



SAL 5th District Meeting held on Sunday February 24, 2019, 12:30 PM,
at American Legion Post 597, 1024 Elm Street Carrollton, TX 75006

SAL training called to order at 1230 hrs by Commander Lewis “Catfish” Elam. Focus of training was the Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). The CSR has the number of hours the squadrons have for the Child Welfare Report. The amount each squadron donates to Child Welfare. Amount donated to veterans, families, community and the Dallas VRC - Veterans Resource Center. The VRC wish list includes clothing and other needed personal items, from which each squadron can report the items, mileage, and time spent to assist VRC. Commander Elam suggested that Squadrons the Dallas VRC and the Fisher House. Commander welcomed guests and recognized visitors.

Commander Elam announced that he was hosting a Squadron Commander and Adjutant Breakfast at Post 453 on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at American Legion Post 453 at 1000 hrs. Training closed at 1300 hrs.

Business Meeting: Opening meeting ceremonies were held and led by Commander Lewis “Catfish” Elam at 1305 hrs.

Opening prayer was given by 5th District Chaplin Edward Mosley

Roll call of SAL Officers:

District Commander Lewis “Catfish” Elam, 1st Vice Commander Tom Arista, 2nd Vice Commander Open, Adjutant Dennis Snow, Finance Officer Pat McGee, Chaplain Ed Mosley, Judge Advocate Ed Wimble, Historian Michael Paul Melgoza, Sergeant at Arms Ron Ramirez Excused. Officers Present 7, Excused 1

Squadrons Present 6: 275, 368, 453, 507, 511, 597

Squadrons Absent 4: 81, 111, 424, 504

Guests Present:

Ron Jones 5th District AL Commander, Johnny Red Cloud Post 507 SAL Advisor, Mack Garcia Post 275 SAL Advisor, Bill Freauff Post 453 SAL Advisor (Dual Member), Tom

Arista 1st Division SAL Commander, Past 5th District SAL Commander, Andy Lowen 1st District AL Commander and ALR Liaison, Robin McPeters - The American Legion 100th year liaison for 5th District gave update about upcoming 2019 AL Department of Texas Convention and items and help needed.

Minutes: Tom Arista made a motion to waive the reading of the November 2018. Minutes as published on the 5th District web site. Motion passed.

Finance Report: Report given by Pat McGee balance in 5th District is \$2021.75. Report accepted subject to audit.

Committee Reports: as noted.

Americanism: Post 453 will host a flag retirement program in the spring of 2019.

Community Service: No report given

Children and Youth: Posts 111 and 453 are very big on scout awards/sponsorships. April 2019 is Legion Youth Month. Squadrons were encouraged to support CWF using the form provided to them during Commander's CSR Training.

Boys State: Names are due in March 2019 for June 2019 Legion's Americanism Program.

Unfinished Business: Legion has Radio Station Program which is a possible squadron program to encourage member and community participation together.

New Business: None

Good of the Sons: ALA member Robin McPeters spoke on the American Legion's 100th Year Birthday State Convention. Hotel Rooms at the Westin Hotel & Sheraton in Irving, TX. Dates are July 9, 2019 thru July 14, 2019. Room reservation cut off is April 19, 2019. Hotel room rates are \$119.00 per night with free breakfast and 2 free drinks in hotel lounge. Saturday July 13, 2019 is convention casino night at Sheraton Hotel.

Commander Elam's Program Fund: Squadrons should consider making a \$100.00 donation to 5th District SAL for upcoming AL/SAL programs support by 5th District.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Ed Mosley.

Colors Retired by Acting Sgt-at-Arms Tom Arista.

The flag was retired after which the meeting was adjourned by the SAL Commander at approximately 1400 hrs.

Dennis Snow - 5th District SAL Adjutant.