

American Legion 5th District Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 16 Nov 08

1. **Call To Order:** Commander Dan Arnold called the 5th District Fall Convention to order at 9:21 AM.
2. **Posting of Colors:** Assistant Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Ducksworth posted the colors.
3. **Invocation:** Chaplain Don Cecil gave the invocation.
4. **Pledge:** The assembled membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Preamble:** Commander Dan Arnold presented the Preamble.
6. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:** All officers were present with the exception of Doug Hitzman (excused). The following Posts were absent 53, 124, 184, 275, 292, 581, 597, 656, 802, and 855.
7. **Convention Call:** The 5th District Convention Call was read into record by Adjutant Matt Graska.
8. **Credentials:** Pat Marrs presented credentials. There were 9 Posts present represented by 108 Delegates.
9. **Introduction of Guests:** Commander Dan Arnold introduced the following guests: James McNair, Department Commander; Jim Fleming, 1st Division Commander; and Larry Mimms, Candidate for 1st Division Commander 2009.
10. **Minutes of Previous 5th District Meeting:** Bernard Aderholt motioned, Matt Graska seconded to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes, motion carried.
11. **Officer's Reports:**
 - a) The Finance Report was read into record. Matt Graska motioned to accept the Finance Report, Bernard Aderholt seconded, motion carried. 5th District total assets are \$8,384.35.
 - b) The Membership Report was given by Vice Commander Bernard Aderholt, we are presently 20th, 929 members short.
 - c) Jim Rey presented info regarding Oratorical. It will be held at Post 453 on 11 Jan 2009 at 1:00 PM. 18 Jan 2009 is the Bad Weather Alternate Day..
 - d) Service Officer Doug Hitzman – N/A.
 - e) SAL Advisor - Bob Elkins presented the SAL Report.
 - f) Americanism Committee Chair Bob Elkins presented the Americanism Report. Bob reported that we still need additional teams for Baseball although we do have two teams in Irving. The 2010 Tournament will be at the Airhogs Stadium. Bob mentioned that ROTC Awards are presented approximately Apr 2009. Bob also noted that Boys State would be the first week of June 2009.
 - g) Rick Norman presented the ALR Report. Rick relayed that its Toy Run time and that there 40,000 bikes in toy runs last year, please be looking out for them. Rick also noted that there was much participation by ALR members in the Patriot Guard and that many had assisted the VA Cemetery raising and lowering flags over the Avenue of Flags. 5th District needed 15 Riders from Texas for the Legacy Run, interested folks should contact the Division Commander for more info.

12. Guest Comments:

- a) Dept Commander James McNair: The Commander relayed that he had enjoyed his stay with the 5th District and was impressed with us. Commander McNair passed on that from 21 – 25 Jan 2009 the National Commander will be in state and may want to visit local posts. In closing Commander McNair emphasized “Membership, Membership, Membership”.

13. Unfinished Business: There was no old business brought before district convention.

14. New Business:

- a) Division Convention will be held 25 – 26 Apr 2009 at the Stonebridge Hotel in Sherman, Tx. All meetings will be held at the hotel. Room cost is \$79.00 which includes breakfast. Saturday there will be lunch and dinner at Post 379.
- b) Resolution of Endorsement for Albert Larry Mims For Division Commander was read before the convention.
- c) Freddie Cotton mentioned the Honor Flights of Dallas. This organization flies WWII Veterans to the WWII Memorial in Washington DC. There will be a flight in May. Only 35 Veterans per flight. See Freddie for further information.
- d) J. Wayne Ducksworth offered PCs to posts that need them; if your post needs a PC please contact the Duck.

15: Prayer: Chaplain Don Cecil offered the closing prayer

16: Retirement of Colors: Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Ducksworth. Retired the Colors

17: Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Commander Dan Arnold at 10:14 AM. The Jan 18th 2009 District Meeting will be at Post 511 at 2 PM..

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