



5th District SAL meeting with training - August 11, 2019 – AL Post 453 Dallas

Meeting and training started at 1230 hours by SAL Commander Lewis Elam.

Commander Elam has put together a Squadron Action Plan and shared this with the Squadrons present. 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 passed out Binders to each Squadron with materials and documents for the S.A.L. 5th District “SAP” Squadron Action Plans for the next two years.

Commander Elam wants all squadrons to be 100%+1. Elam 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 (and for Local Duals) for 2019-2020 per paid per member within 30 days.

Commander Elam wants Child Welfare to be their number 1 project for all the squadrons in fifth district.

Commander Elam 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 started at 1:00 pm by Commander Elam.

Role Call of Squadrons: Squadrons 81, 111, 275, 368, 424, 453, 507, 597 were present (almost 100%). Squadrons 504, 511 were excused due to prior commitments.

Motion made by Michael Melgoza to not read the prior meeting minutes as they are published on the web site. Second was made by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

The 1st vice commander gave membership report.

Commander Elam gave 2nd vice commander’s programs report.

Finance Officer's report was given with balance of \$1937.82. Motion made by Mike Stewart to accept the report. Second was made by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

Roll Call officers. District Chaplain and 2nd Vice Commander are excused.

There were no guests at the S.A.L. Meeting.

S.A.L. Member Ed Kownslar has passed away. Pray for his family.

Americanism report given by Dennis Snow Adjutant who is also SAL Advisor. Motion made to accept by Michael Melgoza, the motion was seconded by Tom Arista. Motion passed.

Children and Youth report given. Motion made to accept by Michael Melgoza, the motion was seconded by Tom Arista. Motion passed. The Children and Youth chairman will check on the availability of Josh Dogs for 2019-2020.

October 28, 2019 American Legion Post 453 will have their Luau. This is an all day event which has always been an annual fun-social fund raising activity with food and games and drinks.

New Business: Commander Elam introduced the 5th District S.A.L. Officers.

5th District is preparing a video scrap book. Submit entries to 5th District Historian.

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 - Ed Wimble getting better. Ed Knowslar has passed. Services will be held at DFW Cemetery.

Closing Prayer was given by Bill Freauuff. S.A.L. 5th District closed at approximately 2pm.

Minutes prepared by Dennis Snow 5th District S.A.L Adjutant