

American Legion 5th District Meeting Minutes Saturday, 22 October and Sunday, 23 October 2010

1. **Call To Order:** Commander Bernard Aderholt called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Commander Aderholt expressed his thanks to Post 453 for hosting the August 2010 District Meeting.
2. **Posting of Colors:** Sgt At Arms Jim McClendon posted the colors.
3. **Invocation:** Chaplain Don Cecil gave the invocation.
4. **Pledge:** The Vice Commander recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Preamble:** Commander Aderholt presented the Preamble.
6. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:** All officers were present with the exception of Gary Poplin, David Herod, Scott Davis.

The following Posts were absent 23, 124, 184, 218, 275, 292, 581, 597, 656, 802, and 855.

7. Introduction of guests: Commander Aderholt introduced Jim Fleming Past 4th District Commander, Larry Vess 13th District Commander, Bobby Baker 1st District Comander, Mike Phelan Past 5th District Commander, Bob Elkins Past 1st Division Commander, Jim Hickman 4th District Judge Advocate, Don Bartlett Past 5th District Commander.

8. Minutes of Previous 5th District Meeting: Bill F motioned, Gary Smith seconded to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes, motion passed. Previous convention minutes were previous read. Passed

8. Motion to deviate from normal proceddures.

Will present plaques at later time.

9. Reports:

- a) Membership Report: Vice Commander presented report of 1765 at 50.47%
- b) Finance Report: Jack Jimison presented the Finance Report. Jack reported "status quo" with finances remaining at \$7,536.13. Passed
- c) Chaplain Report: Don Cecil – status quo
- d) Service Officer: - Dave Herod – New MRI Wing at VA Hosiptal. New parking lot
- e) VA & R: Dave Herod – no report
- f) Americanism: Tom Engle – no report
- g) Community Service: no report
- h) SAL: Steve Davis – no report
- i) Oratorical: Jim Rey – no report
- j) Boys State: no report
- k) Baseball: no report
- l) ROTC – Bob Elkins – no report
- m) Boy Scouts: Larry Taylor – no report
- n) Children and Youth – no report
- o) Junior Shooting – no report
- p) School Awards – no report
- q) Constitution and By-Laws: Gary Poplin – no report

- r) Public Relations: Commander – Bad Job
- s) Legislative: Gary Smith – status quo – on District Website
- t) Hub Master- Gary Smith – Need email corrections for posts.
- u) National Security: Bernard Aderholt – no report
- v) ALR Advisor: Robert Burns – No report
- w) Convention –
- x) Adopt a ward – SA LeJune -

9. New Business:

- a) By-laws for two conventions for 5th district and change to one convention. No action required.
- b) Motion to pay the bills for the convention. Passed

10. Old Business:

- a) None

11: Good of the Legion:

- a) Resolution set aside for Garza, record endorsing department commander passed
- b) Jim Fleming record endorsing for vice department commander passed
- c) Mike Phelan record endorsing for 1st division passed
- d) Gary Smith record endorsing for 5th district vice commander passed
- e) Jeff Perkins record endorsing for 5th district commander passed
- f) Legionnaire insurance by National pays.
- g) Mid-Winter convention in Austin. 1/23/2011
- h) Veteran Day Fair on 1 – 3:30 pm on 11/11/2010.
- i) Post Commander Changes Post 53 Alvin Brown, Post 275 Fidel Parra, Post 218 James Blattersby.
- j) Veteran Day at the National Cemetary
- k) Department Commander challenge to raise \$27,500.00 for Fisher Houses across Texas.
- l) Jim Fleming Candidate for Dept. Vice Commander, Bobby Baker, Mike Phelan, Candidates for 1st Division Commander, Jeff Perkins Candidate for 5th District Commander, and Gary Smith Candidate for 5th District Vice Commander, addressed the body on the upcoming elections.

12: Saturdays Activities:

- a. Morning Training Session was conducted by 1st Division Commander Sonny Starr, 12th District Commander Al Robards, Past Dept. Vice Commander Bob Roberts. Training was on proper way to conduct a meeting and Roberts Rules of Order.
- b. Afternoon Meeting was conducted by 5th District Vice Commander Freddie Cotton, due to illness 5th District Commander Bernard Aderholt was excused for this meeting. Awards were passed out to Post 656, and Candidate Larry Vess who is 13th District Commander addressed the body about his running for 1st Division Commander.
- c. Saturday Dinner was emceed by 5th District Adjutant Jeff Perkins, 5th District Commander Bernard Aderholt was present but still ill from earlier. 20 Veterans from the VA was present at the Dinner and gifts were presented to them. Jeff introduced all dignitaries both Legion and SAL that were present as did Ellen Hunter for the Auxiliary

12: Prayer: Chaplain Don Cecil offered the closing prayer

13: Retirement of Colors: Sgt at Arms Jim McClendon Retired the Colors

14: Adjournment: Commander Aderholt stated that the next 5th District Meeting would be at Post 511, December 19, 2010 Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.

/signed/
Jeff Perkins
Adjutant, 5th District
Department of Texas