



The American Legion Department of Texas

District 12

Minutes of the 2015 Spring Convention

The convention opened at 0900 18 April, 2015 at South Fort Worth American Legion Post 569. The morning session was training presented by Alex Gonzalez? The topics of were Post activates and responsibilities. A copy of the Extended Post Responsibility Audit, Standing Post Officers, and Standing Committees were passed out to take back to the Posts and review with their membership. The Consolidated Post Report was the main topic. Everyone got a copy and a comprehensive listing as to what needs to go on the report and what doesn't.

A short break before the Joint Meeting was convened. The Colors of our Nation were posted by the Sgt at Arms from the Legion Auxiliary and SAL with the junior members of the Auxiliary and SAL following. The Memorial Service, prepared and presented by the Three Chaplains led the program. Lunch was served. After lunch the guest speaker, Bob Slaughter of Joe Foss Institute, spoke on teaching our youth flag etiquette and patriotism. The colors were retired.

Another short break and the Business meeting was called to order. Sgt at Arms posted the Colors, the Chaplain gave the invocation, and the commander led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Adjutant read the Call to Convention and roll call with one officer absent and 12 of the 15 Posts present. A motion was made and second to dispense with the reading of the last meeting. The motion carried.

Reports:

The first reading of the Credentials committee was read.

The Membership report was given showing 5 Post at 100% and 4 more needing less than 10 to be at 100%. Using the phone list that the Posts are able to generate from MYLEGION.COM

were strongly recommended to make phone calls with to increase membership. Some posts have increased their membership by doing so.

The ALR report was given stating a group of our district riders escorted the Medal of Honor recipients from DFW airport to Gainesville TX. For a meet and greet and a ceremony. There were also a small group of riders leaving as soon as this report is given to Houston to escort the Ride to Recovery Texas Challenge back to Fort Worth.

The Finance Officers report was read and approved by the membership. A copy is attached.

The Hub Master report stated that not all posts are utilizing the workings of the Hub Master or the benefits of the web page. The more information put on the web page from each post the more participation from other posts could result.

The Legislative Chairman participated in a roam the halls of Congress in Washington D.C. and met a few of our local representatives. He also went to Austin for Legislative day at the Capital. There are a few bills before the Congress to benefit Veterans. One of which is to get funding for Hydro-Chamber therapy for Veterans with brain injury such as PTSD.

The Americanism report was in two parts. Oritical, the Post 467 competitor was the winner of the 12th District and went the Division level and place second. Boys State: now is the time to be sending money to Department with the registration form. Guide to filling out Boys State applications was passed out to help the Posts and the boys get all the information they need, copy attached. At this time 12th District is looking at sending 44 Boys.

The Service Officer reported that two Department Service Officers for the Waco office are being filled.

A report from the SAL Commander told us that their membership is at 80% with a couple of Squadrons nearing the 100& mark and a couple at or exceeding 100%. The SAL has contributed over \$400,000.00 to CWF (child welfare foundation).

The Auxiliary President reported that they have been busy this year. They assisted with a baby shower, at the VA Clinic, for lady veterans raised over \$4,000.00 for gifts. They sent cooling bandanas to the troops; they raised over \$1,800.00 to buy gift cards for the Boarder mission. They provided 750 deserts for a cook out at the VA Clinic. They also logged in numerous volunteer hours at the Clinic aiding the Veterans.

The Credentials committees second reading. A motion was made and second to accept the report. The motion passed.

The Resolutions chairman read three resolutions for higher office John McKinney for Department Commander, John Hince for Department vice Commander. A motion was made and second that the District reaffirm the endorsement these two men. The motion passed. Susan Marty, Department Historian. A motion and second to endorse Susan. The motion passed. The thank you resolution was read and given to Post 569.

There were no candidates to be introduced.

The Posts all gave a report on what was coming up at their post.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no correspondence.

New business: A motion was made and second to up to \$200 for a full page ad in the department program. Motion failed 14no to 10 yeas. A motion was made and second to have no ad in the Department and Division programs. The motion passed. A motion was made and second for the Finance Officer to hire a bus to transport the boys to and from Boys State using money from the investment account. The motion passed. A motion was made and second for Herb O'Dell and Alex Rodriguez be delegates to the National Convention in Baltimore MD. The motion passed. A motion was made and second for the District to pay the \$20.00 registration fee for the delegates. The motion passed. A motion was made and second to have a copy of these minutes posted on the 12th District web site. The motion passed.

No more business to come before this meeting a motion was made and second to adjourn. The motion passed.

The Chaplain gave the benediction.

The Sgt at Arms retired the colors.

Meeting adjourned at 1530.

Submitted by _____

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Witnessed by _____

Joe Page
District Commander