The Morris County Post 92, Naples, Texas unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Bobby Baker for the high office of First Division Commander, Department of Texas, for the years 2017/2018.
 - c. The City of Grapevine, Texas requested that any Post so inclined to participate in their 5 November 2016 parade.
12. 10:55
 - a. Closing prayer by Chaplin
 - b. MIA/POW flag retired
 - c. National Ensign retired
 - d. Meeting adjourned