

**Resolution of Endorsement**  
**Sons of the American Legion**  
**Squadron 321**  
**Plano, Texas**

**Whereas** it will be the duty of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Convention meeting in regular session in City of Dallas, Texas to elect a Detachment Vice Commander, Division 1 for the year 2014-2015, and

**Whereas** Squadron 321 has a member who more than meets all of the qualifications of the office, and

**Whereas** he is eligible through the, Service of his father that served in the United States Navy WW II and

**Whereas** he has held the offices of Adjutant & Finance at the Squadron level, and

**Whereas** he has held the offices of Division of 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander for the year of 1993 / 1994, and

**Whereas** he has held the offices of Detachment of Commander 1994 / 1995 Adjutant 1990 thru 1994 & Chaplain 1996 thru 1998, and

**Whereas** he has served on numerous committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization, therefore

**Be it Resolved** that Squadron 321 meeting in regular session on meeting 10/17/2013 does unanimously endorse Jon Kingston for the office of Detachment Vice Commander, Division 1 for the year 2014-2015

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(commander's name)  
Commander, Sqdn. 321

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(adjutant name)  
Adjutant, Post 321

**SB 1200 Texas Military Preparedness Commission Rewrite (Van de Putte/ Menendez)**

SB 1200 formally establishes the Texas Commander's Council (TCC) and requires the TMPC to meet with the them at least once each year; expanded eligibility for access to DEAAG grants by allowing communities to proactively apply for grants; and creates a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Task Force at the TMPC.

**SB1373 Honor and Remember Flag (Hinojosa/ Miller, Rick)**

SB 1373 directs state office buildings and cemeteries managed by the TVLB to display the Honor and Remember flag on specified days and when a Texas resident is killed while serving on active duty.

**SB1476 Veteran Entrepreneur Program (West/ Sheffield, Ralph)**

SB 1476 establishes a veteran entrepreneur program at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), which performs outreach functions to improve veteran entrepreneurs' awareness of federal and state benefits and provide guidance through conferences, seminars, and training workshops with federal and state agencies.

**SB 1536 Texas Military Forces Rewrite (Van de Putte/ Menendez)**

SB 1536 consolidates current duplicative definitions and modernizes statutory language. Some of the highlights include, changing the agency name to Texas Military Department; clarifying the governor's authority to delegate certain actions to the adjutant general including the authority to activate service members to duty; divides military command and policy making from administrative and operational activities; and provides access to state insurance benefits for a service member deployed for more than 90-days on state orders.

**HB 150 Half-Staff Flags (Larson/ Van de Putte)**

In honor of fallen military who have paid the ultimate price, HB 150 requires flags at the Capitol be flown at half-staff for one day, after the day the family is notified of a service member's death.

**HB 489 Service Dogs for Veterans (Menendez/ Uresti)**

HB 489 ensures that Texas law aligns with federal protections offered to a person with post-traumatic stress disorder, seizure disorders, and even diabetes against a challenge or denial of access because of a service animal.

**HB 1589 Texas Medal of Honor (Cortez/ Van de Putte)**

HB 1589 expands the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to twice per regular session; once to an individual whose service fell between 1835 and 1955, and once to an individual whose service fell after 1955.

**HB 2388 Non-Competitive Bid on Base Authority (Menendez/ Van de Putte)**

HB 2388 makes Texas more competitive in recruiting new businesses by exempting any redevelopment project of a defense base development authority from the competitive bid process if it is solely privately funded.

**HB 2392 Peer-to-Peer Mental Health (Menendez/ Van de Putte)**

Peer-to-peer mental health services for veterans are based on a model of formal and informal discussions that allow combat veterans to talk to other combat veterans. HB 2392 expands the definition for "peer" to include family members, incorporates required elements of the program such as access to licensed mental health professionals and grants to regional and local organizations providing these services. Grants awarded under this program must ensure that the maximum amount is spent on direct services to veterans and work to expand the capacity of the peer-to-peer network.

**HB 3064 Unclaimed Remains of Veterans (Menendez/ Campbell)**

HB 3064 lifts the prohibitive restrictions keeping the unclaimed remains of military veterans from receiving proper burial.

**HB 3066 Defense Base Authority as an Enterprise Zone (Menendez/ Van de Putte)**

H.B. 3066 allows defense base development authorities to be an effective tool for economic development by ensuring automatic qualification as an enterprise zone.

**Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations**  
**Major Bills - 83rd Legislature**

**Occupational Licensing for Military Service Members, Spouses and Veterans**

VAMI passed a number of bills that will improve the employability of transitioning service members, spouses of active duty military and veterans. Below are a few of the highlights:

- **SB 162 Occupational Licenses for Military, Spouses and Veterans (Van de Putte/ Menendez)** requires state agencies that issue occupational licenses to recognize occupational licenses issued by other jurisdictions and provide an expedited licensure for military service members, military spouses, and military veterans within one year of separation from the military. It also provides a waiver from some law enforcement certification requirements for "special forces" veterans.
- **SB 229 CDL Residency Waiver (Davis/ Turner, Chris)** will allow Texas to take full advantage of federal authority to waive the residency requirements for Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL).
- **SB 242 Partial Credit Occupational Licenses (Carona/ Farias)** requires TDLR to credit verified military service, training, or education towards licensing requirements for all of their occupational licenses.
- **HB 1960 EMS Certification for Veterans (Cortez/ Campbell)** provides a statutory basis for the Health and Human Services Commission to issue Texas EMS certification if the veteran has military combat medic training or a military EMS certification.
- **HB 2028 Military Experience Toward Plumbing License (Davis/ Turner, Chris)** provides statutory support for the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) to credit military experience requirements for veterans applying for plumbing license in the state.
- **HB 2029 Military Experience Toward Electrician License (Davis/ Turner, Chris)** directs the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to credit military experience, training, or education in electrical work obtained toward the requirements needed to obtain an electrician's license in Texas.
- **HB 2135 Military Experience Toward Private Eye License (Cortez/ Campbell)** requires the Texas Private Security Board (PSB) to adopt rules allowing the PSB to waive any prerequisite to obtaining a license or credit military experience toward a license.
- **HB 2254 Veteran Apprenticeship Credit (Geren/ Van de Putte)** requires state agencies to adopt rules to provide credit towards occupational licenses which require an apprenticeship in fields relevant to a service member's training and experience in a military occupational specialty.

**SB 260 Excused Absence for Military Kids (Davis/ Stickland)**

SB 260 grants up to five days of excused absences of a student from school to visit with a parent or guardian who will be or has been deployed on active military duty.

**SB 846 Mental Health Training for County Service Officers (Van de Putte/ Menendez)**

SB 846 requires the Texas Veterans Commission to coordinate with the Department of State Health Services to incorporate a suicide prevention component in County Service Officer training.

**SB 1061 DV Parking on Campus (Van de Putte/ Menendez)**

SB 1061 clarifies that institutions of higher education must allow access to handicapped parking spaces regardless of the parking permit requirements if the vehicle displays the appropriate "DV" license plates.

**SB 1158 Hazlewood Transfer, Funding and Regional Counselors (Van de Putte/ Menendez)**

SB 1158 transfers authority for Hazlewood to the TVC; creates a \$250 million permanent endowment fund for "Legacy" students; and establishes a Veterans Education Counselor program at the TVC.

**From:** Bill Wilson <Bill.Wilson@senate.state.tx.us>  
**To:** George Solis <uncarnal@aol.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 21, 2014 4:52 pm  
**Attachments:** VAMI\_Major\_Bills\_(short\_version)(Licensing).docx (33K)

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Resending.

Bill Wilson

Committee Director

Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R.Ph., Chair

(512) 463-2211

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From: Bill Wilson  
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:40 PM  
To: 'uncarnal@aol.com'  
Subject: Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee

Mr. Solis:

Thank you for the phone call and the support you have offered on veteran issues. Attached are the bills that passed the 83rd Legislature and went through the Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations (VAMI) Committee during the regular session. There were additional bills that helped veterans but did not go through the VAMI committee, such as the two recently passed property tax exemptions - these are not listed in this summary. If you would like a list of all of Senator Van de Putte's bill, regardless of committee, I can provide that to you separately.

Below are the three charges VAMI has been given to study during the Interim so that we can introduce new legislation in January 2015.

1. Investigate the impact of federal actions (including the federal government shutdown, sequestration, military force reductions, and potential base closure or realignment) on active-duty service members, the Texas Military Department, veterans, their families, defense-related contractors, small businesses, local governments, and state agencies.
2. Monitoring and examining efforts to provide employment and workforce opportunities for veterans, service members, and their families. Make recommendations on how best to continue collaborating with and supporting our honored veterans as they re-enter the civilian workforce, including improving employment opportunities for veterans at all state agencies.
3. Provide an update on the State Strike Force team's progress and recommendations on any additional steps necessary to ensure that veterans promptly receive all federal disability benefits to which they are entitled. Thank you for your service. If I can help with anything else, please give me a call.

Bill Wilson  
Committee Director  
Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R.Ph., Chair  
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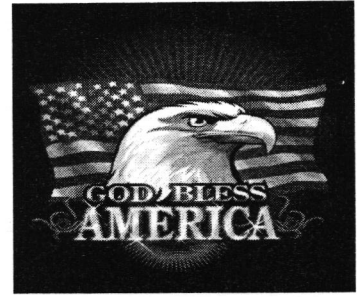


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January 25,2014

Minutes of PUFL Meeting, Mid-Winter 2014

Meeting called to order Saturday January 25,2014 at 12.45pm

Present Chairman Robert Sonnier

Brad Pack, Kevin Winkleman, Ed Majers

Motion by brad second by Kevin to dispense with reading of minutes

Motion passed

Ed Majors is now printing PUFL cards He is setting up a new format to include ID number and Total Years  
when card issued

Total 131 members 75 paid 55 Comp 1 making payments

\$38,215.20 in the bank

During the Fall meeting We agreed that a meeting be set up by our Detachment Advisor

With Finance people at Department

There has been no interest posted to the account since July 2009

We are still waiting for this meeting to take place

No word on interest on the account

Motion by Kevin to adjourn second Brad

Meeting adjourned 1,15pm

For God and Country

Robert Sonnier Chairman



## Sons of The American Legion Mid-Winter D.E.C. Finance Report

The Finance Committee met in the Amphitheatre of the Omni Southpark Hotel on 25 January, 2014. Present were Finance Committee Chairman Thom Skelley, Detachment Finance Officer Steve Slaughter, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander David Blair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander Jerry Beard. The meeting convened at 09:40.

Discussion and recommendation to allocate \$150.00 for the purchase of a wreath to be placed graveside at Arlington National Cemetery during the Washington Conference. Money will be taken from the National Representative's account.

Discussion and recommendation to keep the mileage reimbursement for the S.A.L. representative serving on the Department Convention City Committee in Convention Expenses in lieu of creating a separate line item in the budget as there is no way to predict what the travel expenses would be.

Discussion and recommendation to provide call-in expenses to the 19<sup>th</sup> District attendee in lieu of a District Commander.

Discussion and recommendation to review the Constitution and By-laws of the Detachment of Texas to amend call-in reimbursements.

With no further business coming before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted

Thom Skelley

Finance Committee Chairman

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mark Patterson <[mpatterson@ohdfw.com](mailto:mpatterson@ohdfw.com)>

**Date:** January 26, 2014 at 7:37:57 PM CST

**To:** "[knwink@msn.com](mailto:knwink@msn.com)" <[knwink@msn.com](mailto:knwink@msn.com)>

**Subject:** AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Awards committee

Saturday Jan 25th 9:30 am.

Members on hand Mark Patterson and Henry Creech. Not present Wayne Thomas and Gary Paul. Henry and I reviewed the awards committee outline given by Kevin at Saturdays meeting.

There are a total of 5 nominations groups. Nominations need to be turned in by May 1st. We have a new award coming up in 2015. The "David Dew Award" for most VA Volunteer hours.

It was brought up for discussion at meeting that this award will have numerous criteria. The criteria for the David DEW Award will be set the next time the award committee meets.

At this time we have no nominations turned in.

Awards Chairman

Mark Patterson

Feb 2017 - 2018

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28 March 1968

1. Definition

she said the book is not on the shelf

2. The following table shows the number of students who took part in a school sports day. The table is divided into two parts, A and B. The first part, A, shows the number of students who took part in each of the four events. The second part, B, shows the number of students who took part in each of the four events, but only those who were not in the first part, A.

any feedback for 2 hours after the exam.



The name of the Award is not decided upon yet but will be by the committee. The Award will be a plaque.

The criteria for the Award will follow the same as the George B. Evans Award as to help the committee give the national commission the best case to award the George B. Evans Award to the individual from Texas and will have from

The Chairman also suggested that the SOP be changed for the award and the Chairman attend legislative Breakfast with the region and attend Alliances with the region with elected officials.

The Chairman will also be attending the Washington Conference. It will be talking to our elected officials. It will be asking for some issues to take to Washington Conference.

The Chairman also said that the world talk to Kevin about starting an email blast. Report was submitted & approved.





# Legislative Committee Report 1/25/2013

Fernando Pacheco - PDC

Santiago S. Betancourt - Legislative Chairman

The Chairman delivered his report. He started talking about his speech at the "5 point plan for Texas" to the Legion Department. He was well received. The 5 point plan consists of the following:

- 1.) Reforming the word to 35 yo
- 2.) Creating Legislative Day @ Capitol
- 3.) Email Blast on legislative issues
- 4.) Invitation to the Breakfast
- 5.) Coordination w/ federal & state officials

The Chairman also requested that there was a "Detachment Legislative Award" be created and that the criteria would be created by the committee as to the establishment of the Award.

The Chairman also suggested that the nominee for the George B. Evans Grassroots Advocate of the year Award come only if the Award has been distributed to an individual. The committee chair and the commander must approve of the nomination of the George B. Evans.

Committee Chairman / Jimmy D. Dyer  
Committee Co-Chairmen / Melton Chatham, (P.D.C.) - Rick Trzcinski, 21st District Comm

Robert A. Wigmon  
quadron 121 Waco  
① Built 1-model submarine for a WWII Submarine Veteran, 70th  
② Donated \$1200.00 worth of models to Brook Medical Center, San Antonio  
③ Built 8 models for local School District - \$200.00 cost / 140 hr.  
④ Donated 2 pints of blood

Tom Skelley  
quadron 598 El Paso  
① Participated in 16th District Bowl-a-Thon which raised over \$2000.00 to benefit the El Paso Fisher House.  
② Visited with the veterans @ the Ambrosie Guillen Veterans Home of El Paso and also gave 125 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies  
③ ~~Distribute~~ to the residents of the home  
④ Logged 37 visits to William Beaumont Army Medical Center with over 300 hr. of volunteer hours.

quadron 908 Kerrville  
① Built handicap ramp for S.H.L. member Dow Chriswell who had cancer & passed away over the Christmas holidays.  
② Donated \$150.00 to put propane in tank for a veteran who no heat & hot water @ Christmas Holiday also.  
③ Assisted Military Order of Purple Hearts in a pancake breakfast @ Kerrville, Tx. V.A. Hospital  
④ Made a Fish Fry Trailer & cooked fish for the entire Kerrville V.A. Hospital.  
⑤ Started a meat donation program that consist of culling deer and donating the deer meat to needy veterans.  
⑥ Took 4 veterans & legionnaires on a all expence paid deer hunt in London, Tx.  
⑦ Supported the Legionnaires & A.L.A. in the Christmas Party @ the Kerrville V.A. Hospital.  
⑧ Started a Birthday & Bingo Party @ the Kerrville V.A. Hospital.

## Boys State Report

25 January 2014

The Boys state committee met at 9:00 at the Omni Hotel in Austin Texas. Members present were Travis Arreaga, Connie Waddell and Larren Baird.

The Boys State website has been updated. it contains the new registration process and has updated contact information for key personnel.

### Registration process (from website)

American Legion Boys State is designed to bring out the best in America's future leaders. Attendees are selected because they are the best representatives of both their schools and their communities.

As you complete this application, you will be signing a Boys State pledge in the Applicant section, which reminds all potential delegates of the honor and value that the American Legion has for and requires of each young man.

To complete the application, please take the following steps:

1. All applicants must have been directed to apply by an American Legion representative/designee. In most cases, this is done after an interview process....in some cases, it will be done prior to one, as directed by said Legion representative/designee.
  - For those towns where an American Legion post is not active currently, \_\_\_\_\_ in either your county or geographic area to contact. If you are unable to find one from this listing or have other questions, please \_\_\_\_\_, as we want to assist you in locating an American Legion post that can assist with your participation in the program!
2. Once you are ready to complete the application, fill out all required fields and all others that are applicable. This process should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.
3. Once you have completed all of the appropriate information, print the application, and then gather 4 of the 5 required signatures (the applicant, a parent/guardian, the physician, and a school representative).
4. You may then turn into to your local American Legion post representative/designee, where he/she will sign the form on the appropriate line and review for completeness.

Once the form is reviewed for completeness and all signatures are gathered, the American Legion representative/designee will then forward those individuals chosen to attend the program to the Austin Headquarters location to confirm attendance. Once this attendance is confirmed, materials will be e-mailed to both the applicant and the family with instructions for participation.

A new chairman has been appointed. Paul Barker was appointed as chairman. He has been with the program for many years and is an active member of American Legion Post 76 in Austin.

Last year's attendance was at 936. The goal is 950 this year.

Chairman Arreaga and the other Assistant Directors attended the Americanism convention this past September in Indianapolis. They were able to network with other states and attend seminars on how to better our program.

Respectfully submitted

Travis Arreaga

Assistant Director for Marketing/ Boys State Chairman



AMERICANISM COMMISSION: NATIONAL COMMANDER GLADDEN'S GOAL IS TO RAISE \$250,000.00 FOR THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND; THE SAL HANDBOOK WILL BE REVISED AND WILL LIKELY BE A TWO YEAR PROCESS AND COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO DEVELOP IDEAS TO INCLUDE IN THE REVISED HANDBOOK.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: SQUADRON AND DETACHMENT REPORT FORMS FOR CSR NEED TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR INPUT AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY STATED DEADLINE; SQUADRON FORMS SHOULD INCLUDED ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR THAT PARTICULAR SQUADRON; DETACHMENT FORMS SHOULD INCLUDE ANY ACTIVITY THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN A SUBMITTED SQUADRON REPORT; DISTRICT FORMS NEED TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND SHOULD EMCOMPASS ALL SQUADRONS WITHIN THAT DISTRICT AND ANY DONATIONS AND/OR HOURS THAT ARE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT BUT ARE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT BUT ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A PARTICULAR SQUADRON SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT SO THEY CAN BE ADDED TO THE DETACHMENT SUBMISSION.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE AGENDA COMMITTEE: NATIONAL CONVENTION IS STILL IN THE PLANNING PHASE.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: CERTIFICATE PRESENTED TO TEXAS FOR MEETING THE 25% GOAL.

FINANCE COMMISSION: RESOLUTION NO. 3-CONVENTION 2013 "NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL IN REVIEW" AS SUBMITTED BY THE DETACHMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND METHODS OF IMPLENENTATION LOOKED AT; AN ACTUAL EXPENSE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE NEC WEEKEND.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milton R. Chatham".

MILTON R. CHATHAM

PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER  
NECMAN, TEXAS



## NECMAN'S REPORT

WE WERE INTRODUCED TO THE NEW WEBSITE CALLED MYSAL.ORG BY JOE GALLAHER. THIS IS A PROGRAM WHEREBY SQUADRONS CAN TRACK THEIR MEMBERSHIP DURING THE YEAR. IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO USE IT, YOU MUST GO TO THE WEBSITE, PRINT OUT THE AUTHORIZATION FORM, GET IT APPROVED BY THE POST ADJUTANT/COMMANDER AND SEND TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. ONCE APPROVED, STAFF WILL EMAIL INSTRUCTIONS. BE SURE AND FOLLOW AS DIRECTED. A LOST OR FORGOTTEN PASSWORD-CALL 1-800-433-3318.

DONATIONS COLLECTED: CWF-12,442.00; LEGACY-20.00; CMN/FISHER HOUSE-1000.00; NEF-2875.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$16,317.00.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION: WHENEVER YOU PUT YOUR CAP ON, YOU ARE THERE FOR THE VETERANS. WHEN LEGISLATIVE ALERTS ARE SENT OUT THEY NEED TO BE ACTED ON IMMEDIATELY; IF YOU SEE ANY LEGISLATIVE/BILL NUMBERS AND WANT TO SEE MORE INFORMATION USE THOMAS.GOV WEBSITE AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE; THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS INVITED TO SEE NATIONAL COMMANDER DELLINGER'S TESTIMONY; NEXT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WILL BE MARCH 23-26, 2014.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND CIVIL PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: CERT TRAINING (COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM) WANTS TO ASSIST IN GETTING INFORMATION OUT ON THIS ISSUE. THERE IS AN ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSE FROM FEMA THAT IS AVAILABLE. THE PHONE NUMBER FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THIS TRAINING IS 301-447-1200 AND FOR PAMPHLETS AND OTHER MATERIAL CALL 800-480-2520; WEBSITES-FEMA.GOV AND READY.GOV.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION: "SNAPSHOTS IN SERVICE"-WE NEED TO BUILD THIS INVENTORY OF PHOTOS OF THOSE WORKING IN SUPPORT OF THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. A CERTIFICATION OF APPRECIATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO SEND IN PHOTOS; CONSOLIDATED REPORTING WILL BE GOING VIA MYSAL.ORG WITH THE NEXT YEAR.

VETERAN AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION: ACTION PLAN FOR FISHER HOUSE IS TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS DOWN TO THE SQUADRON LEVEL AND THE FISHER HOUSE BOOK WILL BE DONE THIS YEAR WITH AN EMPHASIS ON VOLUNTEER HOURS; WWW.MIA.US IS THE WEBSITE COVERING THIS ISSUE.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION: OVER 7000,000 IN GRANT REQUEST DECIDED OVER THE WEEKEND. THE SAL HAS RECOMMENDED THE FUNDING OF THIRTEEN OF THESE GRANTS. THE SLOGAN IS "JUST FOR KICKS, GO FOR SIX", REFERRING TO THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MARK. BANNERS FOR REACHING \$1.00 PER MEMBER WILL BE GIVEN A BANNER. FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT WWW.CWF-INC.ORG; GOAL OF 2500 JOSH DOGS FOR THE YEAR; 2012-13-2104 JOSH DOGS AT A COST OF \$39,791.00 AND IS NATIONAL COMMANDER GLADDEN'S PET PROJECT.

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE: CHALLENGE OF \$3.00 PER CAPITA THIS YEAR AND SQUADRONS SHOULD HAVE DIFFERENT FUND RAISERS TO HELP WITH CWF.



## 2013 S.A.L. ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

- 75 REGISTERED (VAVS) REPRESENTATIVES
- MEMBER OF NATIONAL VAVS BOARD
- 320,509 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDED WITH 20,566 VISITS AND \$1,162,282 IN CASH AND GIFTS
- \$54,705 DONATED TO FISHER HOUSE WITH 4,126 HOURS
- 8,487 HOURS WITH \$44,863 TO THE FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

### **Children & Youth**

- SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION: \$453,599 WITH 38,746 HOURS OF SERVICE
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS - \$149,414 DONATED WITH 18,623 HOURS OF SERVICE
- CHILDRENS MIRACLE NETWORK - \$70,483 IN DONATIONS WITH 9,880 SERVICE HOURS
- \$460,336 AND 78,692 HOURS IN SUPPORT OF OTHER CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS, BRINGING THE TOTAL YEARLY DONATIONS TO ALL C & Y PROGRAMS TO \$1,183,428 WITH 146,423 SERVICE HOURS

### **2013 MEMBERSHIP**

351,970 MEMBERS IN 5,917 SQUADRONS  
IN 53 DETACHMENTS

### **Americanism**

- 941 BOYS STATE REPRESENTATIVES AT A COST OF \$163,366
- 9,355 COLOR GUARD APPEARANCES AT A COST OF \$86,057
- 145 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAMS SPONSORED AT A COST OF \$135,718
- OTHER TEAMS SPONSORED AT A COST OF \$94,110
- \$90,122 IN SUPPORT OF SCOUTING
- \$5,965 IN DONATIONS AND 1,902 SERVICE HOURS TO THE ORATORICAL PROGRAM INVOLVING 112 CONTESTANTS
- 11,975 HOURS AND \$18,759 TO JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS
- 26,744 FLAGS PRESENTED AT A COST OF \$53,876
- 846 FLAG EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT A COST OF \$19,716 WITH 22,466 HOURS
- 8,211 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONIES
- 389,222 FLAGS PLACED AT CEMETERIES & GIVEN AT PARADES AT A COST OF \$91,367
- \$300,818 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WITH 12,239 HOURS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- 137 - 5 STAR / 10 IDEALS PROGRAMS AT A COST OF \$2,225
- VARIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AT A COST OF \$847,481 AND 685,949 SERVICE HOURS
- \$34,125 IN DONATIONS TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND
- A TOTAL OF \$1,986,638 AND 762,831 HOURS OF SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

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From: **Thom Skelley** (thomskelley@elp.rr.com)

To: ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

Please bring the SOP (standard operating procedure) guide for your respective committee to McAllen. This is the outline of what your committee does and how it works. New committee chairman will be appointed and they need to know the ins and outs of their job. Also, please allow yourselves some time to sit down with the new chairman to answer questions and make yourselves available to them for assistance.

Thom Skelley  
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**To: The Detachment of Texas**

**Date: November 2, 2013**

**Subject: National Commander Campaign**

Thank you for your **October 8, 2013** donation of **\$500.00** to the Mike Moss Campaign Fund. Your donation to the national candidate fund directly supports my candidacy for Sons of the American Legion National Commander.

The Detachment of Colorado, and I, personally, thank you for your donation. Your kindness and commitment to Colorado's American Legion Family is greatly appreciated. A great effort by everyone is needed to insure a successful campaign.

All my best,

*Michael W Moss*

Mike Moss  
Candidate for National Commander  
Sons of The American Legion  
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