

American Legion 5th District Meeting Minutes Sunday, 17 August 2008

- 1. Call To Order:** Commander Dan Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Commander Arnold expressed his thanks to Post 453 for hosting the August District Meeting.
- 2. Posting of Colors:** Assistant Sgt at Arms Bob Hemstreet 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 J. Wayne Ducksworth (excused). The following Posts were absent 53, 124, 184, 218, 275, 292, 581, 656, 802, and 855.
- 7. Minutes of Previous 5th District Meeting:** Bernard Aderholt motioned, Matt Graska 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. Pat Marrs motioned to accept the Finance Report, Jim Ray seconded, motion carried. 5th District total assets are \$8,009.35.
- b) The Membership Report was given by 1st Vice Commander Bernard Aderholt, for the District there was one new PUFL and 17 New members. 186 turn-ins were presented to Vice Commander Aderholt from the assembled posts..
- c) Boys State Report – Ed Magers presented the Boys State Report.
- d) Service Officer Doug Hitzman –Doug stated that there was an issue with Vets getting VA Cards as relates to service related disability and how much income and assets the veteran had. Doug also urged voting for those who support Vets benefits and to petition district, department, national and other Vets organizations to pressure the House and Senate.
- 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; on 11 Oct 2008 at Post 424 there will be the annual Bike Rodeo
- h) Gerald Larson gave a DAV Report. There will be a Vets cookoff on 6 Nov 2008 at the VA Hospital in the CSI Multipurpose from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. On 16 Oct 2008 starting at 6:00 AM there will be a carnival at the VA hospital. On 29 Oct 2008 from 8 – 12 there will be a bake sale at the VA. A mention was made of a dinner for homeless vets on 20 Nov 2008; and the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Gift Presentation on 18 Dec 2008 at the VA.

9. New Business:

- a) Pat Marrs stated the 5th District Fall Convention will be 15 – 16 November 2008. Early Registration is \$30.00; at the door it will be \$35.00. Free breakfast with your ticket. Rooms will be \$59.00 per night. Post 453 donated \$100.00 for the hospitality room and \$120.00 for Vets dinners. Bob Elkins stated that there would be a raffle of \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 – tickets would \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The SAL will be raffling a Camcorder, tickets will \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

- b) Rick Norman mentioned that on 27 Sep 08 starting at 2:00 PM there would be a fundraiser at Post 81; tickets will be \$10.00. The SAL will cook spaghetti which is included with your ticket, there will be finger food, bake sale, Silent Auction, raffle\auction of a National Convention Liquor Bottle (Seagrams, I believe).
- c) Bob Elkins reported that a Chairman was needed for 5th District Baseball. Bob Elkins motioned, Ray Cotton seconded to donate \$460.00 for the 5th District Boy's Baseball program.

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

11: Good of the Legion:

- a) There will be a Family Olympics held at Post 453 on 23 Aug 2008 starting at 2:00 PM.
- b) Commander Dan Arnold congratulated Posts 81, 111, 184, 292, 511, and 597 on their Certificates of Appreciation for their Post Consolidated Reports.
- c) The Fisher House opens at the end of October. One must live outside of 50 miles of the Fisher House to be eligible to stay. It appears that they have 29 rooms which can house up to 39 people. They are in need of plates, linens, etc. Contact Leta Henderson at 214-857-2574 for further info.
- d) Rick Norman mentioned that there was a consolidated fundraiser by Post 81, Post 424 and VFW 7843 held at 424. Vince Vance and the Valiants put on a concert and over \$3600.00 was raised for VA Vets.
- e) Post 424s Theresa Hill was the Department and National Volunteer of the year for the VA.
- f) Post 511 extended their thanks to Post 81 and 511 for help during their recent A/C crisis.
- g) Post 511 ?????? raised \$1300.00 for a veteran that had suffered a stroke.

12: Prayer: Chaplain Don Cecil offered the closing prayer

13: Retirement of Colors: Assistant Sgt at Arms Bob Hemstreet Retired the Colors

14: Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Commander Dan Arnold at 2:42 PM.

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