



**DISTRICT MEETING
20 AUGUST 2017**

- Commander Ronnie Jones called the meeting to order at 14:13
- Sargent-at-Arms (Comrade Bill Craig) posted the colors and the MIA chair
- Chaplin Ed Kownslar lead us in prayer
- Membership recited the Pledge of Alliance and Preamble of the American Legion
- Roll call of Officer's and Post revealed a quorum was present.

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| a. District Commander | Ron Jones | Present |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander | Alan Caesar | Present |
| c. Finance Officer | Pat Flores | Present |
| d. Adjutant | Jimmy Cox | Present |
| e. Chaplin | Edward Knowslar | Present |
| f. Asst. Chaplin | | Vacant |
| g. Historian | Bill Freauff | Present |
| h. Judge Advocate | Gary Smith | Present |
| i. Service Officer | Zach Fresquez | Present |
| j. Sergeant-at-Arms | Bill Crag | Present |
| k. Hub Master | Larry Taylor | Absent |
| l. ALR Advisor | Michael "TJ" Taylor | Present |
| m. Americanism Chair | Dennis Snow | Absent |
| n. Baseball Chair | Joe Senones | Absent |
| o. Boy Scout Chair | | Vacant |
| p. Boys State Chair | Bob Kaminski | Absent |
| q. Community Service Chair | | Vacant |
| r. Constitution & By-Laws | Gary Smith | Present |
| s. Children & Youth Chair | | Vacant |
| t. JROTC Chair | | Vacant |
| u. Junior Shooting Chair | | Vacant |
| v. Legislative Chair | | Vacant |
| w. Membership Chair | Alan Caesar | Present |
| x. National Security Chair | | Vacant |
| y. Oratorical Chair | Alton Brown | Present |
| z. Public Relations Chair | | Vacant |
| aa. SAL Advisor | Gary Smith | Present |
| bb. Scholl Awards Chair | | Vacant |
| cc. VA&R Chair | | Vacant |

- Roll call by Post revealed the following:

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| a. Post 23 – Absent | b. Post 53 – Present | c. Post 81 – Present |
| d. Post 111 – Present | e. Post 124 – Absent | f. Post 184 – Absent |
| g. Post 218 – Absent | h. Post 275 – Present | i. Post 292 – Present |
| j. Post 368 – Present | k. Post 424 – Present | l. Post 453 – Present |
| m. Post 504 – Present | n. Post 507 – Present | o. Post 511 – Absent |
| p. Post 581 – Absent | q. Post 597 – Present | r. Post 656 – Absent |



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1. Commander Jones recognized the following guest who were in attendance:
 - a) Gary Smith - Past District & Post Commander
 - b) Tom Arista - SAL Commander
 - c) Jeff Perkins - Past Division & District Commander
 - d) Bob Elkins - Past Division & District Commander

2. Six Post Commanders were present and the 5th District Chaplin Emeritus

3. Commander Jones reminded the membership of the 100th year anniversary of the American Legion in July of 2019. Commander Jones raised the question to the membership, "Are We Happy to be here?"

4. The Commander requested the reading of the minutes from the last meeting of the General Membership. Jeff Perkins motioned and Mr. Coleman 2nd the motion to accept the minutes as read (pending any necessary corrections).

5. The Commander requested the reading of the finance report by Pat Flores. Jeff Perkins motioned and Big T 2nd the motion to accept the finance report as read. During the question phase of the motion, the following issues were discussed.
 - a) Bill Godfery questioned why a negative balance existed relative to Boys State? Particularly since each post is responsible for covering the expenses of each boy sent.
 - b) Pat Flores explained that the unexpected increase in the transportation expense resulted in the negative balance of the Boys State line item.
 - c. Bill Godfery volunteered to take the lead in securing reasonable transportation to Boys State in 2018.
 - d. After the discussion, Jeff Perkins motioned and "Big T" 2nd the motion to accept the finance report (pending any necessary corrections). The motion carried by a majority vote of the members present.

6. Jeff Perkins motioned and Bill Freauff 2nd the motion to move the funds necessary to cover the negative balance in any accounts.
 - a. After some discussion, Jeff Perkins amended his motion to read, that Department funds are moved to the General Fund to cover any negative balances.
 - b. The motion carried by majority vote

7. Commander Jones reported on recruitment and retention. The retention goal is 95%. The retention and recruitment theme is, "Back to the Future". If each member would recruit one new member, reaching our 95% retention goal would be easily realized. When recruiting members from Post 345, inform the member they are "in processing" and need only connect with a local post.



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8. Reports:
 - a. Americanism - No report
 - b. American Legion Baseball - Carrollton team in the 17 and under category won the State Championship.
 - c. Const. & By-Laws - Post 511 CBL's remain outstanding

9. Sick Call - Past Post Commander Charles People died and Gail from Haltom City was ill.

10. New Business:
 - a. Military Ball - Joint Post venture (Post 81, 93,292,511) will at held 26 Jan. 2018 at AFFES (1800 till 2400). The price per person is \$40.00.
 - b. Adjutant (Jimmy Cox) read a resolution endorsing Jeff Perkins for the high office of Department Commander. Bob Elkins motioned and Bill Freauff 2nd the motion of endorsement of Jeff Perkins. The motion carried by majority vote of the members present.
 - c. Fall Convention will be held 21 Oct 2017 @ Post 453.
 - d. District Historian (Bill Freauff) shared his phone number (214-773-3798) to the membership. Bill asked the membership to contact his with events, observations, and activities sponsored by any post.