

**NEC REPORT
JULY 10, 2026
DETACHMENT CONVENTION**

There were 6 members from the Detachment of Texas that met in Washington D.C. for the Washington conference. We laid wreaths at the World War 1 memorial and Iwa Jima memorial. We visited several memorials where wreaths were placed by many Detachments.

In May we converged in Indianapolis for the NEC spring meetings. This meeting was quite different because we met in the NEC room at National Headquarters. It was my first visit to headquarters and was very impressed with the history of our great organization. After the usual opening by Commander Clancy, the Resolutions Committee Chairman, Ned Fox, addressed the body with several resolutions, one of which was to abolish the SAL Finance Commission, he then called for an Executive Order to have all members who were not part of the NEC to leave the room for the purposes of taking a vote on the resolution, after lengthy discussion the motion was tabled for further review. This was the first time that I have seen executive order called at any NEC meeting. The Chairman of the Americanism Commission then took the floor for the purposes of giving a Lifetime Achievement Award to PNC JR Stillwell for his dedication to the Sons of the American Legion. This award will be given annually in JR's name, The JR Stillwell Lifetime Achievement Award. The Legion also made the Sons eligible to receive funds from the National Emergency Fund. We can now go through the process to receive funds up to \$3000 to go towards things for immediate needs such as food, clothing, housing, baby food and diapers etc. It is not meant to help pay bills or make repairs after a catastrophic event such as what happened in Kerrville last July.

This years National Convention will be held in Louisville Kentucky, where our very own candidate for National Commander, Thom Skelley will be elected and take the reigns in hand and move our organization to the next level just like all the past National Commanders have.

For God and Country
Bill Kuehner
National Executive Committeeman

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The Marketing meeting was held July 10, 2026, at the marketing Desk at 2:15 PM.

The following members were present: Chaiman Ray Hartline, Tracy Wood, and Roy Fowler.

Discussed at our meeting was the color of 2026-2027 shirts will be sand.

Total money raised at Midwinter was \$1463.00.

We will be reporting the total monies raised at the Detachment Convention in September 2026.

Meeting was concluded at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Hartline, Chairman

Marketing

TX SAL Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – Detachment 2026 Convention

Finance Committee Meeting was held in Detachment Convention Meeting Room at 11 am on 1st Convention Day, July 10, 2026.

Members in attendance were Lewis Elam, Kevin Winkelmann, Jon Kingston, David Blair, Ken Dorsett, and Steve Slaughter. Guests attending were Tim Webb and Denis Parker

Finance Chairman Lewis Elam called meeting to order. The Fall and Midwinter Finance Meeting Minutes were provided for review.

Discussed plans to present our Detachment's 2026-2027 Budget proposal to Legion ten days prior to Fall DEC scheduled to start September 23, 2026.

It was decided that the budget needs to be completed by September 1st for Finance Committee review and acceptance. Committee Member Slaughter was asked by Committee to assist if necessary to meet Legion's requested date.

Adjutant Winkelmann has been recognized by Department Adjutant Bill West to speak at the Legion's Budget Meeting to present our 2026-2027 Detachment Budget.

According to Legion's financial report provided by Department Adjutant Bill West, the Detachment has Net Income of \$28,075.47 based on Income of \$91,479.64 and Expenses of \$63,404.17. This is based on what has been reported at this time.

Chairman Elam asked for any further discussion and there was none so meeting was closed.

Submitted by Lewis Elam, Detachment Finance Committee Chairman

The American Legion Dept of Texas Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2026

	<u>SAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS		
Checking/Savings		
301000 · Eagle Bank SA Operating Acct	80,105.25	80,105.25
Total Eagle Bank - 1870	80,105.25	80,105.25
UFCU - 0483		
104010 · UFCU GF Savings- 0483	0.00	0.00
304010 · University FCU SAL PUFL	63,501.65	63,501.65
Total UFCU - 0483	63,501.65	63,501.65
Vanguard - 1930		
305010 · Vanguard Sons of AL Operating	61,797.90	61,797.90
305020 · Vanguard Sons of AL PUFL	-1,649.41	-1,649.41
Total Vanguard - 1930	60,148.49	60,148.49
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Long Term Liabilities		
Deferred Dues - Liability		
322100 · Deferred Dues SA	-8,215.00	-8,215.00
Total Deferred Dues - Liability	-8,215.00	-8,215.00
Equity		
029999 · Beginning Balance Equity	0.00	0.00
Net Assets-Beginning of Period		
350010 · Fund Balance SAL	21,630.86	21,630.86
Total Net Assets-Beginning of Period	21,630.86	21,630.86
Reserves Fund		
350110 · Reserves Fund SAL	2,699.62	2,699.62
Total Reserves Fund	2,699.62	2,699.62

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2026

The Legislative group met May 13, 2026 Chairman Kevin Johnson, Jesse Richardson, Milton Chatham

THE WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT ACT

Thirty five national veterans groups urged Congress to pass legislation requiring the Department of Veteran Affairs to pass the "WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT ACT" which requires written consent from patients before prescribing certain psychiatric medications.

Legislation states that the veteran should be fully informed about drug risk prior to being prescribed. The Written Informed Consent Act would mandate that veterans receive clear and comprehensive about antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications and other drugs for treating mood disorders, including the potential risks for suicidal thoughts and behaviors, supporters said.

Currently, verbal disclosures or limited written information may accompany these prescriptions, according to the lawmakers.

The Bill would establish a standardized written consent form outlining potential adverse effects. Veterans or their caregivers also would receive in writing a summary of risk, benefits and alternative treatments.

ADVANCED ARMED FORCES LETHALITY(HR 3151 ship building and harbor infrastructure)

Maintain U.S. military superiority through modernization.
Congress must increase defense R&D funding.
Invest in the national Defense Strategy.
Expand shipbuilding capacity.
Secure critical minerals through domestic and allied supply chains.

END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Veteran homelessness stems from complex, interrelated challenges requiring a comprehensive response.

Congress must: Increase project-based HUD-VASH vouchers.

Permanently authorize Supportive Services for veterans families.

Fully fund the grant per diem program as authorized.

Beaumont Mayors Coalition Committee (President Cheryl Williams Chairman) (Clifton Guillory at large) has partnered with a local attorney

Brent Coon to start a tiny home community for homeless veterans.

Still in planning stages. Property has already been donated. Continuing to participate in stand downs for veterans to get access to services.

Respectfully, Kevin Johnson Legislative Chair, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 817 Commander Beaumont Texas



**Sons Of The American Legion Detachment of Texas
Americanism Report Date: 7/10/2026 thru 7/12/2026**

The Americanism Committee met on July 11th at 2:10 P.M. in the Austin Renaissance Hotel. In attendance was Committee Chairman Kevin Baker, Committee members: 14th District Commander/Detachment Chaplain Brad Henderson and Nick Arevalo, Guest: Ken Peters 6th District Commander, Chris Griggs Squadron 426 Commander, Ron Menge Squadron 539 Adjutant. Excused PDC Gary Randall and Albert Arellano.

With the CSR reports from Detachment Adjutant Kevin Winkleman we compiled the data for the Squadron's with the Most Donations and Service Hours. Results for the compilations were broken down into the following categories: Small Squadrons with a membership of 50 members or less, Medium Squadrons 51 members to 100 members and Large Squadrons 100 members and more.

The following is the outcome: Small Squadron Winner: Squadron 517 Richardson, Medium Squadron Winner: Squadron 424 Dallas and Large Squadron Winner: Squadron 573 Harker Heights. District Winner: District 6 Joshua.

With the information on the CSR's the State of Texas Son's of the American Legion have donated approx. \$974,550.00 and 3,144,492 in Service Hours. Good work gentleman!

The committee also recognized Squadrons Who placed flags using the same method as most donated hours. Squadrons with up to 50 members placing 1000 flags Bellmead, Squadrons with 51-100 members placing 3,260 flags Squadron 321 Elmo and Squadrons with 100 members+ placed 3500 flags Midland.

Kevin Baker read a resolution to raise Son's Dues by \$1.00 authored by Detachment Adjutant Kevin Winkleman. The committee unanimously approved the resolution to be read at the Detachment Convention where it was well received.

Reports:

Boy's State held the 85th Annual convention with 1042 participants this year! Boys State award recipient Tim Borths the current director with 35 years of experience.

Oratorical: Anoushka Rai Post 178 Frisco, TX. won both District/Division winning \$4000.00 in scholarships and participated in the National competition.

Junior Shooting: Air Rifle Precision Class Mackenzie Pruden representing Post 295 Elgin, TX. and Mataya Turner representing Grandbury MCROTC a High School program won the state of Texas competition. The 2 marksmen have officially won their way through qualification rounds and are advancing to the National Championship which takes place July 23rd-25th 2026 at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Baseball: The State tournament will be held at League City, Texas this year from July 21st through July 25th 2026. The 99th World Series will be held at Keeter Stadium August 13-18th 2026. League City finished National runners up reaching the championship game in 2025.

Boy Scouts: Now operating as **Scouting America**. Post 593 had one Eagle Scout this year Dante Baker. Squadrons that have continued to support by financial backing, volunteer leadership, event support and sponsorship/charter Scouting America Squadron 447 Round Rock (Cub Scouts), Squadron 217 Bonham (Pack 177 Cub Scouts) and Squadron 416 Houston (Sponsors multiple Cub Scout Packs)

Chairman's Comments: Flying Flags for Heroes is a 365 day a year participation. This program aims to honor Military service and inspire community Patriotism! We have flags available to place at gravesites of those who have gone before us securing the freedoms we enjoy today. The flags are free 200 ea. will be shipped upon your request. Contact me at brncosanantonio@yahoo.com and I will send you the details so that you may secure yours.

Motion was made by 14th District Commander Brad Henderson to adjourn and seconded by Nick Arrevalo
Time 4:35 P.M.

I would like to thank our 2025-2026 Americanism Committee members: Vice Chair Zach Jennings, 3rd Division Commander Nick Arevalo, 14th District Commander Brad Henderson, 15th District Commander Aurelio Garcia, PDC Albert Arellano and PDC Gary Randall.

I would like to welcome our 2026-2027 Americanism Committee members: Vice Chair Zach Jennings, 14th District Commander Bobby Deleon, 9th District Commander Nick Arevalo, 15th District Commander Aurelio Garcia, 4th District Commander RJ Waller, PDC Bill Kuehner and Albert Arellano.

In conclusion let's get some more participation from District's turning in CSR's we only had 5ea. participants this time. Please remember the importance of the completion and timely submission of your CSR's! Looking forward to another stellar year!

Respectfully submitted by: Kevin Baker, Americanism Committee Chairman.



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. 3 Title: TEXAS AMERICAN LEGION BOY'S STATE

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

WHEREAS, One of the programs supported by The American Legion is Boys State; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion recruits many of their members from Boys
State; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Texas supports and funds the Texas
Boy's State program; and

TO BE FILLED IN BY THE RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

Approval Recommended: Approved

Rejection Recommended: Americanism

Referral to: Committee

Other Action: 7-12-26

Signature of Resolutions Chairman:

SUBMITTED BY:

RECEIVED BY:

- **WHEREAS,** The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas will have additional funds due to a dues increase to start in 2027, and part of that dues increase can be used for this beneficial program to help The American Legion, Department of Texas offset their increasing cost to operate; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, intends to support The American Legion, Department of Texas Boy's State program with a yearly donation of \$2,500.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the donation will be presented at either the Fall DEC or Mid-Winter Conference starting in 2027.

How did your Squadron, County, District or
Detachment celebrate America 250?



Your SAL National Americanism Commission wants to see!

Please share pictures or testimonies for a presentation at the

2026 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky

Send to Herman Downer Jr. (Detachment of NY) –

National Americanism Consultant

dnyamericanism@gmail.com

Deadline for submission is August 21st

Please include Squadron, County, District and Detachment

Awards Committee

Met at 2:15pm on July 10th, 2026

Chairman Dustin Fowler

7th District Commander Jerry Rennard

PDC Steve Slaughter

Award Winners

S.A.L. Member of the Year- Dale Labine of Squadron 597

Dual Member of the Year- Joseph A. Johnson of Squadron 597

Adjutant of the Year- Roy Fowler of Squadron 573

Advisor of the Year- Adolf Vallego of Squadron 447

Mother of the Year- Donita Winters of Unit 231

Awards will be Given at the Awards Banquet at Fall DEC, September 26th

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chairman Michael Carriger at 3:30 pm on July 10, 2026, outside of main meeting room.

Members present: Chairman Michael Carriger, Vice Chair Tim Webb, 10th District Commander Jay Jernigan, PDC Tom Arista.

Guest Present: PDC Brad Pack.

Since there was no application received for the Children and Youth grant, the Committee voted to split the line item between Special Olympics, Children's Miracle Network, Ronald McDonald House, Cota, and TAL each receiving a \$200 donation from Detachment of Texas.

The Committee received a donation from Squadron 243 Mt. Vernon for \$3100.

Next order of business was to total CSR for 2026 and Pick winning Squadrons.

Totals:	CWF	\$20,862	1319 hrs.
	Special Olympics	\$12,598	584 hrs.
	Children's Miracle Network	\$1,585	24 hrs.
	Cota	\$3,575	10 hrs.
	TAL	\$7,200	138 hrs.
	Other	\$54,850	5048 hrs
	TOTAL	\$101,920	7132 hrs.

The winning Squadrons are Small Squadron 243 Mt Vernon,
 Medium Squadron 597 Carrollton
 Large Squadron 453 Dallas Love Field

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Chairman Michael Carriger



Outlook

CWF donations

From Bradley Pack <bpackd2b@yahoo.com>

Date Sat 8/8/2026 3:10 PM

To Kevin Winkelman <knwink@msn.com>

From the *CHILDREN + YOUTH COMMITTEE*

The CWF *SECTION* is working to raise money for our national commander Thom Skelley. Texas has an all time high of 24,579 so let's better that. Our goal to do a triple dime, so what is the triple dime. It is 10 gold plaques, 10 silver plaques, and 10 bronze plaques, this will get us \$32,500. Gold plaques are \$1500, silver plaques are \$1000, bronze plaques are \$750. The first 10 squadrons to donate a gold plaque will get some CWF merchandise. CWF has a program called the CAT program it is a 4 page flyer that tells you about the history of CWF then there four questions on back that the answer is in the first 3 pages, fill in the personal section and donate \$25. You will get a CAT pin, certificate as a CAT member, and a donation receipt. You can take these back to you post, get 20 people to fill out and you have \$500 for CWF. Will have these available at the D.E.C. Also have CWF merchandise to sale which you can add to your total. The largest donation last year was \$42,000 by a detachment, if we work together it is possible to do this for commander Skelley.

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