

FALL DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING

AUSTIN, TX---SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by Commander Kuehner . Colors being in place, a right hand salute was given. Following the pledge to our flag, the prayer and the reading of the preamble, the meeting was called into session at 1:15. Roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for the Chaplain and Historian who have since resigned. All Chairmen were present except for CMN/CWF Dan Paul, Tracy Wood (E), Paul Miller (E) and Travis Arreaga (E). Districts present were 1C, 2C, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7C, 9, 10C, 11, 12C, 13, 14C, 15, 16C, 17C, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 36, 37, 50, 76, 81, 83, 95, 121, 163, 165, 200, 208, 223, 231, 245, 267, 297, 321, 368, 379, 430, 447, 453, 517, 533, 550, 554, 569, 593, 598, 654, 817, 828 and 838. A quorum was established. Following roll call, Commander Kuehner asked for the reading of the minutes. Motion was made by Gary Randall, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed

Commander Kuehner then asked for NEC Chatham to come forward o present our special guest. NEC Chatham came forward to introduce Mike Moss, candidate for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion for the year 2014-2015.

Mr. Moss came forward to bring greetings and his remarks to the floor. Following his remarks, Commander Kuehner asked Ed Magers to come forward to introduce Boys State Counselor of the Year, Travis Arreaga.

Department Jim Fleming Commander came before the body, during the training class, to bring greetings and give his remarks to the body. He thanked the Detachment for our hard work and continued support of The American Legion Family. NEC Pendergrast from the Dept. of Texas also presented Paul Dillard, National Vice Commander of The American Legion and the leading candidate for National Commander, of The American Legion, and they also brought greetings.

Department of Texas Internal Affairs Director Mike Simon came forward to bring greetings to the body. He brought many good ideas to the body. He also then presented a signed baseball to Detachment Commander Kuehner with a baseball from the Texas American Legion baseball tournament.

Department Auxiliary President Christine Trahan came to the floor to bring greetings. President Trahan spoke on behalf of The American Legion Family and how great is working with Commander Jim Fleming and Commander Bill Kuehner.

NEC— NEC Chatham came forward to give his report. He talked briefly about the National Convention. He also gave some brief remarks concerning other National issues. A full report is attached to these minutes. Milton then made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Ed Magers, Motion passed.

INTERNET—Chairman Gary Winters came forward to give his report. Talked about news releases and also spoke about the Detachment having a Facebook page and other important announcements that are available to everyone's use. A full report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Gary Winters, 2nd by Henry Creech, to accept the report. Motion passed.

CONVENTION CITY— Chairman Richard Grimes came forward to give his report. Mid winter Conference is January , 2014 at the Omni in Austin. The next Detachment Convention will be held in McAllen, TX, July 10-14, 2013. Full report is attached. Richard Grimes made a motion 2nd by Brad Pack, Amendment to the motion to includes PDC McPeters expense to convention sites by Milton Chatham, 2nd by Richard Bartholomew, motion passed. Original motion then voted on and passed

BOYS STATE— Chairman Travis Arreaga at Americanism Convention. No report given

LEGISLATIVE— Chairman Santiago Bentancourt gave report. He talked about the National Convention this past August and what the Legislative Commission discussed. He spoke to the body about the Session and special sessions in Austin for the Texas Legislative meetings. He will be meeting with various political officials in Texas and Washington, and attending conferences there to better inform the body. A full report is attached. Santiago made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jonathan Poe. Motion passed

AMERICANISM— Chairman Steve Davis gave his report. His report included comments on the Junior Shooting Sports program. He also spoke to the body about various donations and hours served from various Squadrons. Motion made by Steve Davis, 2nd by Steve Slaughter. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT ADVISOR—Liaison Schendel came forward to give his report. He talked about American Legion objectives and the SAL objectives. A complete list is attached to these minutes and the list of objectives. Motion by John Schendel, 2nd by Brad Pack to accept the report. Motion passed

Motion was made by Milton Chatham, 2nd by Gary Winters to change the certification form to only include the Commander, Adjutant and Advisor plus Squadron information in lieu of the original form. Motion passed

AWARDS— Mark Patterson came forward to give his report about the awards programs. He approached the body with comments about what needs to be filled out with the awards forms. It was stated that the best way to fill out the form is to be typed. Also how long to keep forms available for review. A full report is attached. Mark made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Gary Paul. Motion passed.

VA & R— Chairman Jimmy Don Dixon gave the report. He reported to the body donations and hours served from various Squadrons. He explained to the body about what the committee's true agenda is what the committee is responsible for. The committee's main focus for the year is Pets 4 Vets program which donates trained animals to Veterans. Motion made by Jimmy Don Dixon 2nd made by Richard Bartholomew. Full report attached. Motion Passed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH— Chairman Tracy Wood and CMN/CWF Chairman Blair not present due to cooking responsibilities therefore member Brad Pack came forward to make the report. He reported on various items the committee is working on. He also stated that the CWF raffle will be held at the Awards banquet tonight. The committee will be pushing the Josh Dogs and the GI Josh dogs. \$268.00 was collected from the floor for CWF. Motion made by Brad to accept the report, 2nd by Jason Murrell. Motion passed

MARKETING—No Chairman present therefore no report

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Chairman Paul Miller not present due to illness. PDC Magers gave a

report on PR. Ed gave a brief synopsis of what the PR Committee is about and what it does.

PUFL— Chairman Robert Sonnier gave his report. He discussed that we have over \$36,000.00 in the account. 129 members. Some members do not have their laminated cards. Those that transferred the credit will appear in the next year. He gave detailed information about the various PUFL accounts and the efforts to make it self-sufficient and self-sustaining. There is a full report is attached. Chairman Sonnier made a motion to accept his report. 2nd by Jeff Junior (Billy Bob) . Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP— Chairman Jeff Alvis came forward to give his reports. He asked that acting Chairman Bartholomew give the report. A full report is attached with details. He also discussed the membership updates as well as uncertified squadrons, that need to be certified. A full report is attached. Weekly updates will be posted online. Motion made by acting Chairman Bartholomew , 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed.

FINANCE—Chairman Thom Skelley came forward to give his report. The budget was dispensed for review and it was stated that the budget has been submitted to the Department for acceptance. It was reported that the budget was approved. A full report is attached. Motion made by Chairman Skelley, 2nd by Robert Sonnier to accept the report There was an amendment by David Blair, 2nd by Ed Magers to remove the posting of the budget on the website, motion passed. The original motion was then voted on and it passed

CHAPLAIN- No report, not present and has since resigned

Past American Legion National Commander John Brieden came forward to bring greetings to the body

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Commander Kuehner reported to the body on the Veteran's Assistance Dogs of Texas. He asked that we support the program and reach out to help as much as we can. There was a motion made by Ed Magers, 2nd by Milton Chatham to adopt the the standard operating procedure manual. Motion passed. It was also asked that a copy be sent to all Committee Chairmen

NEW BUSINESS—Milton made a motion to make the \$500.00 donation to the leading candidate, Mike Moss, 2nd by Gary Winters. Motion passed. Commander Kuehner requested volunteers for 2 vacant positions, Chaplain and Historian. By nature of a motion made by Gary Randall and 2nd by Gary Winters to accept Jeff Muerer Jr. As Chaplain and Jonathan Poe as Historian to fill the 2 vacancies. Motion passed. A motion was made by Richard Bartholomew, 2nd by Gary Winters to accept Blair Sanders as the new CWF/CMN chairman. Motion passed. Finance Chairman Skelley recommended to get cost to purchase computers and projectors for the Division Commanders for presentations as they travel throughout the Detachment. He will use the help of Detachment Finance Officer Slaughter and Dept. Advisor Schendel

GOOD OF THE SAL—The drawing was held for the CWF prizes. The tv was won by Henry Creech and the computer was won by Tracy Wood. There were many announcements made concerning upcoming events by various Squadrons and Districts. Adjutant Winkelmann then made his announcements.

Being no further business, Commander Kuehner asked acting Chaplain Pack for the benediction. Following the benediction, Commander Kuehner called for the hand salute to the colors and retirement of the colors. The meeting was then adjourned at 5:00PM