



**Minutes of 5th District SAL
Detachment of Texas
Meeting**

Meeting held at American Legion Kenneth Earl James Post 504

20 August 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1232L by the Commander.

Roll Call of Officers:

Ed Kownslar, SAL 5th District Commander – Present and Presiding

Tom Arista, 1st Vice Commander – Present

Vacant, 2nd Vice Commander

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Ed Wimble, Judge Advocate – Present

Pat McGee, Finance Officer – Present

Lewis “Catfish” Elam, Chaplain – Present

Michael Paul Melgoza, Historian - Present

Ron Ramirez, Sergeant at Arms – Present

Officers Present: 8

Squadrons Present: 5

111, 368, 453, 511, 597

Squadrons Absent:

81, 184, 275, 424, 504, 507

Guests Present:

Jon Kingston, 1st Division SAL Commander and Past Detachment Commander

Gary Smith, 1st Division Vice Commander and Past 5th District Commander

Opening ceremonies were held and led by the Commander. Opening prayer was given by Lewis “Catfish” Elam.

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

Jon Kingston gave greetings from the Detachment and talked about membership and giving the 2018 membership goals for each Squadron. He also stated that Squadrons who were inactive would not turn in their Charters. Instead, a letter from the associated Post indicating their Squadron is no longer active must be sent to the Department Adjutant. That way it will be much easier to reestablish the Squadron in the future and the Squadron’s inactive status will no longer hurt membership objectives.

A motion was made by Ed Wimble to suspend regular order of business to conduct Officer installations, seconded by Tom Arista, motion carried.

Jon Kingston installed all SAL District Officers that were not sworn in at the Detachment Convention in July.

A motion was made by Bill Freauff to return to regular order of business, seconded by Tom Arista, motion carried.

Tom Arista made a motion to waive the reading of the May 21 meeting minutes since they were previously posted, seconded by Keith Wormley, motion carried

Finance Report: Report was given by Pat McGee. Bill Freauff made a motion to approved the report as read subject to review, seconded by Tom Arista, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: The District finished up the 2017 membership reporting year at 87.66% of objective.

Americanism: No report given.

Community Service: No report given. Commander is looking for a person to chair this committee.

Children & Youth: No report given.

Boys/Girls State: Tom Arista stated that attendance was the largest ever with over 1000 boys attending. The Commander would like to see at least 1 candidate per Squadron for 2018. Motion made by Tom Arista to accept the report as read, Michael Paul Melgoza, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Motion made by Ed Wimble to write a Josh Dogs check for \$500, seconded by Tom Arista, motion carried.

Ed Wimble reviewed the District's finances/checkbook and found all in order.

New Business: Tom Arista made a motion to give \$500 to the Fisher House, seconded by Ed Wimble, motion carried.

For the Good of the SONS: The 100th Anniversary shirts can be ordered through Department for \$36.00. Larry will send out the order form via the Hubmaster.

Sick Call: Ed Kownslar stated Charlie Peoples passed away and was interred at DFW National Cemetery.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted after which the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1314 hours. The next District meeting is Fall Convention on October 21 at Love Field Post 453. More info will be published on the web site as it becomes available.

Gary Smith, 5th District SAL Adjutant