



**SAL 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:00 AM,  
at American Legion Post 453, 2755 Bachman Drive, Dallas, TX 75220**

SAL Training called to order at 10:00 hrs by Commander Lewis CATFISH Elam. CO focused on strategy for attaining 2019 SAL's 100%+1 membership goal by May 8th; supporting AL Programs like CWF, VRC, Fisher House, Americanism Flags, Boys State, and Community Service for CSR Report due in June; and updating Squadron CBLs if older than 4-5 years.

2019 Membership IDs/SAL Application Forms checked by Vice Commander Tom Arista and all present are members in good standing. Patio was declared secured; except for the weather and thunderstorm.

Ceremony/rituals performed to open meeting: prayer, posting of colors and pledge, POW/MIA remembered, SAL preamble recited.

Roll Call of Officers; all Present except for Chaplain Mosley who due to illness and having to go to VA ER for treatment was excused; and there was a quorum so business can be conducted.

Guests present: Bill Freauff Post 453's SAL Advisor-DUAL, Tom Arista 1<sup>st</sup> Division Detachment Vice Commander, and Dennis Snow who is also our 5<sup>th</sup> District Legion Advisor and a Past 1<sup>st</sup> Division Detachment Vice Commander-DUAL.

Commander Elam said he was hosting 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Squadron Commanders & Adjutants Breakfast at Post 453 at 10 AM on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All are invited to attend as well. He asked that each squadron bring their completed CSR's to be collected and given to SAL Detachment Adjutant in June before the annual Detachment Convention in Irving on July 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the American Legion.

Motion made by Tom Arista 1<sup>st</sup> Vice to dispense with the reading of the last meeting's minutes since they were published on the 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL website. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Wimble JA and passed by attending membership.

Pat Mcgee FO gave Finance Report having a balance of \$2,688.26 with recent \$400 income from past 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention Registrations. Report given to Commander/Adjutant to be recorded. Still in the Black; no Red. Motion to accept and 2<sup>nd</sup> made and passed subject to audit to be conducted by Judge Advocate.

Membership Report read by Arista. 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL at 81.35% of 416 goal for 2019. Send in transmittals. Remember there is a 30 day rule to send collected SAL dues and transmittals to Membership Department. Commander Elam requested that all Squadrons for the Good of the Sons to check on members who have not paid their 2019 Dues to see why. Possibly they are experiencing hardships such as illness,

unemployment, or family circumstances; and we should consider helping them pay their dues which they could repay later when they are able. Something to consider and think about for the Good of the Sons.

Motion by Melgoza CO 453 to suspend meeting to perform SAL 5<sup>th</sup> District Officer Elections for 2019-2021 Term and CO Elam turned over to Ed Wimble JA to perform elections who had with Dennis Snow ADJ certified each squadron's certified voting strength according to 5<sup>th</sup> District CBL's and conforming to Detachment CBLs as well.

The following incumbent officers ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation of members present and ADJ casted 1-vote for each as follows: CO – Lewis "Catfish" Elam 453, ADJ-Dennis Snow 453, FO-Pat Mcgee 368, HIST-Michael Melgoza 453, and CHAP-Ed Mosley 511.

1st Vice had 2 nominations – 597 Resolution Tim Webb and Arista 453 nominating Raul Martinez 275. They were escorted out and vote taken with Martinez 275 being elected by majority vote of squadrons. Next was 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice position open and Melgoza 453 nominating Tim Webb 597. No others nominated so elected by acclamation with 1-vote casted by ADJ. Next was Judge Advocate position open and Lewis Elam 453 nominating Clifford "Budd" Mollenhauer 507. No others nominated so elected by acclamation with 1-vote casted by ADJ. Lastly, Sergeant-of-Arms position open; Tom Arista 453 nominated by Troy Hartog 453. No others nominated so elected by acclamation with 1-vote casted by ADJ. Ed Wimble JA returned chair to CO.

After elections completed; motion by Tom Arista to resume business meeting. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

CO Elam stated that 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Officers for 2-year term 2019-2021 to be installed at AL Department-SAL Detachment Convention in Irving July 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Westin Hotel at Hwy 114 and Esters Exit. Important that each Squadron Commander certify his Squadron using 2019-2020 SAL Detachment Form which can be faxed to 1-512-472-0603 to Bill West – Department Adjutant of Texas stating who the Commander, Adjutant, and SAL Advisor are and how to contact them. This must be done to receive your 2020 SAL Renewal ID Cards in June-July.

New Business: Motion made by Tom Arista 453 to donate \$550 to AL Charities Program "CWF" Child Welfare Foundation. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Motion made by Michael Paul Melgoza CO 453 to donate \$500 to Fisher House in support of Veterans and Military and their Families. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Passed.

Sick Call and Relief: our Chaplain – Ed Mosley 511 ill, past CO SAL 5<sup>th</sup> District Ed Kownslar 453 doing hospice, and Larry Moody's Father WWII Vet 453 past away. May the Master of Might comfort all those known and unknown and they be in His care and keeping always.

Next 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting is on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Mesquite, Texas Post 504. The SAL Meeting will begin at 12:30 PM and conclude about 2 PM with Legion & Auxiliary Meeting to follow after.

Closing ceremony: Prayer, flag retired, and meeting adjourned by CO Elam shortly before Noon in time for Lunch.

Minutes prepared by Dennis Snow, 5<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant – reviewed & accepted by Lewis Elam SAL CO 5<sup>th</sup>.