

## **American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Minutes**

### **Sunday, 20 July 2008**

1. **Call To Order:** Commander Dan Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Commander Arnold expressed his thanks to Post 504 for hosting the July District Meeting.
2. **Posting of Colors:** Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Duckworth posted the colors.
3. **Invocation:** 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) and Doug Hitzman (excused). The following Posts were absent 53, 124, 184, 275, 292, 581, 591, 656, 802, and 853.
7. **Minutes of Previous 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting:** Bernard Aderholt motioned, Don Cecil seconded to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes, motion carried.
8. **Officer's Reports:**
  - a) The Finance Report was read into record. Bernard Aderholt motioned to accept the Finance Report, Bob Elkins seconded, motion carried. 5<sup>th</sup> District total assets are \$8,005.35.
  - b) The Membership Report was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bernard Aderholt, at this point no 2009 membership had been turned in. Several posts submitted membership at the meeting. It appears that approximately 448 members had been turned in.
  - c) Boys State Report – Ed Magers presented the Boys State Report.
  - d) Service Officer Doug Hitzman – No comments.
  - e) SAL Advisor - Bob Elkins presented the SAL Report.
  - f) Americanism Committee Chair Bob Elkins presented the Americanism Report.
  - g) Rick Norman gave the American Legion Rider report.
9. **New Business:**
  - a) Bernard Aderholt motioned, Jeff Perkins seconded to expend \$125.00 for Department Convention Advertisement. Motion Carried.
  - b) Commander Arnold relayed that the District Fall Convention will be at the same location as the last convention and advised that there are no Handicapped facilities. He stated that rectifying that situation is of utmost importance and that alternatives are being looked into for following conventions.
  - c) A resolution was presented by Post 218 endorsing J. Wayne Duckworth for District Vice Commander.
  - d) A resolution was presented by Post 453 endorsing James McLendon for District Sgt At Arms.
  - e) A resolution was presented by Post 453 endorsing Eddie Cotton for District Vice Commander.
  - f) A resolution was presented by Post 81 endorsing Bernard Aderholt for District Commander.

**10. Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business to report.

**11: Good of the Legion:**

- a) Parking is an issue for the Fisher House Program at the Dallas VA Medical Center. The VA is looking to purchase 30 acres for additional parking.
- b) Freddie Cotton stated that there would be a Flag Presentation at the Presbyterian North Retirement Center on 26 Jul 08 at 2:00 PM for Maj General Charles Bond. Maj General Bond is a WWII veteran and an original Flying Tiger with the AVG with 7 confirmed kills and 3 probables. Jim Prendergast will be speaking at this event. Please join us in honoring this American patriot and warrior.
- c) Freddie Cotton invited all to a Legion Family Picnic at Post 453 on 23 Aug 08 at 1:00 PM.
- d) There will be a benefit dance at Post 511 on 16 Aug 08 at 7:00 PM, dinner will be \$6.00\plate.
- e) Post 511s central A/C unit has failed. 2 A/C units were purchased, one by Post 81, and the other by Chapter 81 American Legion Riders. One more A/C unit is still needed.

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

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

**14: Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Commander Dan Arnold at 2:39 PM.

5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting minutes for May 2008 Draft COPY Submitted 28 Jul 2008 via email

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