

5th District Meeting Agenda June 14, 2015 – 2:00 PM

Post Colors (Bill Craig)
Prayer (Joe Carter)
Pledge of Allegiance
POW/MIA Chair (Bill Craig)
Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion
District Convention Call

Roll Call (Marico Jefferson)

District Officers Present—Commander, Vice-Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Sergeant-At-Arms, Judge Advocate.

Posts' Present—292, 424, 507, 802, 453, 368, 111, 597, 81, 511

Guest Introductions - Eagle Scout Candidate, Walker Wilkinson (14), Troop 15; Jeff Perkins- Past 1st Division and 5th District Commander; Tom Arista—SAL 5th District Commander (in-coming).

Minutes – April 2015 (Marico Jefferson)

Jeff Perkins—motion to accept the minutes as posted
Bob Kaminski—second; motion carried

1st Reading of Delegate Voting Strength (Gary Poplin)

5th District Vice Commander Larry Taylor will remain in office until Department Convention(Beamaunt).

Discussion held: Gary Poplin-- incoming commander Peoples can appoint an acting Vice Commander as an option to hold a special election or wait until fall convention. Incoming Commander Peoples—will appoint a Vice Commander and will wait until fall convention for formal acceptance.

Gary Poplin: motion to accept incoming commander Peoples interim Vice Commander Ronnie Jones endorsement.

Jeff Perkins: second, motion carried

Finance Report (Pat Sansom)—report attached.

\$500 earmarked for oratorical funds

Larry Taylor—motion to accept finance report subject to audit.

Bill Freauff—second, motion carried.

Committee & Advisor Reports –

Membership (Larry Taylor) – report attached

Americanism (Dennis Snow) * --absent.

Community Service * Children & Youth * Junior Shooting * School Awards –

Baseball (Larry Taylor) – report attached.

Commander Post 597 will send baseball schedule to the 5th District for posting on the website.

Boy Scouts (Bernard Aderholt) – absent.

Boys State (Bob Kaminski) – 36 Boys Participated.

Gary Poplin: motion to raise 5th District funding for Boys State \$400 per boy. Each post will pay \$125 extra.

W.S. Turner: second, motion carried.

Constitution & Bylaws (Bill Freauff & Gary Poplin)—report attached.

Discussion: Jeff Perkins--April Bluebook Department and National publishing will negatively affect membership dues (potential increase of \$7); NEC will have to vote on dues increases; Posts must be proactive in voting on membership dues increases/decreases.

Legislative (Ed Kownslar) – absent.

National Security (Jeff Perkins) – absent.

Oratorical (Cyndi Miller) – absent.

Public Relations (Tom Kelly) – absent.

VA&R (Alan Cesar) – absent.

JROTC (Matt Graska) – absent

SAL Advisor (Larry Taylor) – report attached.

ALR Advisor (Phil Anderson)—absent.

Sick Call, Relief and Employment

Bill Freauff—Post 453 AL/ALR Otis Robinson sick.

Service Officer's Report (Vacant)

Unfinished Business - Commander Stuff New Business Good of the Legion - Around the District

Roll Call

Post 453—K-9 for Kelly next weekend Riders Poker Run, Cake Walk, Raffle, Silent Auction.

Post 579—Joe Spaghetti Dinner proceeds go to K-9 for Kelly; Golf Tournament at Bear Creek info on 597 website.

Post 424—Pool Tournament and Shuffle Board.

Announcements - Department Convention, July 7-12, Beaumont - National Veterans Wheelchair Games, June 21-26 - State ALR Rally, Elm Mott Post 121, August 21-23 - National Convention, Baltimore, Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, Registration 2nd and Final Reading of Delegate Voting

Strength (Gary Poplin)—not necessary.

Resolutions (Marico Jefferson)—not necessary.

Elections

Commander's Final Report- attached

Closing Prayer (Joe Carter)

POW/MIA Retired (Bill Craig)

Colors Retired (Bill Craig)

Meeting Adjourned 3:30 pm

**American Legion 5th District
Finance Officer Report of Pat Sansom**

For the Period 18 April 2015 through 13 June 2015

Year to Date
Sept 1, 14 - Jun 13, 15

Break-down of Income:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Baseball income	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Boys State donations	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 5,800.00
SAL Income	\$ 800.00	\$ 859.95
Spring Convention Income	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,325.00
Fall Convention Income	\$ -	\$ 1,215.00
Fines at meetings/conventions	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
Interest Income		\$ 0.10
Total Income	<u><u>\$ 4,206.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,458.05</u></u>

Break-down of of expense:

Pat O'Henry Oratory Medal	\$ -	\$ 11.90	
Bank Fees	\$ (24.00)	\$ -	
Boys State expenses	\$ 6,371.56	\$ 7,097.08	
Fall Convention expenses (includes SAL & Au	\$ 476.56	\$ 976.56	
Sprng Convention expenses (includes SAL & .	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	
SAL expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 597.65	
Membership/dues-GDVC		\$ 10.00	
Donations/TNCF	\$ 500.00	\$ 575.00	\$25 to AL National Emergency Fund \$50 to MHS JROTC
meeting expenses/Xmas Party supplies		\$ 119.81	
paper & ink cartridges		\$ 138.46	
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 8,774.12</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,576.46</u></u>	
Net Income (Loss)	<u><u>\$ (4,568.12)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (1,118.41)</u></u>	

Total District Assets:

Chase Dept Checking account	\$ 9,866.64
Boys State Account	\$ 981.67
SAL account	\$ 4,353.38
Total District assets	<u><u>\$ 15,201.69</u></u>

Break-down by accounts

2013 Dept Convention Fund	\$ 3,061.89	
Baseball Fund	\$ 250.00	
Boy State Fund	681.67	\$300 allocated for bus transportation
Convention Fund	4,088.24	
Education/Training Fund	750.50	
General Fund	916.01	
Oratorical Fund	1,100.00	\$500 allocated for 2015 scholarship
SAL Fund	4,353.38	
Total Fund accounts	<u><u>\$ 15,201.69</u></u>	

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Sansom
Finance Officer

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Membership Report 5th District Dept. of Texas

June 14, 2015

Currently the 5th District is 95.97% of goal we are number 6 in the state of Texas and need 111 members to achieve or goal of 100%.

I would like to congratulate post 282 for leading the 5th District at 166.67% of goal, post 23 at 119.15, 184 at 112.09, 53 at 106.19, 424 at 104.00, 507 at 100.96 656 at 100. % and Post 802 at 100.00 We gave 5 post fighting it out in the high 90 to achieve 100% To Date only 8 Posts out of 20 are making goal.

I would like to thank all the post in the fifth district for working hard on membership last year we were #1 in the State of Texas this year we are #6 and that says a lot for the post of the 5th District it says that we will maintain and secure the future of our post.

Larry Taylor

Vice-Commander 5th District

Dept. of Texas

American Legion Baseball

5th District Dept. of Texas

June 14, 2015

Currently the state tournament dates have not been set yet, but it will be held at Fireman's Park 901 N Park St. Breham, Texas 77833. We will let you know as soon as the dates are set.

The dead lines have passed to enter a team in AL Baseball. 597 will again have a team for the Fifth District. Are their any other posts that will have a team this year.

Larry Taylor Vice-Commander

Fifth District

Dept. of Texas

Fifth District SAL Report

June 14, 2015

The SAL 5th District as of June 14, 2015 is 92.49% of goal. They are number 12 in the state of Texas. This year their goal is 413 members which they have 382 members. They need 31 renewals to make goal.

SAL 5th District Commander Paul Secor has reported that for the second year in a row they are 100% complete on Squadron consolidated reports for the Fifth district.

Any AL member that can become a dual AL-SAL member please do so to help the SAL as a dual member your SAL dues is only \$10.00.

Larry Taylor 5th District Vice-Commander

5th District SAL Advisor



District Meeting Report

Constitution and Bylaws

June 14, 2015

Since my last report at our February meeting I have exchanged emails with Post 275 as they have completed their in house review and update of their C&BL documents. With one final adjustment it appears that they will be ready to submit for Department approval at the July Convention. No other requests for information or assistance have been received from other Posts inside the 5th District.

Please remember your Post documents are living documents requiring regular review to protect your Post and Members.

I have enjoyed assisting Gary Smith his C&BL Chairman for the past two years.


Bill Freauff

CB&L Chairman

Commander's Report
April 18, 2015 to June 14, 2015

As District Commander, I represented the 5th District at the following events: Post 453 elections, Post 504 elections and installation, 1st Division Convention, Post 507 elections, 5th District Coffee Tour, Boys State Orientation, Post 23 installation, Post 597 installation, Boys State send off and return, Post 292 installation and Post 453 installation. In addition, I visited Posts 81, 111, 275, 368, 424, and 453 on other occasions.

Over the next month, I will be installing Post 511 officers, attending the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, and attending the Department Convention which will conclude my term as 5th District Commander.

I hope I have represented you well and I want to thank all of the blue hats for 2 great years and hope that you support your incoming Commander as well or better than you supported me. I thank you for the honor and privilege to have served you as your District Commander.



Respectfully Submitted June 14, 2015,
Gary Smith
5th District Commander