SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
DETACHMENT CONVENTION 2015
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Call to Order

By order of the Commander and pursuant to the constitution and by-laws, Article IV, Section 1, of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, I, Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant, do hereby call all members of the Detachment of Texas to convene on Friday July 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm, Saturday July 11, 2015 at 9:30AM and Sunday July 12, 2015 at 9:00AM at Post 817 in Beaumont TX.

Hotel Locations

THE AMERICAN LEGION
HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
3950 IH 10 S @WALDEN ROAD
BEAUMONT, TX 409-842-5995
RATE—$85.00 PER NIGHT

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MCM ELEGANTE
2355 IH 10 SOUTH @ WASHINGTON AVE.
BEAUMONT, TX 409-842-3600
RATE—$85.00 PER NIGHT

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
HILTON GARDEN INN
3755 IH 10
BEAUMONT, TX 409-842-5646
RATE—$85.00 PER NIGHT

AGENDA

You will find the agenda enclosed. All meetings will be held at the Convention Center along with all Committee meetings. Please review the enclosed schedule times for Committees.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Please see the attached remarks from Detachment Commander Skelley

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported as soon as they occur. This includes e-mail addresses. Please e-mail me all correspondences if possible. Again this year, we have started pre-registration for all delegates and members to the Detachment Convention. Please review the enclosed registration form and

return it, filled out with your payment to the Department of Texas, to Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant. Pre-registration will be $25.00 and on-site registration will be $35.00. Under 18 will be $10.00. Also, please remember to fill out your paperwork for your delegate strength to receive your votes for the Detachment Convention. Look at our website for the form or find it in this newsletter. Your voting strength is determined by your Squadron's membership, 30 days prior to the Detachment Convention. This date will be June 10, 2015. Finally, a note on membership transmittals. Please make sure all transmittals are filled out correctly and includes payment for your members in the form of a check, money order or a cashier's check. NO CASH!!! Also, please keep a copy for your records. Our next meeting will be the Detachment Fall Conference in San Antonio, TX the weekend of September 18-20, 2015. The location of the meeting will be the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade. Their phone number is 210-691-8888 and the room rates are approx. $95.00 per night. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Finally, election of new officers are upon us. Please remit your Squadron, District or Division Certification of Officers as soon as you can. This will help with the process of getting your cards quicker.

FINANCE

ATTENTION: PDC's, Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, District Commanders
I plan to send the confirmation email for Detachment Convention during the month of May. If you plan to attend the convention and wish to receive your call-in at the convention, you must confirm by the first Sunday in June. Otherwise, you will not receive your check until mid August. This is a 3-day convention. You must answer roll call each day and attend your assigned committee meeting to receive your call-in. See you in Beaumont

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INTERNET

We are seeing very good response from the redesigned website. The website is a tool for you to use to make your job a little easier. We have most forms and up to date info on coming events posted. If there is something you would like to add to the website, please let me know. We can post your newsletters, coming events and pictures from your events. Right now we are really looking for pictures of the local events from around the Detachment. If you have an event and have pictures of the Commander or other Detachment guests, please send them to me so I can get them up on the website. We will also soon be adding pictures of all of the Detachment Officers and would like pictures of all the District Commanders. If you hold an event that you would like to have the pictures posted, please include what the event was, the date of the event and the names of the people pictured. We have all the room in the world, so send all the info and pictures you can and let's show the nation what Texas is doing.

Please send all of this information to webmaster@laketexomadesigns.com .

Gary Winters
Webmaster

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

As everyone should know by now, we now have an office at Headquarters. It is set up and running and is there for every member's use. We will be sending out the newsletters in the email form this time plus regular mail delivery. Hopefully, we can accomplish some good results and will get further input at the Fall DEC in September.

AGENDA

OPENING SESSION, FRIDAY JULY 10----------2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER----------COMMANDER SKELLEY

POST COLORS----------SGT-AT-ARMS TYLER WATSON

INVOCATION----------CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

MOMENT OF SILENCE, RESOLUTION FOR POW/MIA FLAG, RESOLUTION FOR BLUE STAR BANNER AT ALL MEETINGS----------COMMANDER SKELLEY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE------1ST DIVISION COMMANDER JON KINGSTON

PREAMBLE----------2ND DIVISION COMMANDER KEN PETERS JR

ROLL CALL----------ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

READING OF MINUTES----------ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

APPOINTMENTS TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE--------COMMANDER SKELLEY

GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION----------NEC MILTON CHATHAM

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST----------NEC MILTON CHATHAM

PRESENTATION OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST----------MIKE MOSS
NATIONAL COMMANDER, 2014-2015
DETACHMENT OF COLORADO

FIRST READING OF CREDENTIALS----------JUDGE ADVOCATE
RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS----------(IF NECESSARY)

NEC REPORT----------NEC MILTON CHATHAM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----4:00 TO 4:30
A) CMN/CWF
B) Boys State
C) Convention City
D) Internet/Credentials

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----4:30 TO 5:15
A) Legislative
B) PUFL/NEC

C) VA & R
D) Public Relations
E) Campaign Committee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----5:15 TO 6:00

A) Americanism
B) Children & Youth
C) Awards
D) Finance
E) Internal Affairs/Membership

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING

SATURDAY JULY 11, 2015

LEADERSHIP CLASSES
A) DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDERS, 8:00-8:45AM
B) ALL MEMBERS, 8:45-9:30AM

CALL TO ORDER, 9:30 AM----------COMMANDER SKELLEY

INVOCATION----------CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE--------4TH DIVISION COMMANDER JONATHAN POE

PREAMBLE----------3RD DIVISION COMMANDER HENRY CREECH

ROLL CALL----------ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

LIAISON REPORT----------JOHN SCHENDEL, DEPARTMENT ADVISOR

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CREDENTIALS—2ND READING BY COMMITTEE
BOYS STATE
CONVENTION CITY
INTERNET
LEGISLATIVE
PUFL
VA & R
PUBLIC RELATIONS
AWARDS
AMERICANISM
CHILDREN & YOUTH and CMN/CWF
FINANCE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE—IF NECESSARY

IF COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE NOT COMPLETE BY 12:00, WE WILL BREAK FOR LUNCH TILL 1:30

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUE

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

DETACHMENT COMMANDER BILL SKELLEY'S FINAL REPORT

IF THE TIME REACHES 4:00PM AFTER COMMANDER KUEHNERS REPORT, WE WILL RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING. PENDING PARTICIPATION, THE 5-STAR PROGRAM CLASS WILL START AT 4:15 PM. IF TIME PERMITS, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY JULY 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER----------COMMANDER SKELLEY

INVOCATION----------CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE----------PDC BILL KUEHNER

PREAMBLE----------PDC ALBERT AREALLANO

ROLL CALL----------ADJUTANT KEVIN WINKELMANN

PRESENTATION OF 5 STAR AWARDS

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS----------JUDGE ADVOCATE BARTHOLOMEW

ELECTION OF OFFICERS----------JUDGE ADVOCATE BARTHOLOMEW

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, DETACHMENT OF TEXAS 2015-2016

CLOSING OF MEETING----------NEWLY ELECTED DETACHMENT COMMANDER

BENEDICTION----------CHAPLAIN CARROL MURPHY

RETIREMENT OF COLORS----------SGT-AT ARMS TYLER WATSON

POST DEC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF MEETING

MID-WINTER DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 17-18, 2015

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, pledge, prayer and preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:08 AM. Commander Skelley then asked for the roll call. Officers not present are as follows: Vice Commander Division 4 Poe(E). Committee Chairmen not present were Americanism Grimes and Public Relations Miller. Districts present were 2, 4C, 5C, 6C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15, 16C, 17, 19, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 7, 21C, 36C, 37, 50, 76, 83C, 111, 121, 163C, 172, 179, 208, 223C, 231C, 241C 245C, 297, 321C, 368, 393, 410, 430, 447, 453C, 491, 517C, 522C, 550C, 554, 575C, 593C, 598C, 654, 655 and 817. Following roll call, the minutes were asked to be read. Gary Winters made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, 2nd by David Dew. Motion passed.

Commander Skelley then introduced Walter Ivie, Department Treasurer, Texas to the body. He brought greetings to the body and thanked all members for their service and support.

Commander Skelley then introduced Dale Barnett, leading candidate for American Legion National Commander, to the body. He brought great words of wisdom and thanks for everything the SAL does for The American Legion Family.He said his goal and main focus is "Walk for Veterans"

NEC Chatham came forward to introduce our guest. He then introduced Charles Keith, National Vice Commander Midwest, Detachment of Wyoming. Vice Commander Keith then came forward to bring his greetings and comments from our National Commander Mike Moss.

Adjutant Winkelmann gave the body some notes and updates and copies of the Standard Operating Procedures. Commander Skelley then recessed the meeting at 9:40 AM

The meeting was reconvened at by Commander Skelley at 10:51 AM

NEC—NEC Chatham came forward to give his report. He reported on the Fall NEC held in Indianapolis in October 2014. Please see the attached report for a complete list of items discussed and other discussed important matters that came out from this meeting. Motion was made by Milton to accept the report, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Department Liaison Schendel came forward to give his report. He spoke to the body concerning issues inside the Detachment especially membership, rules and the workings of all Squadrons. He thanked 10th District Commander Rocco on his achievement in membership and asked all Districts to follow that leadership role. He spoke to the body concerning financial issues within the Post and Squadrons and the important role of communications with the Post and Squadrons. A copy of this report is attached to these meetings. John made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew. Motion passed

INTERNET—Gary Winters came forward to give his report. He stated that the Internet, Awards and Public Relations Committee reports are being combined for this meeting only. He spoke about correcting addresses, announcements and points of contacts. He also spoke about not having a facebook page for PR. All Committees agreed. They also spoke about continuing the page for our forefathers and better communication. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Gary made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by David Dew. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Santiago Bentancourt came to give his report. He discussed some House and Senate bills that are being discussed in the Texas Legislature. He stated that he is now working for the State of Texas and presented that announcement to the body. There was also some discussion concerning DAV friendly tags for all DAV vehicles across the state. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Santiago Betancourt, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept the report. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—Acting Chairman Alonzo Cavillo came forward to make the report. He told the body about accomplishments of various Squadrons. A list of these Squadrons were presented to the body with their achievements. He also spoke about a flag project that his Squadron supports within the community and should be worked on throughout the Detachment. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Alonzo Cavillo, 2nd by Ray Hartline to accept the report. Motion passed.

VA & R—Chairman Rick Trczynski gave the report. He reported on various activities by Squadrons in the Detachment and read those to the body with explanations of those accomplishments. He also talked about other Veterans programs which the SAL supports and helps with. He also asked the body to continue the support of the various Veterans programs and support groups. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Rick, 2nd by Gary Winters . Motion passed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH—Chairmen Jimmy Don Dixon, along with CWF/CMN Chairman Mark Patterson gave the report. Jimmy spoke to the body concerning various achievements by the Squadrons around the Detachment. Motion made by Jimmy Don, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew to accept the report. Motion passed. Chairman Patterson then gave the CMN/CWF report, first on the raffle for the Detachment Convention what is being given away. A total of 5000 tickets will be made and distributed. Prizes include a TV and a couple of pre-loaded credit cards. The hat was passed for CWF and a total of $245.00 was collected. He then asked for donations from the various Squadrons for CWF and CMN. Mark then made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Jon Kingston. Motion passed

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The report was given along with the Internet report and is listed under that line item.

Commander Skelley recessed the meeting at 12:02 PM for lunch.

Commander Skelley called the meeting back into session at 1:10 PM

MARKETING—Chairman Ray Hartline gave his report. He stated that there will be shirts available at the convention so sales could be more available. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Ray to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Chatham came forward to give his report. He stated that the Detachment Convention, being held in Beaumont, TX is being held July 10-12, 2015. All cost, rooms and meetings and other schedules were discussed and a complete report is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Milton, 2nd by Gary Paul. Motion passed

BOYS STATE— Chairman Arreaga gave the report. He stated that there are 17 young men signed up for Boys State and there is room for 1100 boys this year. Registration will be the same as last year and no changes will be made. This is also the 75th Anniversary of Boys State this year. Travis then read what Boys State means and the definition of what the program is all about. A complete report is attached to these minutes and all forms and necessary paperwork is available on the web site. Dates are June 7-12, 2015. Motion made by Travis Arreaga, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed.

AWARDS—. Chairman Mark Patterson gave the report and it was stated that his report is associated with the Internet report.

CHAPLAIN—Chaplain Murphy to give his comments. He told everyone if he is not aware of illness or deaths of any SAL member or family members, he cannot properly do his job. He also stated that he puts up prayers for all military personel.

PUFL—Chairman Gary Paul gave the report. He stated that there is $41,318.17 in the account and there are 127 living members and 12 deceased members. He stated that Ed Magers has re-built the card program and that all new cards will also contain the PUFL members' membership ID number. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Paul made a motion, 2nd by Ed Magers. Motion passed

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Bill Kuehner came forward to give the report. As of 1/13/15, we were at 63.84% including 30 Squadrons that made 100% by January 1, 2015. These Squadrons, if approved, will receive a $50.00 check. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Bill made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jon Kingston. Motion passed.

FINANCE—Chairman Connie Waddell came forward to give the report. He spoke to the body about some changes being made to the schedule of payments concerning expenses. There were also some other changes made to the extent of how much monies will be made for certain expenses. The Finance Committee along with the PUFL Committee made a recommendation along with a vote to transfer 75% of the PUFL funds into a interest bearing account for a period of at least 3 years but not to exceed 5 years. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Connie, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept the report. Under discussion, Milton Chatham made a motion to table the newly stated changes until all time that all Squadrons, Districts and Divisions are aware of these changes. 2nd by Eddie Seekers Motion passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There was some discussion on projectors, screens and computers. It was stated that the screens have been purchased and are at headquarters, but the projectors and computers have not been purchased at this time.

NEW BUSINESS—No major new business was brought up during this meeting. However, it was reported that there are some items that need to be corrected at

Department Headquarters. Commander Skelley gave some Thumbs Up to Squadron 22, Squadron 447 and squadron 208 for their hard work in various programs.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—Division Commander Creech told the body about a Home Depot program to donate up to $5,000.00 to any American Legion Post for upgrades to their Post or helping a Veteran in re-working their home. Commander Skelley told the body about his Homecoming coming up March 7, 2015 at Squadron 208 in Kerrville. There was various notes of discussion brought to the floor for discussion. Adjutant Winkelmann then gave his notes to the floor for everyone's interest. There was some discussion concerning ALEI training class that is available. National Vice Commander Keith thanked everyone for the invitation and appreciates what Texas is doing for the National Organization. Commander Skelley thanked all members for their hard work and especially the Chairmen in their hard work that they are doing. Commander Skelley also gave thanks to Department Liaison John Schendel for his untiring efforts and hard work for what he does for the SAL Detachment of Texas.

Being no further business to come before this meeting, Commander Skelley called the body with 3 raps. After the prayer, a hand salute to the colors was called for, Commander Skelley then adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM. No other business will be called for the weekend.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2015 DETACHMENT CONVENTION
CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

_____ _____ _____
Name of Squadron No. Name of Town

We hereby certify that the following members of this Squadron were named as delegates to the 2015 Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas based upon membership 30 days prior to Detachment Convention—Total_____

DELEGATES		ALTERNATES	
NAME	**2015 CARD NO**	**NAME**	**2015 CARD NO**
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6		**AT LARGE DELEGATES**	
7		PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDERS DISTRICT COMMANDERS DIVISION COMMANDERS	
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AT LARGE VOTES TO BE CAST WITH PERSPECTIVE SQUADRON

_____ _____
Chairman of Squadron Delegation Squadron Commander

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Squadron Adjutant

Each Squadron is entitled to one (1) vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof

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2015 DETACHMENT CONVENTION
ADVANCE REGISTRATION

NAME_____SQ. NO._____

SQUADRON LOCATION_____

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION $25.00–ON SITE $35.00
UNDER 18 $5.00

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DEADLINE FOR ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS
JULY 9, 2015