

5TH DISTRICT MEETING

21 MAY 2017

- 1) Commander Larry Taylor called the meeting to order @ 1413
- 2) Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Craig posted the colors
- 3) Chaplin Ed Kownslar lead us in prayer
- 4) Sergeant-at-Arms draped the MIA flag
- 5) Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble of the American Legion
- 6) Roll call of Officers and Post revealed a quorum was present

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
9. Service Officer	Zach Fresquez	Present
10. Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Craig	Present
11. Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms		Vacant
12. Hub Master	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	Excused
18. Const. & By-Laws Chairman	Gary Smith	Present
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	Present
28. School Awards Chairman		Vacant
29. VA&R Chairman	D.C. Jones	Absent

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9) Roll call by Post:

Post 23 – Present	Post 53 – Present	Post 81 – Present
Post 111 – Present	Post 124 – Absent	Post 184 – Absent
Post 218 – Absent	Post 275 – Absent	Post 292 – Present
Post 368 – Present	Post 424 – Present	Post 453 – Present
Post 504 – Present	Post 507 – Present	Post 511 – Absent
Post 581 – Absent	Post 597 – Present	Post 656 – Absent
Post 802 – Present	Post 855 – Absent	Post 347 – (New Post)

10) Guests in attendance:

- a) Gary Smith - Past District Commander/Post Commander
- b) Tom Arista – SAL Commander

11) Commander Larry Taylor presented awards to the officers during his tenure in appreciation for the service they rendered.

12) Commander Taylor called for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting of the 5th District. Gary Smith motioned and Bill Godfrey 2nd the motion to waive the reading of the minutes posted on the 5th District webpage. The motion carried by majority vote.

13) Commander Taylor called for the reading of the finance report from Pat Flores. Alton Brown motioned and Bob Kaminski 2nd the motion to waive the reading of the finance report (copies were provided). The motion carried by majority vote.

14) Commander Taylor called for the reading of the membership report from Vice-Commander Ron Jones (copies provided).

15) Col. Kelly reported that all schools should be in receipt of their ROTC medals by 7 April 2017. The membership was informed that the Seagoville ROTC program needs medals. On May 4th 2017, the Commander presented ROTC medal to students at Seagoville High School. Linda (Post 504) reported sending two Shooters to Anniston, Ala. that won shooting awards.

16) American Legion Baseball – Bill Godfrey reported a total of nine teams and all are doing well. The teams continue to play in Texas and Oklahoma.

17) Boys State – Bob Kaminski reported we will send 35 boys to be among the estimated 1,750 to 1,800 boys in attendance. They will depart Post 453 on 11 June and return to Post 453 on 16 June.

18) Boy Scouts – Post 453 requested emergency assistance to pick up a troop from the Dallas Independent School District.

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19) Constitution & By-Laws - Gary Smith reported the following Post are ineligible for awards because of delinquent Constitution & By-Laws. 23, 218, 511, 504, 581, 802, 650, 855.

20) Sick Call – Past Post Commander Charles People Acute Care ward at Presbyterian.
Suffering from a stroke.

21) Unfinished Business – None

22) New Business

- a) Pat Flores motioned and Gary Smith 2nd the motion to divide and split any proceeds awarded for attendance at the 5th District Convention.
- b) Gary Smith motioned and Linda Weston 2nd the motion to purchase a banner flag for Rowlett Post (347). The motion was amended to purchase of a double-sided banner flag for no more than \$350.00. the amended motion was 2nd by Alton Brown. The motion carried by majority vote.

Good of the Legion:

- a) Alton Brown informed the body that Boys Scouts will perform a Flag Retirement at Post 53 on 14 June 2017.
- b) Post 424 will host a “Blessing the Bike” ceremony on 3 June 2017
- c) Visit the 5th District Hub master at 5th district webmaster@ gmail.org.
Excellent source of information and single date events.
- d) Shirts commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the American Legion are available for \$36.00 (shipping included).
- e) Vice-Commander Ron Jones
- f) Next District meeting 20 August 2017.
- g) 12 June 2017 is the cutoff date for the submission of membership renewals and submission.
- h) Chaplin Ed Kownslar led us in our closing prayer at 1544.
- i) Commander Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1550.