



## **Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL Department of Texas Meeting**

21 August 2016

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1230L

The Commander led the opening ceremonies. Bill Freauff stood in for Ron Ramirez as Sergeant-at-Arms to post the colors and POW/MIA cover.

### Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Arista, SAL 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander – Present and Presiding

Dennis Snow, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Present

Mike Sanders, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Excused

Officers Present: 6

Squadrons Present: 5

111, 368, 453, 507

Squadrons Absent:

81, 184, 275, 424, 504, 511, 597

Guests Present: 1

Larry Taylor, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander

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

Larry Taylor, 5th Commander, addressed the membership and talked about the VA Hospital and the need to keep it from being privatized.

Dennis Snow made motion to waive reading of the minutes. Ron Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Finance report was given by Pat McGee. Dennis Snow made motion to accept the finance report subject to internal review. Bill Freauff seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Snow gave the membership report. 5th District ended 2016 with 783.14%. Detachment ended 2016 with 97.45%. Squadrons 184 and 511 sent in zero memberships for 2016. A motion was made by Ed Wimble to suspend the charters of Squadrons 184 and 511, seconded by Dennis Snow, motion carried. The Commander will send an email to Detachment indicating the action taken and to the Post Commanders. Squadrons 424 and 453 earned 100% membership awards for 2016.

#### Committee Reports:

Americanism: Dennis Snow gave a report which is attached to these minutes.

Community Service: Upgrades to Post 453 were done by volunteers from Home Depot and Dallas Police. Home Depot also supplied the materials.

Boys State: It was encouraged that each Squadron send at least 1 boy in 2017.

Unfinished Business: The revised SAL District Constitution & Bylaws (CBLs) were sent to Department (Kevin Winkelmann) to forward on for approval back in April. Note: The Adjutant contacted Department and it was determined that Kevin did not forward for approval. The CBLs will now be submitted to Dept. Judge Advocate for his approval and then approved by the DEC at the Fall DEC meeting.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District's ad for the 2016 Dept. Convention Program was not put in, therefore the SAL does not owe for any ad expenditures.

New Business: None.

#### Announcements:

- Post 453 will be holding a Back the Blue fundraiser. A tentative date has been set for Oct. 15.
- 5<sup>th</sup> District Fall Convention will be held at Wynnewood Post 511 on October 15.
- Josh Dog award given to Squadron 453.
- Long John Silver restaurants giving policemen in uniform free 2-piece meals to show support for the men and women in blue.

#### Sick Call:

Ed Kownslar is fighting cancer (453), Otis Robbins (453) is very ill.

Chaplain Troy Hartog had closing prayer.

Colors were retired.

Meeting was adjourned at 1308L.

Minutes approved by Tom Arista, SAL Commander

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Minutes approved by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_