

American Legion Dallas, Texas 5th District Meeting Minutes @ Post 597

Meeting Started: 2:00pm

Post Colors (Bill Craig) Prayer (Don Cecil) POW/MIA Chair (Bill Craig) Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion

Roll Call (Marico Jefferson)

Present: 23,81,111,275,292,368,424,453,504,507,511,597,

Officers Present: Commander, Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Chaplain, Asst. Sergeant at Arms(appointed)

April 2014 Minutes (Marico Jefferson)

Don Cecil—Motion to accept minutes as posted

Jeff Perkins—second

Motion Carried

Guest Introductions

Tom Arista—SAL Squad Cmdr. 453

Bob Elkins—Past 5th Division and District Commander

Jim Prendergast--NECman

Jeff Perkins—1st Division Commander

Jim Prendergast announced that the Oklahoma Department charter was pulled and a temporary adjutant is in place.

Dept. Candidate Endorsements

Gary Smith—resolutions in place; McAllen, TX. Requests recommendations for potential candidates for office. Endorse

Jeff Perkins-Motion to support Jim Prendergast as NECman

Bob Elkins—Second

Motion Carried

Jeff Perkins requests Alternate NEC candidates Delano T. 'Shorty' Simmons and C.W. Butch resolution be read in whole.

Alternate NECman—Delano T. 'Shorty' Simmons and C.W. Butch Sparks resolution read by Cmdr. Smith.

Bob Elkins--Motion to read resolutions for information purposes only

Jeff Perkins—Second

Motion Carried

Larry Taylor—Motion to endorse Lynn Sparks for Department Cmdr.

Bill Freaff--Second

Motion Carried

Jeff Perkins—Motion to set aside reading of resolutions for candidates for office.
Charlie Peoples—Second

Motion Carried

Finance Report (Pat Sansom) report attached

Don Cecil--Motion to accept finance report
Dennis Snow--second

Discussion: Jeff Perkins—What were expenses for 5th District Spring Convention?

Pat Sansom: Cake, labels, money from received from Post 424: \$17.94

Motion Carried

Commander's Report--Attached

Committee & Advisor Reports

- Membership (Larry Taylor) --attached
- Americanism (Dennis Snow) * Community Service –

Turn in consolidated post report. Parade for Veterans Day downtown Dallas; 52 spots available, costs depends on size of booth. July 4 parade in Irving, TX and surrounding areas. July 19 Pets for Vets—soldiers returning from war. \$3k to train comfort pets Post 23 sponsorship can get vets a dog in Spring Valley Richardson, TX Humane Society meeting. Get with Dennis for info.

- * Children & Youth
- * Junior Shooting
- * School Awards

- Baseball (Larry Taylor)— 5th District-- 3 Junior teams; sponsoring is Post 597 Carrollton. Report attached.

- Boys State (Bob Kaminski/Gary Smith)

26 delegates to Austin, TX. Cmdr. Smith suggests starting submission early to get all applicants an opportunity to go. Bus holds 55 passengers. The bus must be reserved several months prior, so projections are critical.

- Boy Scouts (Bernard Aderholt)—excused
- Constitution & Bylaws (Gary Poplin & Bill Freauff)
Bill Freauff report attached
- National Security (Jeff Perkins)

Membership for congressional influence in support of veterans. Membership recruiting efforts from national, 1st Division will contact individual posts for next membership drive efforts. 2015 Membership Goals will be mailed out in the next 24 hrs.

- VA&R (Open)
- JROTC (Matt Graska)—not excused
- SAL Advisor (Larry Taylor)-

5th District SAL in 8th place for membership. 20 memberships needed to meet 100% goal. Raffle produced a total of \$700--\$350 Child Welfare; \$350

- ALR Advisor —position is open; Cmdr. looking for volunteer

Sick Call, Relief and Employment Service Officer's Report (Open) Unfinished Business –

Chaplain—Appeal to membership to visit nursing and senior homes legion members.
Cmdr. Smith—30 second moment of silence to recognize members lost.

Convention Change Status

- CPRs—complete online

New Business

- Post Certification Forms—fill out forms within 15 days of election of officers. Send district commander a copy of certification forms.

- Appointments, Confirmations and Installation of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and Chaplain

Joe Carter—appointment as 5th District Chaplain
Jeff Perkins—motion to accept appointment
Don Cecil—second
Motion Carried

Jimmy McClendon—appointment as Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms, Jeff Perkins—motion to accept appointment
Charlie Peoples-second
Motion Carried

Good of the Legion

- Post Roll Call for Input

Cmdr. Smith announced a joint effort with AM 660 for advertising and exposure for the AL; \$3500 Feed the Children Charity; two week time frame to respond. Cmdr. Smith suggests an \$800 cap for the district.

Dennis Snow--Motion to move forward with the effort

W.S. Turner—second

Motion Carried

Gary Smith

Announcements

- Department Convention July 9 thru 13 (McAllen) – Remember Delegate Forms

- Department Training July 19 & 20 (Killeen)

-District Meeting August 17, Post 53

-Fall October 11, Post 511

-April Spring Convention Post 453

Closing Prayer (Joe Carter)

POW/MIA Retired (Asst. Sergeant at Arms)

Colors Retired (Asst. Sergeant at Arms)

Meeting Adjourned 3:47pm

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

For the Period 13 April 2014 through 22 June 2014

Year to Date
Sept 1,13 - June 22, 14

Break-down of Income:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
50/50 Drawing	\$ -	\$ 53.00
Boys State donations	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
Dart Tournament	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Spring Convention Income	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,315.00
Fall Convention Income	\$ -	\$ 1,335.00
SAL income/deposits to new account	\$ 3,729.54	\$ 3,829.54
Fines at meetings/conventions	\$ 1.00	\$ 7.00
Interest Income	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.57
Total Income	<u>\$ 7,490.72</u>	<u>\$ 9,990.11</u>

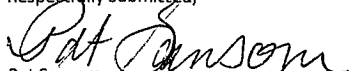
Break-down of of expense:		
Ad in 1st Division program	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Boys State expenses	\$ 4,688.00	\$ 4,688.00
Fall Convention expenses (includes SAL & Aux pmt)	\$ -	\$ 1,097.32
Spring Convention expenses	\$ 17.94	\$ 500.00
SAL expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Donations - Don DeLeon Hi School Drill Team	\$ -	\$ 420.00
Donations-Post 275 for Christmas Party	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Dues-GDVC	\$ -	\$ 10.00
American Legion Training at Dist Conv.	\$ -	\$ 70.00
Emblems & Patches	\$ -	\$ 31.80
Extension cord	\$ -	\$ 12.64
Projector	\$ -	\$ 132.00
Hp printer	\$ -	\$ 102.59
Flag Expenses	\$ -	\$ 48.75
paper & ink cartridges	\$ -	\$ 61.02
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 4,955.94</u>	<u>\$ 7,624.12</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 2,534.78</u>	<u>\$ 2,365.99</u>

Total District Assets:	
Checking account	\$ 3,643.25
Chase Savings account	\$ 6,907.49
Boys State Account	\$ 1,228.75
SAL account	\$ 3,840.39
Total District assets	<u>\$ 15,619.88</u>

Break-down by accounts	
2013 Dept Convention Fund	\$ 3,061.89
Boy State Fund	628.75
Convention Fund	4,133.84
Education/Training Fund	750.50
General Fund	2,642.17
Oratorical Fund	600.00
SAL Fund	3,802.73
Total Fund accounts	<u>\$ 15,619.88</u>

Checkbook:	
Balance as of 12 April 2014	\$ 3,487.31
Total Deposits	\$ 2,910.00
Total Checks	\$ 2,754.06
Balance as of 22 June 2014	<u>\$ 3,643.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,


Pat Sansom
Finance Officer

Copies to:

✓ Commander
Adjutant
File

Membership Report 5th District Dept. of Texas

June 22, 2014

As of Friday June 20, 2014 the 5th district is 105.06% of goal which is first place in the state of Texas. Post 597 has move to the second largest membership post in the District Post 368 has moved to the third largest membership post in the 5th district. Post 424 only lacks one member to be 100.00%

There is some Post that are confused on how to handle new members in July when they receive the new 2015 cards, including myself. In a conversation with our Division Commander Jeff Perkins he brought to my attention that although our fiscal year and election of Post officers run from July 1 thru June 31 our membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31. Post that issues a 2015 card to a new member in July 2014 is not a true member until January 1, 2015. That means that they do not have a voice in Post meetings July 1, thru December 31, 2014. It also means that the new member receives 6 months free membership which is against National policy. After I realized the scope of my confusion I would be remised if I did not bring this to the Post attention as District Membership Chairman.

Please keep up the great work

Larry Taylor

Vice-Commander 5th District

Dept. of Texas

American Legion Baseball
5th District Dept. of Texas

June 22, 2014

This year the state tournament will be held in Raymond, TX July 30 thru August 3.

The National tournament will be held in Shelby, NC. August 14 thru August 19 the semi-finals will be carried on ESPN3 and the World Series game will be carried on ESPNU. They expect to reach 80 million viewers.

The Fifth district will have 4 teams from post 597 Carrollton. Coach Harris has changed from a senior team to a Jr. Team as senior teams are volatile in the sense that the kids are going to college and embarking on their career paths.

Post 597 has requested a bid packet for next year's Dept. tournament any Post that would like to participate or co-sponsor please contact Joe Senoses 214-281-1174

Larry Taylor

Vice-Commander

Dept. of Texas

Fifth District SAL Report

June 22, 2014

The Fifth District SAL Commander Paul Secor has sent a letter to all SAL squadrons informing them of the District meeting on June 22, 2014 encouraging them to participate in District functions.

He has also encouraged them to get their membership in. The Fifth District SAL is currently in eighth place in the state of Texas at 94.81% they need 20 renewals to reach goal of 100.00%. Anyone that can be a dual member but is not currently is encouraging you to become a dual member.

The 5th District raffle for the Jack Daniels and engrave glasses brought in \$700.00 of which \$350.00 will go to AL Child Welfare and \$350.00 will go to once in a Life Time. And the winner was the incoming 1st Division SAL Commander John Kinston

Larry Taylor 5th District Vice-Commander

5th District SAL Advisor

June 20, 2014

American Legion Department of Texas

District: 5		Commander: Gary Smith		Membership Year: 2014						
Post Location	Goal	PUFL	New	Renewals	OnLine Renewals	345 T'fers	2014 Total	% OF Goal	100% Date	Last Trans
275 DALLAS	45	4	27	62	9	4	93	206.67	11/18/2013	05/21/2014
23 GARLAND	35	1	2	43	5	5	46	131.43	02/05/2014	05/05/2014
111 CEDAR HILL	97	12	1	113	26	9	126	129.90	12/10/2013	06/03/2014
511 DALLAS	59	15	13	45	10	1	73	123.73	01/07/2014	06/09/2014
53 DALLAS	80	11	4	81	15	1	96	120.00	10/25/2013	05/16/2014
368 RICHARDSON	294	31	13	292	65	9	336	114.29	01/16/2014	06/09/2014
292 DALLAS	48	2	12	39	6	1	53	110.42	01/17/2014	06/02/2014
581 DALLAS	45	4	5	40	10		49	108.89	01/24/2014	03/24/2014
597 CARROLLTON	327	32	17	296	97	6	345	105.50	02/18/2014	05/30/2014
802 DALLAS	20	0	4	17	2	1	21	105.00	01/16/2014	04/14/2014
453 DALLAS	406	45	25	352	52	2	422	103.94	03/13/2014	06/09/2014
218 IRVING	123	17	5	102	17		124	100.81	05/08/2014	06/04/2014
124 DALLAS	20	4	0	16	0		20	100.00	05/30/2014	05/30/2014
424 DALLAS	75	13	1	60	6		74	98.67		06/17/2014
504 MESQUITE	256	19	5	221	35	10	245	95.70		06/09/2014
184 GRAND PRAIRIE	91	6	5	75	17	4	86	94.51		06/16/2014
81 DUNCANVILLE	359	45	19	260	37	1	324	90.25		05/29/2014
507 BALCH SPRINGS	104	6	12	73	12		91	87.50		03/28/2014
656 DALLAS	33	1	1	24	1		26	78.79		10/15/2013
855 DALLAS	15	0	1	9	1		10	66.67		01/15/2014
District: 5	20 Posts	268	172	2220	423	54	2660	105.06		

Post Ranking By % of Goal

NC - Indicates Posts not certified by the July 31st deadline and are not eligible for membership awards

This is the new membership report format - the Online renewals and 345 T'fers columns are broken out for information purposes only, these members are actually reflected in the renewals column.

Texas Detachment Sons of The American Legion
2014 Membership Report

04 of 22 Detachments
 #9th State of TX
 District 5
 94.91%

June 20, 2014

District	Name	Membership	Goal	Short	Percent
21	Blair L. Sanders	127	154	-27	82.47
10	Ralph V. Rocco	194	184	10	105.43
2	Milton R. Chatham Sr.	186	183	3	101.64
18	Billy D. Bonner Jr.	50	52	-2	96.15
7	Jerry L. Beaird	342	343	-1	99.71
5	Paul A. Secor	365	385	-20	94.81
14	John D. Warus Jr.	244	240	4	101.67
17	Johnathan W. Poe	236	247	-11	95.55
16	Gary M. Paul	488	508	-20	96.06
13	Jackie A. Mathews	238	261	-23	91.19
9	Ron Slater	534	585	-51	91.28
3	James B. Estes	77	85	-8	90.59
12	Paul R. Miller	433	493	-60	87.83
15	Juan R. Torres	204	254	-50	80.31
22	Kenneth F. Peters Jr.	208	241	-33	86.31
6	Wayne R. Thomas	549	625	-76	87.84
4	Vern P. Bennett Jr.	751	889	-138	84.48
8	Henry B. Creech	83	111	-28	74.77
20	Michael J. Fabry	307	397	-90	77.33
11	Jeffrey L. Alvis	168	225	-57	74.67
1	David A. Blair	121	155	-34	78.06
19	Connie Waddell Jr.	6	14	-8	42.86
	Jerry L. Beaird				%
	Gary M. Paul				
Div		907	975	-68	93.03
4	David A. Blair	1,483	1,660	-177	89.34
3	Connie Waddell Jr.	1,536	1,728	-192	88.89
2	Jerry L. Beaird	1,985	2,268	-283	87.52
1	Gary M. Paul				%
Hq					
	Headquarters 345	0			
	Headquarters		6,600	-689	89.56
Department Total		5,911			%

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Fifth District Meeting

June 22, 2014

District Convention Committee

Chair Larry Taylor Co-Chair Bill Fruhoff

A committee was formed by 5th District Commander Gary Smith to determine how to increase member participation and member satisfaction at 5th District Conventions.

Bill and I met at 453 to begin discussions toward that purpose. The commander and vice commander from Post 597 were also present and discussions began, in our discussions we determined that we should meet with all Post in the 5th District to obtain a fair assessment of what members would like to see at our District Conventions.

We determined that more time was needed to get around to all post to do a complete study. Hopefully we will be able to accomplish this goal and report our finding at the next District meeting.



District Meeting report

Constitution and Bylaws

Jun 22, 2014

Since my last report at our prior meeting I have not been contacted by any of the 5th District Posts regarding any efforts for updating their current Constitutions or By Laws. And no requests for information or assistance have been received.

Post 453 has completed Elections and Installations and the Judge Advocate will be beginning the process of setting up a CB&L committee to review our existing document vs the recommended Post document to create a new CB&L documents for submission to the members for review and action.

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

I remain a resource to assist 5th District Posts with questions or concerns on their C&BL's.

Bill Freauff

CB&L Chairman

*WILL REV 5TH DIST SAC BY LAW
AMMENDMENT PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING
FOR SUBMISSION*

Commander's Report
April 13, 2014 to June 22, 2014

As District Commander, I represented the 5th District at the following events: VAVS Quarterly meeting, 4th District Spring Convention, 1st Division Convention, 5th District Boys State Orientation, Post 453 Prom Night, Walk for Cancer hosted by 5th District Auxiliary, presided over Officer elections at Posts 597, 504, 453, and 511, presided over Officer Installations at Posts 53, 23, and 453, and in addition, visited Posts 275, 453, 111, 81, and 424.

Over the next couple of months, the District expects to start our 2015 membership drive, plan for next District general meetings, Conventions and coffee tours, continue efforts in starting a Post in Rowlett, and I expect to participate in various Post activities and raise awareness of The American Legion through attendance at various civic functions and job fairs that might be available.

Respectfully submitted June 22, 2014,
Gary Smith
5th District Commander