



5th District SAL Joint Meeting with Training

November 2, 2019 at AL Post 81 - Duncanville

Joint Training on "How to Run a Meeting" – 9:30 AM

SAL Training started at 1045 hours led by 5th District S.A.L. CO- Lewis Elam to be followed with S.A.L. Business Meeting to end at Noon

Commander Elam went over 5th District's "SAP" Squadron Action Plan and identified the Legion's Programs that are National and one's that are Local in Dallas County "District 5 Programs". He provided copies to attendees to share with their Squadrons at their next monthly meetings. CO Elam stressed the importance of achieving their 2020 membership goals by 12-31-2019. Several squadrons 275, 368, and 511 have done their 100% plus 1. SQ 368 and 511 are using www.mySAL.org to do this. It is urged that all squadrons' CO's and ADJ/FO's are using this to contact members via EMAIL-Internet, phone calling, and mailings. Squadrons 424 Dallas and 81 Duncanville were not represented. As a note, all Squadrons should have a Representative present

CO Elam urged all Squadrons to Donate at least \$1 per member to AL's CWF – Child Welfare Foundation and receive their Recognition Streamer for their Squadron Flag; and include Dallas' Fisher House and Homeless Veterans Resource Center; as well. CO Elam finished with the CSR "Consolidated Squadron Report". CO claims, "5th District will not be shooting Blanks!" He said that he realized that some had not understood about our mission "to protect and serve" our country and to follow the American Legion's 4-Pillars to accomplish this. Commander Elam asked that the handouts be kept in the SAP Binders he gave to all Squadrons back in August 2019 so each Squadron has their important SAL materials and documents necessary to achieve S.A.L.'s 5th District "SAP Goals" - Squadron Action Plans for 2020 and 2021.

REFLECTIONS - Commander Elam still wants all squadrons to be 100%+1. He stressed that membership goals should be completed early and that Membership Year Enrollment always begins July 1st of each year. He said to be aware of the recent passage of the Legion Act and how it changes the eligibility qualifications for the American Legion Family organizations and that the CBL's will need to be updated to conform as required by the American Legion. Membership Transmittal Dues are \$12.00 for 2020 per paid per member within 30 days. Now we can use www.mySAL.org to do SAL Membership Transmittals.

Commander wants Child Welfare to be our number 1 project for all the squadrons in 5th District. Remember the Fisher House and HVRC at Dallas VA.

Commander stressed that the 5th District S.A.L. Officers are to work with their squadron officer counterparts to exhibit our mutual helpfulness to better the Good of the Sons' Programs to be recorded and reported in May of each year in our annual Consolidated Squadron Reports "CSRs" to Detachment.

5th District SAL Meeting Minutes 11-2-2019 at AL Post 81 after S.A.L. Training Session

Opening Ceremony: “Sergeant-at-Arms, is door secure?”, 1-rap attendees take a chair; 3-raps stand up for Colors being advanced by SGT-at-ARMS, “Salute ... TO” then “UNCOVER!” Chaplain gives prayer, recited Pledge of Allegiance, “re-COVER” recited Son’s Preamble, MIA/POW remembered (30 second paused silence to remember).

Role Call of 5th District Officers: Elam CO, ADJ vacant – Joe Garcia 507 interim, 1st Vice Martinez – excused work, 2nd Vice Tim Webb 597, Chaplain Mosley 511, FO Pat McGee 368, Historian Michael Melgoza 453, Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Arista 453, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms James “Huckelberry” Monte 453 who are present; or as noted.

Guests: Jeff Saul our Division 1 Detachment Vice Commander is visiting at CO Elam’s request.

Role Call of Squadrons: Squadrons 111, 275, 368, 453, 504, 507, 597 were present (almost 100%). Host Squadron 81 not present and neighboring 424 was not present. Squadron 504 was excused due to prior commitment.

Call to Order: “Adjutant, is there a quorum [SAL District Commander (or 1st Vice if 5th CO yields to 1st Vice; plus 3 Squadron Commanders (each CO can designate Squadron Representative)? Yes (CO & more than 3)”. CO gives 2-raps. CO declares, “This 5th District S.A.L. Meeting is Called-to-Order.”

Minutes August 11, 2019: Motion made by Michael Melgoza to dispense with the reading the prior meeting minutes since they were published on <http://5thdistrictlegion.org/index.html> the 5th District SAL web site . Second was made by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

CO Elam stated that Joe Garcia is willing to accept vacant Adjutant position. Anyone else who is interested needs to attend the next scheduled SAL Meeting on Feb. 16th, 2020 at A.L. Post 597 Carrollton TX for the election of 5th District S.A.L. Adjutant.

Finance Officer Pat McGee gave finance report. The donation \$4,754 from District 5’s Convention City Committee held fund raiser at Irving, TX in July 2019 for TAL “100th AL Birthday” Convention raised our current balance is \$6,691.82. McGee moved to accept his report. Second by James Monte. Motion passed.

1st Vice Commander absent so Arista gave 2020 membership report. District 5 finished as top S.A.L. District in Division 1 with 102% of 2019 Membership Goal. Everyone needs to keep working on getting their 2020 membership 100%+1 goal by 12-31-2019. Currently at 65% for 5th District S.A.L. 2020 Membership Goal. Some questions regarding SAL PUFL and noted by CO to pass on to Kevin Winklemann Detachment PUFL Committee.

2nd Vice Commander Webb gave Programs Report. He also reported that 5th District was recognized for 2019 as Best “Large District Americanism Award and Children and Youth Award. He moved that we repeat our 2018-2019 donations to CWF \$500, \$200 to Fisher House, and

\$200 HVRC for 2019-2020 to be reported in 5th District's SAL Consolidated Report for National Sons of the American Legion in May 2020. Also, Squadrons need to provide their CSR's in May 2020 to CO Elam.

Americanism Report not available at this time.

Michael Melgoza moved to accept all committee reports, the motion was seconded by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

Old Business: AL Post 453 has been getting estimates to upgrade Dallas VA's HRVC Veteran Shuttle Van. Tom Arista moved to donate \$500 to help get this done. It was 2nd but in discussion it was decided to be tabled until more was known about the estimates.

New Business: Commander Elam identified all 5th District S.A.L. Officers and attendees.

James Monte was asked to be the new Assistant SGT at Arms. Motion made by Tom Arista to Accept. Second was made by Michael Melgoza. Motion passed.

The Assistant SGT at Arms and the 1st Vice Commander were installed as 5th District Officers.

Sick Call and Relief: S.A.L. 453 Members Ed Wimble (dual) and Joe Mack have passed away. Pray for their families and those who are known; or unknown, in distress or having needs.

Good of the Sons: Tom Arista Resolution for office of Detachment Commander for 2020-2021 to be voted on July 12th, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Detachment Convention at Renaissance Hotel in Austin, Texas. S.A.L. District 5 voted to support him.

Jeff Saul spoke about CSR, Membership, and the importance of the Son's organization.

CO Elam closed with encouraging 5th District Squadrons to fulfill the SAP Goals for 2020.

Closing: POW/MIA moment "Never Forget!". Prayer given. Colors retired.

CO: "I declare S.A.L. 5th District Meeting is Adjourned!" (closed at approximately 2pm).

Minutes prepared by Joe Garcia Interim 5th District S.A.L. Adjutant & CO Elam