

5th District Fall Convention

November 3, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Opening:

Meeting opened in regular order at 1401 hrs. with posting of Colors and MIA flag by Sgt-At-Arms Jim Swafford.

Opening prayer was given by Chaplin Don Cecil.

Commander Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution.

Roll Call:

All officers were in attendance.

The following 9 Posts were represented:

111, 184, 292, 424, 453, 504, 507, 511, 802.

Deviation from regular business:

A motion was made by the District Judge Advocate Gary Poplin to deviate from regular order of Business to introduce Bobby Baker to announce his candidacy for Department Vice Commander for 2013-2014.

Introduction of guests:

Commander Perkins instructed the Sgt-At-Arms to conduct SAL Detachment Commander Jeff Alvis of Marshall, TX Squadron 267 to address the Convention. Commander Alvis thanked the 5th District and Post 511 for their hospitality.

Commander Perkins introduced:

Department of TX Assistant Sgt-At-Arms Donald Toohey

Past Division Commander & Past District Commander Bob Elkins
Ken Peters, Judge Advocate for the 6th District Dept. of TX
Gary Towers, Service Officer for the 6th District Dept. of TX

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous District Convention were read. A motion was made by Gary Poplin to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

Finance Report:

District Finance Officer reported on the District's financial activity since the last District meeting of 9-23-12.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the finance report as read.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report:

Vice Commander Smith asked all present if they had an application for membership on them. Sgt-at-Arms collected \$1.00 donations from those that didn't.

5th District is at 69.9% of goal.

Post 111 turned in 9 renewals, Post 23 turned in 16 renewals. Post 581 is in first place at 124.14% of goal. The next membership goal is 65%. As of November 1st, over half the Posts in the 5th District are above this goal.

Vice Commander Smith reported on the coffee tours. It has been asked by a few people why we started doing the tours in the afternoon. Vice Commander Smith explained that it was due to having the tour coincide with the Posts' regular business hours.

Oratorical Contest:

Pat McEnroe reported there are currently 9 students that have expressed interest in the oratorical contest. Pat also reminded the post to not forget

students from private and parochial schools and home schooled students for eligible candidates for this program.

The District Oratorical Competition will be held on January 5, 2013 at Post 453 if that date is available. If January 5, 2013, was not available then the competition would be held on January 6, 2013.

Americanism:

Bob Elkins reminded the Posts that ROTC Awards are usually awarded in April. The Posts need to contact the ROTC Commanders for their candidates for the awards and start ordering the medals.

Boys State:

Bob Elkins reported on Boy State. The cost will be \$375.00 for each boy attending Boys State. That will cover the \$50.00 bus fair, \$50.00 spending money, and \$275.00 fee for the week at University of Texas at Austin. Commander Perkins added that he recently attended the 12th and 4th District Conventions within the last 2 weeks. A speaker from Boys State spoke at the 4th District Convention. Due to lower numbers of participants in recent years, the Boys State program has been allotted less space than in previous years. The University has reduced the dormitory space by an entire floor. That leaves space for only 800 boys to attend.

SAL:

SAL adviser was not present. Commander Perkins introduced Gary Paul, Past Detachment Commander from Squadron 71 and Chairman of Internal Affairs and membership to report on the District's SAL Squadrons membership. Several Squadrons have not turn in any membership renewals. Currently the District is at 23.39% of goal for the year.

Sick Call:

Robert Cook from 184 was recently in ICU at the VA hospital. He has been released, but may have to be readmitted.

Norman Bloomberg of Post 453 was in a motor cycle accident.

Judy Swafford is recovering from Cancer treatment.

Joe O'Neil has had bypass surgery.

Col. Stone is very sick.

Bob Elkins reported that C. Jim Rey's condition continues to deteriorate. Past Commander Elkins reported there will be an ALS walk on Nov 10th to raise funding for ALS research and awareness. Past Commander Elkins made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the ALS walk. Motion was seconded and carried.

Ray Hardin of Post 511 passed away recently.

David Herrod of Post 81 has been admitted to the VA hospital.

Unfinished Business:

Vice Commander Smith made a motion to transfer \$500.00 to the Oratorical fund. Judge Advocate Poplin suggested the motion be amended to take to \$100.00 still in the District's General Scholarship Fund and \$400.00 from the General Fund to bring the Oratorical Fund to \$500.00. This motion was seconded and carried.

(This would close the General Scholarship fund.)

New Business:

Convention Report:

Bob Elkins reported on the 2013 Dept. Convention. A committee has been formed to run the Convention. The Legion and SAL Convention will be held at the Westin Hotel, and the AUX will meet at the Sheridan Grand in Irving, TX. Past Commander Elkins was appointed Chairman of the Department's 2013 Convention Committee. District Vice Commander Smith will serve as Deputy Chairman of the Department's 2013 Convention Committee. At the District level, the Legion is represented by Gary Smith, the SAL is represented by Ed Magers and the AUX is represented by Robin McPeters. The committee will be meeting at 12:30 in Irving with Dept. Adjutant Bill West to tour the hotels facilities. Commander Elkins also wanted to recognize Gary Poplin as Operations manager of the Convention committee. All the advertising will be handled by the Heritage foundation of Little Rock, AR to handle all the advertising for the convention. The District has already started to sell merchandise for the convention. Commander Perkins announced that the 5th District will be raffling an autographed football at the convention. Commander Perkins announced that the 5th District will again

host the Department Convention in 2019.

Good of the Legion:

5th District Christmas Party will be on Dec. 1 at Carrollton Post 597.

Resolutions:

District Judge Advocate Gary Poplin read the following resolutions.
Jim Swafford, candidate for District Sgt-at-Arms for 2013-2015.
Gary Smith, candidate for District Commander for 2013-2015.

Judge Advocate Poplin moved that these resolutions be adopted.
Motions were seconded and carried.

The following resolutions were read for information purposes. The voting will held at District's Spring Convention.

Bobby Baker running for Department Vice Commander.

James "Jim" Fleming for Department Commander

Vice Commander Smith addressed the members to thank them for their support for his resolution, and to announce he will be visiting each post in the District to personally announce his candidacy for District Commander.

Vice Commander Smith announced Post 111 was having a raffle for an New iPad. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be at Post 111 on November 11th at 1:00pm.

Closing:

District Chaplin Don Cecil led the closing prayer.

District Sgt-at-Arms Jim Swafford retired the colors.

Commander Perkins Closed the meeting at 1528 hrs

Submitted;

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Department of Texas