

**American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, 18 May 2008**

1. **Call To Order:** Commander Dan Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.
  
2. **Invocation:** Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Duckworth posted the colors.
  
3. **Prayer:** 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 Pat Marrs, Judge Advocate (excused?). The following Posts were absent 53, 124, 184, 292, 581, 656, 802, 855.
  
7. **Minutes of Previous 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting:** S.A. LeJuene motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes, Matt Graska seconded, motion carried.
  
8. **Officer's Reports:**
  - a) The Finance Report was read into record. Bernard Aderholt motioned to accept the Finance Report, Jeff Perkins seconded, motion carried. 5<sup>th</sup> District total assets are \$8,162.66.
  - b) The Membership Report was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bernard Aderholt, we are in 20<sup>th</sup> Place at 88.8% of goal. Post 81 had 10 Turn-ins. Post 218 had 11 Turn-ins. Post 465 is 5 short of goal.
  - c) Boys State Committee Chair Gladys Davis presented the Boys State report.
  - d) Service Officer Doug Hitzman – No comments.
  - e) SAL Advisor Bob Elkins – The SAL is not having a meeting this month but they will be meeting in July at Post 504.
  - f) Americanism Committee Chair Bob Elkins (I've got some notes re: Boys State and ROTC Program but can't decipher what the gist was.....help!)
  - g) Rick Norman gave the American Legion Rider report. The Post 81 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For The Wall Bridge Party was 18 May 08 at 8:45 and over \$7,500.00 was raised. Several Post 81 ALR Officers will be going to Balch Springs Post 507 Sunday to conduct elections for a newly established American Legion Rider Chapter. Please help out at the National Cemetery on 24 May 08 at 0800 to put up the Avenue of Flags.
  
9. **New Business:**
  - a) The July 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting will be at Post 504 on 20 July 2008 at 2:00 PM. The August 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting will be on 17 August 2008 at 2:00 PM.

- b) Fall Convention will be in November. We may have some issues with our handicapped members at the hotel we normally use. More info to follow.

**10: Good of the Legion:**

- a) Bernard Aderholt has applications for 5<sup>th</sup> District Legionnaire of the Year. Posts can submit more than one member. These are due by 19 Oct 08.
- b) Post 424 will have their Annual Bike Rodeo in October, more info to come on this.
- c) J.Wayne Dukworth stated that there is a program that donates PCs to wounded vets. Post 111 has been furnishing PCs to veterans and families
- d) If your Post has not provided a certification of Officers by 31 July 2008 your Post will not be eligible for awards.
- e) JROTC Cedar Hill Naval Academy appointee???
- f) Post 111 Gary Smit Justin Gifford???

**12: Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Matt Graska, seconded by Bernard Aderholt; motion carried.

**13: Prayer:** Chaplain Don Cecil offered the closing prayer

**14: Retirement of Colors:** Sgt At Arms J. Wayne Duckworth Retired the Colors

**15: Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Commander Dan Arnold at 2:45 PM.

5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting minutes for March 2008 DRAFT COPY Submitted 20 March 2008 via email

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Matt Graska

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