

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FALL CONFERENCE—SEPT. 2026 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 26, 2026, at 9:00 AM and Sunday September 27, 2026, at 9:30AM in the San Antonio Room at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Meeting and Hotel News

Where: Renaissance Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd., Austin, TX 78759 512-343-2626

Room rates are \$159.00 per night plus tax. All room reservations must be made by Sept. 6, 2026

When: Saturday, September 26, 2026 @ 9:00AM

Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 9:30AM

Agenda

You will find the agenda for the meetings enclosed.

Commander's Comments

Please see the enclosed letter from Detachment Commander Parnell 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 2026 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 on January 23-24, 2027, at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Austin, Texas over the weekend of July 9-11, 2027.

Finance

Greetings everyone. I plan to email our officers, Committee Chairman and PDC's around the end of August to request your confirmation for Fall DEC. Please respond by Tuesday September 8th. I need to have the list to Bill West shortly after that. If you have not received my email by Labor Day weekend, please contact me at 210-269-7951 or georgealva2000@yahoo.com. Any confirmations after Labor Day weekend will be paid after the meeting. So, reply as soon as you see my email. George Alva, Detachment Finance Officer

Awards Banquet

The awards dinner that normally happens this weekend will be held Saturday September 26, 2026 starting at 5:00 PM and the location is Post 447 in Round Rock

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 or District 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—Webmaster

Public Relations

Please remember to take advantage of the Sons of The American Legion-Detachment of Texas Facebook page and the SAL web page, saltexas.org, to promote your Squadron's events and activities. You can forward the information to Gary Winters at thumper.mia231@yahoo.com and he will get them posted. Also, please forward your pictures and stories of these events to me so I can document the year and share with others all that we do with the Sons.

JT Thomas
Public Relations Chairman
Raul Garcia
Detachment Historian

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 Ed Parnell. All items must be in letter form or by e-mail, if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can be reached at 817-994-7394 cell, 832-548-1728 home or e-mail at knwink@msn.com. Please follow these rules so that all issues can be resolved.

FALL DEC

OPENING SESSION, SEPT. 26-----9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER PARNEILL

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS GATTIS

INNOVATION-----CHAPLAIN HENDERSON

Moment Of Silence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----DIVISION 3 COMMANDER BAKER

PREAMBLE-----DIVISION 2 COMMANDER FOWLER

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS-----NEC KUEHNER

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECESS -----LOCATION TBD

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEC-----BILL KUEHNER

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS-----JT THOMAS

LEGISLATIVE-----KEVIN JOHNSON

VE & E-----BRET KLEEPSIES

AMERICANISM-----KEVIN BAKER

VA & R-----JEAN MAXWELL

CHILDREN & YOUTH-----MICHAEL CARRIGER

MARKETING-----RAY HARTLINE

MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL AFFAIRS-----LEWIS ELAM

FINANCE-----TIM WEBB

THE MEETING WILL RECESS AT THIS POINT AND RECONVENE SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN HENDERSON

RECESS OF THE COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS GATTIS

ADJOURNEMENT-----COMMANDER PARNELL

DETACHMENT CONVENTION
AUSTIN, TEXAS
JULY 10-12, 2026

FRIDAY JULY 10, 2026

Meeting called to order by Commander Dorsett at 1:15 PM. 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 for all Squadron Commanders to stand and be recognized. He also asked for all Squadron Commanders that were here for the first time to stand and be recognized. The Commander then asked the Adjutant for the roll call. All officers were present except for Historian Garcia and 4th Division Commander, excused. All Chairmen were present. Districts present were 2C, 3C, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 16C, 18C, 19C, 20, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12, 50, 54, 57, 62, 89C, 95C, 120C, 122C, 133C, 143C, 166C, 179, 198C, 208C, 231, 245, 283C, 297C, 319C, 321C, 430C, 439, 447, 453, 472, 511C, 522, 539, 550, 573C, 593, 597C, 618C, 624C, 654, 817C and 838C. It was stated that a quorum was present. Commander Dorsett then called for the reading of the previous minutes. A motion was made by Tim Webb, 2nd by Kevin Baker to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

American Legion National Commander Dan Wiley, from the Department of Kansas, came forward to bring greetings to the body. He thanked the SAL for their hard and continuous work. He also put on his SAL cap while he spoke to the body. His remarks were well received.

Commander Dorsett then appointed Tim Webb, as Chairman of the Credentials Committee, with members Shannon Boyce and Michael Carriger, where all individuals volunteered. Henry Creech made a motion to accept the appointments and to issue their pay per diem, second by JT Thomas. Motion passed

Director of Internal Affairs Mike Simon came forward to bring greetings and some fabulous comments. He then asked everyone to show their SAL applications or get fined \$1.00. He asked the body "Why did you join the SAL"? Great question. His comments were well received.

Commander Dorsett then asked the Parliamentarian to come forward for Constitution and By-Laws changes, plus reading of resolutions. At this time there was nothing to report. A full report will be read tomorrow, Saturday

Commander Dorsett then read the full list of committees and meeting times. He asked that all District Commanders help with missing members of the various committees. It was stated that the first reading of credentials would be presented on Saturday along with the second reading.

Adjutant Winkelmann then gave some brief notes to the body. The meeting then was recessed at 2:00 PM until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY JULY 11, 2026

Commander Dorsett called the meeting back into session at 9:30AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, the meeting was called to order. Roll call was then taken. All officers were present less 4th Division Commander, excused. All chairmen were present. Districts present were 1, 2C, 3C, 4C, 5C, 6, 7C, 8, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 17C, 18C, 19C, 20, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12, 50, 54, 62, 88, 89C, 93, 95C, 120C, 122C, 133C, 143C, 166C, 172, 179, 198C, 208C, 231, 243C, 245, 283C, 291, 297C, 300, 319C, 321C, 364, 424, 426, 430, 447, 453, 472, 490, 493, 511C, 522, 550, 569, 573C, 593, 597C, 618C, 624C, 654, 817C and 838C. It was stated that a quorum was present.

Luke Moody, from the Camp Hope location in San Antonio, came forward to talk to the body about Camp Hope and PTSD. He informed everyone about the work that Camp Hope does for their Veterans. The words were very heart wrenching. His information was truly inspirational. Donations were then presented to Luke from the body.

Commander Dorsett then asked NEC Kuehner to come forward to introduce our special guest, Bill Clancy, National SAL Commander. From the Detachment of New York. Commander Clancy then brought greetings to the body and thanked the Detachment for everything we do for our organization. He was presented with some gifts from Detachment Commander Dorsett. His remarks were well received.

Past Department President Christine Trahan came forward to make a presentation to Camp Hope in the name of her son. She also spoke to the body about her feelings for Camp Hope and what it meant to her and her family.

Detachment Commander Joe Guidice, Detachment of New York, came forward to bring greetings to the body. His remarks were well received. He thanked the Detachment for having him at our convention.

NEC---NEC Kuehner came forward to give his report. He reported on various items from the past NEC meeting in Indianapolis this past May. He stated that the meetings were held at National headquarters. He also spoke about his trip to the Washington Conference in March. Also reported on other items from different Detachments and what is going on in the National Organization. Bill made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by JT Thomas. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON—Advisor Perkins came forward to give his report to the body. Jeff spoke to the body concerning their bike ride to the National Convention in Louisville which helps support the Birdwell Foundation and their PTSD foundation. He spoke about his meetings with various Squadrons throughout the Detachment. He thanked

CREDENTIALS---Chairman Tim Webb came forward to give the report. The first report of Credentials was read to the body for information and voting strength.

LEGISLATIVE—Chairman Johnson came forward to give the report. Chairman Johnson spoke to the body on various bills that are in the works to help support Veteran's issues, their needed help, and healthcare. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Ed Parnell made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ray Hartline. Motion passed.

PUFL—Chairman Winkelmann gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Kevin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by JT Thomas. Motion passed.

VA & R—Chairman Jean Maxwell came forward to give the report. He started his report with his trip to Camp Hope and spoke to the body about his tour. He then spoke on the organization called Texas Veterans Commission and the various Veterans Homes throughout the state. His next topic was GreenSuiters Outdoors. A program that supports Veterans with outdoor hunts. He stated that 2 veterans participated in the hunt. Another one of his topics was about the Kerrville Flood and the help that everyone gave to Squadron 208. Eddy Seegers came forward to bring information to the Detachment about the National VA & R Commission. PDC Fowler came forward to speak about the AS YMCA Ft. Hood programs. Commander Dorsett stated that the Detachment donated \$3,000.00 to Ft. Bliss for the school supplies program. Chairman Maxwell then gave the names of the award winners. He stated that the small Squadron winner was Squadron 418 Troup, medium Squadron went to Squadron 624 Mansfield, and the large Squadron winner was Squadron 208 Kerrville. District 6 won the top District Award. The winner of the David Dew VA & R Award is Wade Doud. He gave the total hours and monies donated to the body. Max then made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by George Alva. Motion passed. A resolution was read to the body concerning a donation of \$2500.00 per year to Camp Hope, starting in the year 2027. JT Thomas made a motion to accept the resolution, 2nd by Jerry Renard. Motion failed

Department Commander Rich Huntley came forward to bring greetings to the body. He spoke to the body about the accomplishments that the Detachment continuously does for our parent organization, The American Legion. He also spoke about the importance of getting new members to our meetings. His words were very well received.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Chairman Laughing came forward to give the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. His first item on the agenda was about using the internet and the importance of using our website. Wolf spoke to the body on how to make sure you get the information that is presented to you. Be more vocal and put your information out to everyone. His next item was the importance of public relations and the importance of communication. Gary Winters, as Webmaster, then talked to the body about the importance of using the media part of what is available. Motion by Tim Webb to accept the report, 2nd by Lewis Elam. Motion passed.

Our special guest Medal of Honor Recipient Doc Ballard talked to the body about the importance of helping each of us with questions and concerns about obtaining information on healthcare and funeral expenses. He also spoke to the body about PTSD and helpful suggestions. His website is Triumphant Foundation

Commander Dorsett then recessed the meeting for lunch. Time was 12:08 PM

Commander Dorsett called the meeting back to order at 1:30 PM

AWARDS—Chairman Dustin Fowler gave the report. The following winners are:
MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----DALE LABINE, SQUADRON 597
DUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR-----JOSEPH A JOHNSON, SQUADRON 597
ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR-----ROY FOWLER, SQUADRON 573
ADVISOR OF THE YEAR-----ADOLF VALLEGO, POST 447
ANN HARTLINE/MAMIE HUGHES MOTHER OF THE YEAR---DONITA WINTERS, UNIT 231
SAL BOYS STATER OF THE YEAR-----TIM BORTHS, SQUADRON 554
DAVID DEW VA & R OF THE YEAR-----WADE DOUD, SQUADRON 208
Motion made by Tim Webb, second by Lewis Elam to accept his report. Motion passed.

AMERICANISM—Chairman Kevin Baker came forward to give the report. He stated that the Americanism results were incredible for the number of reports received. He then announced the Squadron Americanism winners who were small Squadron was Richardson 517, medium Squadron Dallas 424 and large Squadron was Harker Heights 573. The district winner was the 6th District. He then reported the total results for the year. He also reported on Flying Flags for Heroes and the winners were announced. He also spoke about Boys State. There were 1042 young men that attended Boys State. A complete list of accomplishments is attached to these minutes. Tim Webb then made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Parnell, Motion passed.

MARKETING—Member Tracy Wood gave the report. He spoke to the body about possibly selling old shirts at a discount rate and looking for new colors of shirts. He stated that sales are going very well. A complete report is attached to these minutes Tim Webb made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Lewis Elam. Motion passed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH/ CWF—Chairman Michael Carriger, Children & Youth and Tim Webb, Vice Chairman, gave the report. They gave a brief rundown of all the reports turned in. Squadron 243 Mt. Vernon came forward to make a donation to COTA. They presented a check for \$3,120.10 which was donated to COTA. The award winners are as follows: Large Dallas 453, Medium Carrollton 597, Small Mount Vernon 243 and District 5 as the best district. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Tracy Wood, member of the National Children & Youth Committee, came forward to talk about items the National Committee is working on. Motion by Dale Labine to accept the report, 2nd by George Alva. Motion passed.

Cody Rogers came forward with the purpose of a presentation. He presented \$3,000.00 to AS YMCA Child Care Services and \$3000.00 to Camp Hope. He also spoke about his Patriot Paws Program, service dogs for the Veterans.

Department President Leigh-Anne Stewart came forward to bring greetings. She told the body how much she appreciates the SAL and much she enjoyed working with Detachment Commander Dorsett. Her words were very well received by the body.

VE & E---Chairman Kleepsies came forward to give his report. He asked if PDC Kingston to join him at the podium. Various items were dispatched to the body. PDC Kingston, National Vice Chairman of the VE & E Commission talked to the body about the Marvin Naye Award and Veteran's Employment in the workforce. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Tim Webb made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jerry Renard . Motion passed.

FINANCE---Chairman Elam gave the report. He read the conditions of the budget for the body and how it will be funded. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Lewis Elam, 2nd by George Alva. Motion passed.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND---Finance Director Hartline came forward to give the report. He stated that the fund has \$39,000.00 in the account. Motion by Tim Webb to accept the report, 2nd by JT Thomas. Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP---Chairman Ed Parnell gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. He spoke to the body on all the Detachment achievements accomplished this past membership year. 100% Membership Caps and Pins will be presented to all 100% Squadrons. It was requested to check into pricing for new flag poles and stands for the Detachment Flags for a future purchase. Tim Webb made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by JT Thomas. Motion passed. Chairman Parnell read a resolution concerning membership dues increase at \$1.00 per year at every other year for a period of 10 years starting in the 2028 membership year. JT Thomas made a motion to accept, 2nd by Lewis Elam. Motion passed.

SQUADRON, DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT---One report was given for District 14.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Motion was made by Bill Kuehner to pay for all 19 delegates at a cost of \$35 per delegate for a total of \$665.00 plus alternate delegates (total to be determined) at a cost of \$35.00 each and guests (to be determined) at \$35.00 at a cost of \$35.00 each. Total delegate to be determined and presented to the body via email. 2nd by Lewis Elam. Motion passed.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER KEN DORSETT FINAL REPORT

Commander Dorsett gave his final report to the body. He was presented with his Past Detachment Commander's pin after his report. A motion was made to accept his report by Adjutant Kevin Winkelmann, 2nd by N.E.C. Bill Kuehner. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS---None

NEW BUSINESS--- A Resolution was presented to the body by Kevin Winkleman to create a Welcoming committee to greet all new members or first-time attendees to the Detachment Convention and D.E.C.'s. A motion was made by Adjutant Kevin Winkleman ,2nd by PDC Roy Fowler to accept the resolution. Motion passed. A recommendation was made to get a banner for the Welcoming table, and it was discussed to get that completed. Brett Kleepsies has volunteered to make that banner. It was also discussed to purchase a stand-up

sign for the Welcoming Table. A motion was made by Bill Kuehner to create a \$1,200 revolving account for John Kingston to travel to National Convention, Washington Conference and one NEC meeting for purpose of running for National Vice Commander Southeast. The motion was second by Gary Winters. Under discussion, there was a motion made to amend the original motion to create a \$2,700.00 revolving account in lieu of the original \$1200.00 account, for any future candidate for National Vice Commander. Motion was made by Bill Kuehner, 2nd by Henry Creech. The amendment passed. The original motion was then voted on and approved.

A proposed change to the C&BL was brought before the body by Gary Winters and Parliamentarian Roy Fowler, Change is attached to the minutes. Motion was made by Kevin Winkleman to accept the proposed new C & BL with 2 changes, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—There were many announcements made from the floor concerning the various Squadron and Post events. Bill Kuehner announced that the National Emergency Relief Fund was made eligible to the Sons of The American Legion members.

After Adjutant notes, the meeting was recessed at 4:03PM

SUNDAY JULY 12, 2026

Commander Dorsett reconvened the meeting at 9:11AM. Following the hand salute to the colors, prayer and pledge, Commander Dorsett called the meeting to order. The Adjutant then completed the roll call. All officers were present less 4th Division Commander, excused. All Chairmen were present less VA & R Chairman Maxwell, excused. Districts present were 1, 2C, 3C, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8, 9C, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13C, 14C, 15C, 16C, 18C, 19C, 20, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12, 50C, 54, 57, 62, 88, 89C, 93, 95C, 120C, 122C, 133C, 143C, 166, 172, 179, 198C, 208C, 231, 243C, 245, 283, 291, 297C, 300, 319C, 321C, 364, 424, 426, 430, 447, 453, 472, 490, 511C, 522, 539, 560, 573C, 586, 593, 597C, 618C, 624C, 654, 817C and 838C. A quorum was present

CREDENTIALS—The final report of credentials was read by the Credentials Committee. A total of 282 delegates were reported to the floor. Motion was made by JT Thomas, 2nd by Lewis Elam to accept the report and to release the Committee from their duty Motion passed.

Bill Kuehner made a motion to re-open New Business, 2nd by JT Thomas. Motion passed. Bill then asked for the reading of the motion to create an account for Jon Kingston including future National Officers for clarity. Jon Kingston made a motion to give an extra one day per diem to Bill Kuehner, 2nd by Tom Arista. Motion passed. Americanism Chairman Baker came to the podium to present a resolution for Boys State. The resolution will be in these minutes. A motion was made by Chairman Baker to accept the resolution, 2nd by JT Thomas. Motion passed

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The temporary/stand in Parliamentarian proceeded into the election. The new officers elected are as follows:

COMMANDER-----ED PARNELL SQUADRON 120
1ST DIVISION-----TIM WEBB SQUADRON 597
2ND DIVISION-----DUSTIN FOWLER SQUADRON 573
3RD DIVISION-----KEVIN BAKER SQUADRON 245
4TH DIVISION-----ANDY BROWNING WEATHERFORD 163
ADJUTANT-----KEVIN WINKELMANN SQUADRON 654
FINANCE OFFICER-----GEORGE ALVA SQUADRON 593
HISTORIAN-----RAUL GARCIA SQUADRON 172
CHAPLAIN-----BRAD HENDERSON SQUADRON 245
PARLIMATARIAN-----ROY FOWLER SQUADRON 573
SGT-AT-ARMS-----NICOLAZ GATTIS SQUADRON 618
ASST. SGT-AT-ARMS—JUAN TORRES JR. SQUADRON 472

NEC-----BILL KUEHNER SQUADRON 297
ALT. NEC-----LEWIS ELAM SQUADRON 453

Installation of Newly Elected Detachment Officers was performed by National Commander Bill Clancy.

Newly elected Detachment Commander Ed Parnell came forward to speak to the body. He was then presented with his Detachment cover and his badge.

Following Detachment Commander Parnell's comments, 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 10:55 AM.

POST DEC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:06AM by Detachment Commander Parnell. Commander Parnell read the new appointments for the Committees. A motion was made by Tim Webb, 2nd by Roy Fowler, to accept the appointments. Some changes were noted. Motion passed. Following some brief announcements by the Adjutant and there being no further business, Commander Parnell adjourned the meeting at 11:15AM



THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN TRIPLICATE

(All copies are to be submitted to the Detachment Adjutant
under the proper time restrictions.)

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS, THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING _____

(or) DETACHMENT CONVENTION ASSEMBLED _____ JULY 10-12, 2026

RESOLUTION

No. 2 Title: DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion,
and the Sons of The American Legion supports many of The American Legion programs
and programs of their own; and

WHEREAS, These programs include Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs and
Rehabilitation, Americanism and Veterans Education and Employment; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion provides funds for these various
programs; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, currently provides
\$9,000.00 for AS YMCA for two different military bases, provides up to \$2,500.00 for
Flags For Heroes, \$1,000.00 scholarship for Texas Boy Scout of the Year and \$1,000.00
scholarship for Texas Baseball MVP at the State Tournament; and

TO BE FILLED IN BY THE RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

Approval Recommended: Approved

Rejection Recommended: 7-11-26

Referral to: membership

Other Action: committee

Signature of Resolutions Chairman: _____

SUBMITTED BY:

RECEIVED BY:

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas will have additional programs to support in the future such as Camp Hope Foundation, Texas Boys State and additional military bases for AS YMCA; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, will increase dues by \$1.00 per year for the following years, 2027-2028, 2029-2030, 2031-2032, 2033-2034 and 2035-2036; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the funds raised from these dues increase will be used only to support the current programs in place and future programs as voted on and supported by the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas.

RESOLUTION

TITLE: Creating a department level Welcoming Committee

Submitted By:

WHEREAS, The following organizations, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion make up the "Legion Family"; and

WHEREAS, At all levels of the "Legion Family" we depend on retaining members and getting new members into the organizations; and

WHEREAS, We desire to make all members of all the organizations feel valued and a part of the organization; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous new members and first-time attendees at department meetings, who have no knowledge of the events or the meetings and feel like outsiders; and

WHEREAS, A welcoming committee be created and tasked to identify new and first-time attendees at all department meetings, assigning them a mentor to escort them around, explain the various meetings and events and introduce them to other members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas in Annual Convention assembled in Austin, Texas, July 10 – 12, 2026; That the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas create a Welcoming Committee at the Detachment Level; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Welcome Committee be responsible at all Detachment meetings to greet all new and first-time attendees at the meeting, escort them to the meetings and events, introduce them to other members, making them feel valued and at ease; and be it further

RESOLVED, The department level organizations of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary be encouraged to form a welcoming committee in their organization; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That all posts, units and squadrons are encouraged to create a welcoming committee to greet new members, explain the organization to the new members, to make them feel welcome and valued in the post, unit or squadron.

MOTIONED Mrs. Acapaco
July 11, 2026

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2026-2027

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