

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FALL CONFERENCE—SEPT. 2010
AUSTIN, TX**

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 Executive Committee to convene on Saturday September 18, 2010 at 9:30AM and, if necessary, Sunday September 19, 2010 at 9:00AM in the Amphitheater Room at the Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Meeting and Hotel News

Where: Amphitheater Room, Omni Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX
512-383-2628. Room rates are \$85.00 per night plus tax. All room reservations must be made by August 9, 2010

When: Saturday, September 18, 2010 @ 9:30AM
Sunday, September 19, 2010 @ 9:00AM (If Necessary)

Agenda

You will find the agenda for the meetings enclosed

Commander's Comments

Please see the enclosed letter from Detachment Commander Paul for his notes and words of encouragement.

Adjutants Notes

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported to me as soon as they occur. This includes e-mail addresses. Please e-mail all correspondence if possible. All Squadrons and Districts need to make sure their certification of officers is turned in as soon as possible. This will help with our mailings. The minutes from the 2010 Detachment Convention are enclosed. Please read them and bring all corrections to this meeting in September. Please note, the Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 20-23, 2011 at the Omni Hotel. Our invited guest to that meeting will be Jim Roberts, candidate for National Commander, 2011-2012, from the Detachment of Florida. We may also have our National Commander, David Dew, if he is not traveling. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Odessa, Texas the weekend of June 22-26, 2011.

Finance

Remember, all reimbursements must have an attached voucher signed by the Commander and the Finance Officer. If you have any questions, my contact information is listed below:

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Awards Banquet

The awards dinner will be Saturday, September 18th, 2009 at Austin Post 83. The post is located just a short distance from the Omni Hotel. Leave the hotel and take the side street just south of the hotel and continue east until you reach the post. Cost will be \$20.00 per person and the dinner will be steak and shrimp. Dinner will be served from 6-8 PM. The awards presentation will start around 8:00 PM. Entertainment will follow the closing of the awards program.

Internet

Greetings! The new year brings new opportunities to improve over the last. We have a great tool available for you to use. Send us the flyer to events your Squadron is hosting and we will post it for you and advertise it across the state. If you have pictures or events you have hosted, send them with a description of who, what, where, etc. and we will post them all.

Gary Winters—Internet Chairman

Department Headquarters Policy

There have been some changes at Department Headquarters that we all need to observe. From this day forward or until further notice, these are the new policies that have been mandated. If anyone or any Squadron has complaints, concerns, issues or needs information concerning membership or any other matter, all comments and/or questions must go through the Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Winkelmann, or if he is not available next through Detachment Commander Gary Paul. All items must be in letter form or by e-mail, if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can be reached at 281-541-8642 cell, 713-896-4775 fax or e-mail at knwink@msn.com. Commander Paul can be reached at 940-566-6516 or e-mail at shirleygary@gmail.com. Please follow these new rules so that all issues can be resolved.

Detachment Historian

Attention SAL Historians in Texas:

I am Stan Crowder, your new Detachment Historian. I need all Squadrons, Districts and Divisions Historians to send me pictures of your special events and conventions. For those that do not know, there is a National History Contest. It is open to squadron, District and Detachment levels. Help me let the other Detachments know everything in Texas is bigger and better than anywhere else. I would like to see the highest number of entrants coming from Texas. You can forward any picture, along with a description and names of persons in the pictures directly to me through the mail or email. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you need my address to send your pictures. My email address is elvisremembered2000@yahoo.com or you can use the direct link to my email or the Detachment of Texas, Sons of The American Legion website. The website is www.saltexas.org, when there, go to Detachment info and then Detachment officers and click on my name. My phone number is 936-349-0891.

Stan Crowder
Detachment Historian



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I would like to start off by thanking you for electing me as your Detachment Commander for the year 2010-2011, as well as asking for your support throughout the term. I am looking forward to working with each of you

- 1. Membership:** 2011 cards are in; we need to work on collecting the dues and getting it turned in to department. Don't forget your Jr & Dual members. I know we all have heard it before, Membership is everyone's responsibility, so sign up all friends and family members that you know are eligible. **Gentlemen, Commander Sonnier set our Goals high last yr and we should like to "Thank Him" for a job well done; however I feel us the Great State of Texas needs to help our very own National Commander "David Dew" by setting & Achieving an even higher Goal this Year. So let's all work hard to show how great "Team Texas" is...**
- 2. Participation:** I would like to see representation of all Division Commanders, District Commanders and Squadrons at Fall & Mid-winter D.E.C., and Detachment Convention. Don't forget that all District Commanders now receive full call in for attending any or all Detachment D.E.C.s.
- 3. Projects:** Keep up the projects and programs that you have been running in your community's. Don't forget about Child Welfare, Josh Dog, Children's Miracle Network and Scottish Rite Hospitals. Keep up your hard work and Donations; we need support from each of you. **My Personal Project in the American Legion Family is Children & Youth.** I ask that each of you try to do one or more of the American Legion projects that are in: VA & R, Americanism or Children & Youth. **Reminder : "I have asked each of our chairmen to work on a special project within their committee" Americanism – Boys State; V A & R – Fisher House; Children & Youth – Josh dogs; CWF & CMN – will be just what it stands for; they will each give us approx. up to a 5min speech on what their respective project is about.**
- 4. Reports:** Keep track of all your Man Hours and Donations for VA & R, Americanism, and Children & Youth; this will help you when filling out your reports. Please take the time to fill out these reports and turn them in, so that each of you can receive the recognition that you deserve. If anyone needs help filling these reports out Please contact your District Commander or myself.

Reminder: I am available to speak at District Conventions, Hold Elections, Install Squadron Officers, and help with Starting a new Squadron. If you are holding a Benefit, Fund raiser or any type of Event Let me know, this would be a great time for me to visit your Squadron. Remember Give me an advance notice to any Event your Post maybe having and I will try my Best to attend it.

In closing I would like to thank you again for intrusting me with the position of this office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

For God & Country,

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FALL DEC

Opening Session	9:30
Call To Order	Commander Paul
Post Colors	Sgt-At-Arms Fernando Pacheco
Invocation	Chaplain Mike Stagg
Moment Of Silence	
Pledge Of Allegiance	Division 1 Commander Dan Paul
Preamble	Division 2 Commander Juan Torres
Roll Call	Adjutant Winkelmann
Reading of Minutes	Adjutant Winkelmann
Special Introductions	NEC McPeters
Committee Meetings (Immediately following recess of meeting)	Location TBD
Break For Lunch	
PDC Meeting	11:30 to 12:30
General Seesion Resumes	1:00 PM
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
NEC	Joe McPeters
Internet	Gary Winters
Legislative	Charlie Ward
Americanism	Joel Franklin
VA & R	John Q. Bell
Children & Youth	Steve Vandall
CMN/CWF	Marty Burns
Public Relations	Paul Miller
Marketing	Stan Blair

Convention City-----Wesley Jones

Boys State-----Bill Kuehner

Awards-----Jeff Alvis

PUFL-----Albert Arellano

Internal Affairs/Membership-----Robert Sonnier

Finance-----Clifton Guillary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Benediction-----Mike Stagg

Retire The Colors-----Sgt-At-Arms Fernando Pacheco

Adjournment-----Commander Paul

**IF ALL BUSINESS IS NOT COMPLETED BY 4:00PM SATURDAY, THE MEETING WILL
RECONVENE AT 9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING**

**DETACHMENT CONVENTION
BEAUMONT, TEXAS
JUNE 25-27, 2010**

FRIDAY JUNE 25, 2010

Meeting called to order by Commander Sonnier at 10:00AM. Following the posting of the colors, the pledge, prayer and preamble were asked for. The Commander then called the meeting to order. The Commander then asked the Adjutant for the roll call. All officers and chairmen were present except for 3rd Division Commander John Schendel(E), Historian Blake Plant and Judge Advocate David Patschke. All Chairmen were present except for Children & Youth Steve Vandall(E), Awards Jeff Alvis, PUFL Richard Bartholomew, Legislative Charlie Ward(E) and Public Relations. Districts present were 2C, 4C, 5, 6C, 7C, 9C, 10C,11,12C, 13, 14, 16C, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 36C, 50C, 71, 83C, 84, 96,182C, 208C, 220, 223, 231, 297, 321, 364, 430C, 447, 453C, 472C, 522C, 554, 569C, 592C, 598C, 618C, 654, 817C, 828 and 838C. It was stated that a quorum was present. Commander Sonnier then called for the reading of the previous minutes. A motion was made by Larry Black, 2nd by Joel Franklin to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

NEC McPeters then introduced our special guest, Mr. Rick Cook, Past National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, from the Detachment of Oklahoma. Mr Cook then approached the podium for his remarks.

NEC REPORT

NEC Joe McPeters came forward to give his report. He spoke to the body concerning the events that have occurred at the NEC meetings in Indianapolis. He told the body of resolutions that were voted on at the NEC. A full report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Joe McPeters to accept the report, 2nd by Mike Stagg. Motion passed

Commander Sonnier then made his appointments. Tracy Wood was appointed Credentials Chairman, Gary Winters was appointed acting Judge Advocate and Marty Burns was appointed acting Children & Youth Chairman.

Adjutant Winkelmann then gave some brief notes to the body. PDC Chatham then approached the podium for some remarks. The meeting then was recessed at 10:50 AM until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2010

Commander Sonnier called the meeting back into session at 9:35AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was then taken. All officers were present except for 3rd Division Commander John Schendel(E), Historian Blake Plant and Judge Advocate David Patschke. All chairmen were present except for Children & Youth Steve Vandall(E), PUFL Richard Bartholomew, Legislative Charlie Ward(E) and Public Relations Paul Miller. Districts present were 1C, 2C, 4C, 5, 6C, 7C, 8, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13, 14, 16C, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 36C, 50C, 71, 83C, 84C, 96, 179C,182C, 208C, 220, 223, 231, 245, 267, 297, 321, 364, 430C, 447, 453C, 472C, 521, 522C, 554, 569, 573, 578, 592C, 598C, 618C, 654, 817, 828 and 838C. Commander Sonnier then called for Department Advisor Mike Griffith to give his report.

Representatives from Boys State attended our meeting and brought very good information concerning Boys State and what it does for our young men. They also asked for our continued help and informed the body of new upcoming ideas for Boys State.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Mike Griffith gave his report to the body

BOYS STATE—Chairman Juan Torres gave his report. He reported on the just recent Boys State week in Austin. He stated that 627 boys attended Boys State. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Juan Torres to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Winters 2nd. Motion passed

CONVENTION CITY—Chairman Clifton Guillary gave his report. He thanked everyone for attending this convention. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Clifton Guillary to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Randall. Motion passed.

INTERNET—Chairman Gary Winters gave the report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Motion by Mr. Winters to accept the report, 2nd by Stan Crowder. Motion passed

First reading of Credentials—Chairman Tracy Wood gave the report. Total of 242 Delegates

RESOLUTIONS/LEGISLATIVE—Acting Chairman Gary Winters gave the report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Motion by Mr. Winters to accept the report, 2nd by Mike Stagg. Motion passed

PUFL—Acting Chairman Kevin Winkelmann gave the report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Mr. Winkelmann made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by David Blair. Motion passed

VA & R—Chairman John Bell gave the report. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. He gave a complete consolidated report from all reporting Squadrons. Mr. Bell made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ken Peters Jr.. Motion passed

PUBLIC RELATIONS—No report

AWARDS—Chairman Jeff Alvis gave the report. The following winners are:
MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----Larry Tausch Squadron 179
DUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----Mike Stagg Post 453
ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR-----Tracy Wood Squadron 208
ADVISOR OF THE YEAR-----Ben Zermeno Post 472
MOTHER OF THE YEAR-----Bertha Torres Unit 472
SAL BOYS STATER OF THE YEAR-----Christopher T. Wurtz Squadron 453

AMERICANISM—Chairman Joel Franklin gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Award winners for best report form; Squadron 453, District 10 and Division 2. Mr. Franklin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Mike Stagg. Motion passed

CHILDREN & YOUTH/CMN & CWF—Chairman Marty Burns gave the report. There was a motion made by Henry Kulow to donate the funds collected from passing the hat at this convention to The American Legion Children's Home. John Bell 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Marty then continued the report. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Award winners Squadron 533, 1-50 members, Squadron 447, 51-100 members and Squadron 453, 101 members and larger. Mr. Burns made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Tom Skelley. Motion passed

FINANCE—Chairman Gary Paul gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Finance Officer Slaughter also approached the podium for the report. There was some discussion concerning the National Officer's Campaign Fund. Mr. Paul made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Joe McPeters. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP—Chairman Albert Arellano Gave the report. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes. He stated that the Detachment is at 100%. Awards were handed out to all

Squadrons and Districts Chairman Arellano made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Larry Black. Motion passed.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE—Chairman Brad Pack gave the report. He spoke on David Dew's candidacy for National Commander, 2010-2011. A complete copy of the minutes are attached to these minutes. There was motion made by Ed Magers, 2nd by Gary Randall to donate \$2,500.00 to David's campaign. Motion passed. Motion by Brad Pack to accept the report, 2nd by Henry Kulow. Motion passed

MARKETING—Chairman Jeff Saul gave his report. He told of the sales he has accomplished over the past few months. A complete copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Jeff Saul to accept the report, 2nd by Jerry Bearid. Motion passed.

Detachment Commander Sonnier handed out certificates at this time to all officers and chairmen. Commander Sonnier then recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:30 AM

Commander Sonnier reconvened the meeting at 1:05

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT—Chaplain Mike Stagg gave his report. He thanked the body for their continued response to his asking for details about various member's illnesses and/or passing away of our members. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. Mike then made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Marty Burns Motion passed.

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT—A motion was made by Fernando Pacheco, 2nd by Joel Franklin to dispense with these reports. Motion passed. However, it was stated that if any Commander wanted to read their reports, they could come forward and present their report. There were some reports read; 1st Division, motion by Bill Kuehner, 2nd by Gary Randall. Passed. Squadron 223 gave their report, District 11 gave a report.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Motion was made by Bill Kuehner to pay for all 14 delegates plus two at-large delegate to the National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, WI. 2nd by Stan Crowder. This motion will also include alternate delegates as needed. Total cost will be \$315.00

DETACHMENT COMMANDER ROBERT SONNIER FINAL REPORT

Commander Sonnier gave his final report to the body. He was presented his Past Detachment Commander's pin after his report. A motion was made by Bill Kuehner to accept his report, 2nd by Gary Randall. Motion passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Squadron 83 spoke about a catfish dinner at the post on the Saturday of the DEC in September. Other announcements were made at this time. Commander Sonnier then asked the body for any individual who is running for an office that would like to address the floor.

After Adjutant notes, the meeting was recessed at 2:45PM

SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2010

Commander Sonnier reconvened the meeting at 9:15AM. Following the hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, Commander Sonnier called the meeting to order. The Adjutant then completed the roll call. All officers were present except for 3RD Division Commander John Schendel(E), Historian Blake Plant and Alternate NEC Milton Chatham(E). All Chairmen were present except for Children & Youth Steve Vandall(E), PUFL Richard Bartholomew, Legislative Charlie Ward(E) and Public Relations Paul Miller. Districts present were 1C, 2C, 4C, 5, 6C, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13, 14, 16C, 20C, 21C and 22C. Squadrons present were 36C, 50C, 71, 83C, 84C, 96, 179, 208C, 220, 223, 231, 267, 297, 321, 364, 430C, 447, 453C, 472C, 521, 522C, 554, 569C, 573C, 592C, 598C, 618C, 654, 817, 828 and 838C. A quorum was present. Commander Sonnier then called on Brad Pack, Campaign Chairman to give his report. See notes above. Marketing Chairman Jeff Saul and Finance Chairman Gary Paul amended their perspective reports.

CREDENTIALS—The final report of credentials was read by Chairman Tracy Wood. A total of 242 delegates was reported to the floor. Motion was made by Tracy Wood to accept the report, 2nd by Larry Black. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Judge Advocate proceeded into the election. The new officers elected are as follows:

COMMANDER-----GARY PAUL SQUADRON 71
1ST DIVISION-----DAN PAUL SQUADRON 96
2ND DIVISION-----JUAN TORRES SQUADRON 472
3RD DIVISION-----EARNEST BARNES SQUADRON 828
4TH DIVISION-----DAVID BLAIR SQUADRON 36
ADJUTANT-----KEVIN WINKELMANN SQUADRON 654
FINANCE OFFICER-----STEVE SLAUGHTER SQUADRON 297
HISTORIAN-----STAN CROWDER SQUADRON 84
CHAPLAIN-----MIKE STAGG SQUADRON 453
JUDGE ADVOCATE-----GARY WINTERS SQUADRON 231
SGT-AT-ARMS-----FERNANDO PACHECO JR. SQUADRON 569
ASST. SGT-AT-ARMS---BLAIR SANDERS SQUADRON 208
NEC-----JOE MCPETERS SQUADRON 453
ALT. NEC-----LARRY BLACK SQUADRON 453

Gary Winters made a motion, 2nd by , to release the Credentials Committee from their duties. Motion passed. Following the election, Past National Commander Rick Cook installed the new officers. After the installation, newly elected Detachment Commander Gary Paul addressed the floor with his comments. Following his comments, acting Children & Youth Chairman Marty Burns came forward for the CWF drawing. Winners of the drawing are as follows:

1ST PRIZE-----LAPTOP, BRET WATSON
2ND PRIZE-----TV, SQUADRON 453
3RD PRIZE-----BLUERAY, JIM RODRIGUEZ SQUADRON 592
4TH PRIZE-----SONY WALKMAN, JUDY STONE, POST 453
CHALLENGE PIN-----CONRAD ROBERSON POST 430

Brad pack then approached the podium for the drawing for the 50/50 drawing for the Campaign Fund. The winner will receive \$417.50 and \$417.50 goes to the Campaign Fund. The winner was Dan Parish, Post 593.

Final announcements were made. The Commander then called for the prayer and final words followed by the retirement of the colors. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.

POST DEC MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 11:00AM. Commander read the new appointments for the Committees. A motion was made by Gary Randall, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept the appointments. Motion passed. Motion was made by PDC Winters, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew to make a recommendation to the Department of Texas to keep Mike Griffith as the Department Advisor. Motion passed. Following some brief announcements by the Adjutant and being no further business, Commander Paul adjourned the meeting at 11:35AM

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2010-2011**

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All 4 Vice Commanders

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Stan Blair Chairman
Jeff Saul 4th District Commander
Gary Randall PDC

PUFL

Albert Arellano Chairman
Kevin Winkelmann, Brad Pack
Milton Chatham, Larry Black

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