



Minutes of 5th District SAL Spring Convention
Department of Texas
Meeting

Meeting held at American Legion Love Field Post 453

25 March 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1033L by the Commander.

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Arista, SAL 5th District Commander – Present and Presiding

Dennis Snow, 1st Vice Commander – Present

Mike Sanders, 2nd Vice Commander – Unexcused

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Ed Wimble, Judge Advocate – Present

Pat McGee, Finance Officer – Present

Troy Hartog, Chaplain – Present

Historian, Vacant

Ron Ramirez, Sergeant at Arms – Present

Officers Present: 7

Squadrons Present: 4

111, 368, 453, 597

Squadrons Absent:

81, 184, 275, 424, 504, 507, 511

Guests Present:

Jeff Saul, 1st Division SAL Commander

Larry Taylor, 5th District Commander

Opening ceremonies were held and led by the Commander. Ron Ramirez posted the flag and opening prayer was given by Ed Kownslar.

Roll call of the Officers and Squadrons was conducted and a quorum established.

The Finance Report was given by Pat McGee. Motion made by Ed Kownslar to accept the report as read subject to internal review, seconded made by Lewis 'Catfish' Elam, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership report by Dennis Snow. District 5 at 81.11%, Division at 76.47%, and Department is at 80.21%. The Department goal is for all squadrons to increase membership by 2 new members this year. Dennis recognized each Squadron for their efforts in attaining their current membership with a certificate of appreciation.

The Commander suspended the regular meeting to proceed with the election of SAL officers for the 2017-2019 term.

Dennis Snow's resolution for the office of SAL District Commander was read and his nomination accepted. Ed Kownslar stated that he would also run for the office of Commander. Jeff Saul conducted the elections. Election results are as follows:

District Commander - Ed Kownslar won the election for SAL 5th District Commander (vote count: Kownslar – 8, Snow – 2).

Vice Commander – Larry Taylor nominated Tom Arista. Motion by Ed Kownslar to elect by acclamation, seconded by Larry Taylor, motion carried.

Finance Officer – Ed Kownslar nominated Pat McGee. Motion by Ed Kownslar to elect by acclamation, seconded by Larry Taylor, motion carried.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Ron Ramirez was nominated. Motion by Tom Arista to elect by acclamation, seconded by Gary Smith, motion carried.

Adjutant – Ed Kownslar nominated Gary Smith. Motion by Ed Kownslar to elect by acclamation, seconded by Ed Wimble, motion carried.

Chaplain – Ed Kownslar nominated Lewis "Catfish" Elam. Motion by Ed Kownslar to elect by acclamation, seconded by Tom Arista, motion carried.

Historian – Ed Kownslar nominated Michael Paul Melgoza. Motion by Ed Kownslar to elect by acclamation, seconded by David Schneider, motion carried.

Regular meeting session reconvened.

CPRs: Jeff Saul and Tom Arista talked about CPRs. CPRs should be sent directly to Kevin Winkelmann or to Tom Arista for 5th District to consolidate for tracking and submission. Jeff Saul and Tom Arista talked about Americanism and how to count hours for CPR reporting.

Americanism: Dennis gave Americanism report.

Community Service: Michael Paul discussed Post 453 Legion family support in loading 7000 cases of Girl Scout cookies.

Children & Youth: Squadron 453 sending 15 Josh Dogs to the Scottish Rite Hospital.

Boys/Girls State: Squadron 453 is sending 5 boys and 1 girl.

Unfinished Business: District will send an additional 5 Josh Dogs to the Scottish Rite Hospital.

New Business: None

For the Good of the SONS: Fisher House was discussed and examples of how they help veterans and their families were provided. Gary Smith stated that Post 111 will be donating a SAL 5th District Banner.

Sick Call: Mae Taylor passed away. Ed Kownslar stated he is now cancer free according to latest tests.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted after which the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1126 hours. The next District meeting date and time will be published on the web site.

Gary Smith, 5th District SAL Adjutant