

American Legion 5th District, Department of Texas District Meeting June 9th, 2019 Held at Post 504

Meeting held without power; storm knocked out power right as meeting was starting

District Commander Ronald Jones opened the meeting in regular order with the posting of the Colors and placing of the POW/MIA flag at 2:25. Angelia Herndon gave the opening prayer. Commander Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion.

Roll call of Officers:

1. District Commander Ron Jones	Present	16. Boys State Chair WS Turner	Excused
2. 1st Vice Commander Alan Caesar	Present	17. Const&By-Laws	Vacant
3. Adjutant Joe Johnson	Present	18. Children & Youth Chairman	Vacant
4. Finance Officer Pat Flores	Present	19. JROTC Chairman WS Turner	Excused
5. Chaplain Nancy Beckham	Absent	20. Junior Shooting Chairman	Vacant
6. Asst. Chaplain	Vacant	21. Legislative Zora McPherson	Absent
7. Historian Bill Freauff	Present	22. Membership Chair Alan Caesar	Present
8. Judge Advocate	Vacant	23. National Security Chairman	Vacant
9. Service Officer	Vacant	24. Oratorical Chair Alton Brown	Present
10. Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Barrera	Present	25. Public Relations Chairman	Vacant
11. Hub Master Larry Taylor	Absent	26. SAL Advisor Dennis Snow	Present
12. ALR Advisor	Vacant	27. School Awards Chairman	Vacant
13. Americanism Chair Dennis Snow	Present	28. VA&R Chairman Linda Weston	Present
14. Baseball Chairman	Vacant		
15. Boy Scout Chairman	Vacant		

Roll call by Post:

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

A Quorum was established

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Perkins Past 1st Division and 5th District Commander, Candidate for Department Commander

Motion made to wave the reading of previous meeting minutes by Alton Brown
2nd by Angelia Herndon No discussion – Motion approved

Pat Flores reviewed the finance report dated 4/13/19 through 6/18/19,
Motion made to approve by Bill Freauff 2nd by Kevin Thomas
No Discussion Motion approved

Committee & Advisor Reports

Membership – Alan Caesar

Reviewed the current membership report. June 1st is the new cut-off date for membership awards.

Commander Jones presented Post 81 a 90% retention award for 2018

Post 53 Commander Alton Brown was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for Oratorical Committee Chairman as well as for Post 53 membership year 2018 100% membership, 90% retention, 100% streamer, Adj/Commander pin and Commander John Hince challenge coin.

Americanism Chair – Dennis Snow

VA Medical Center – new program called VA Mission Act program if you live over 60 minute drive from a VA facility you can go to your own doctor if certified

Upcoming holidays to recognize are July 4th and flag day.

Convention Discussions:

Robin McPeters discussed the upcoming Convention. This is the last year for the Department program. Offering a line in the program for \$10.00. Need some Legionnaire's to assist with labor to unload and set up as well as a couple to help during the convention. Contact Herman Yentz if you can assist. Legion hotel is the Westin and Auxiliary is the Sheraton. President and Commanders reception is Friday evening at the Westin and a casino night on Saturday at the Sheraton. Post 453 will have a shuttle moving folks from the convention to and from their post. We have more room for vendor booths at \$50.00 a day with a 6' table.

All information will be on the Department websites.

Boys State – WS Turner Pat Flores commented

31 Paid with 5 no shows. \$2015 collected so District 5 added \$300 previously approved. We had 5 no shows 1 from Post 597 and 1 from Post 453, both were known about. 3 from Post 292

Bus left at 8:30 this morning and everyone were in good spirits

Constitution & By-Laws – Need updated C&BL if yours are not renewed in the last 5 years you are out of date and need to get them revised immediately.

Children and Youth – no news

JrROTC - WS Turner Commented by Commander Jones – various post announced where they handed out awards including Mesquite handed out 2 awards, Post 111 handed out 5 or 6 schools, Post 53 - 2 awards, 453 - 2 awards post 597 - 2 awards. Commander Jones congratulated how much involvement the 5th District has become over the last several years with JrROTC programs.

Legislative – Zora McPherson – The Legion Act – dated 5/16 Congress to recognize all Vets not just declared war times Dec. 7, 1941 forward to be eligible for the American Legion. Senate currently working on this.

National Security – Law and Fire Fighters of the year have been submitted to Department.

Oratorical – Alton Brown – Please keep a look out for any information is forwarded to you about Oratorical. Aton stated he will continue as Oratorical Chairmen

Public Relations – none

S.A.L. Advisor - Dennis Snow VFW Post 6796 has supplies to send overseas at \$40.00 per box and looking for funds to be able to send them.

School Awards – none

VA&R – none

Sick call, Relief and Employment – Job Fair July 9th

Service Officer – none

Unfinished Business – none

New Business –

Jeff Perkins made a motion to pay for 5 boxes to be sent overseas to the troops to help out VFW Post 6796 for a total of \$200.00 2nd by Herman Yentz. No discussion Motion passed
Homeless Vets Svc of Dallas holding a golf tournament 6/14 at Bear Creek got to
www.gunnygolf.com

Motion made by Pat Flores to nominate Jeff Perkins and WS Turner as delegates for the National Convention in Indianapolis 8/23 – 8/29. 2nd by Bill Freauff. No Discussion Motion passed

Good of the Legion:

Ed Kownslar passed away

Read a thank you note from Angelia Williams Herndon and family for
Committee Meetings at convention:

Americanism – Dennis Snow CB&L - Jeff Perkins

Credentials - Linda Weston VA&R – Linda Weston

Membership, Organization & Post Activities Committee – Bill Freauff

Public Relations – Alan Caesar

If anyone wants to attend any of the Committee meetings, please let Commander Jones know.

Jeff Perkins requested support at the elections for Department Commander.

Delegates sheet available and it cost \$25.00 per delegate before 6/14 and \$35.00 at the door.

Recommended delegates carry a copy of their post general meeting minutes show the delegates were approved.

Commander Jones thanked everyone for the support over the past two years and Commander Elect Alan Caesar will be taking over.

Closing prayer

POW/MIA Retired

Colors Retired

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm