

Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
2018 Fall DEC/ Officer Workshop Minutes
Saturday, September 8th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Commander Miles

Invocation by Terry Robinsky

Opening ceremonies

Roll Call by Adjutant Cherry

Commander, Blair Miles: Present

Vice Commander Area 1, PDC, Steve Bowling: Present

Vice Commander Area 2, Terry Robinsky: Present

Vice Commander Area 3, Jeff McNair: Absent, Excused

Vice Commander Area 4, David Duffey: Absent-arrived late

Vice Commander Area 5, Matt Gaff: Absent, Excused

Adjutant/Finance Officer, Andrew Cherry: Present

NEC, Thomas Glander: Present

Alt. NEC, Jeff Gibson: Present

Chaplain, Mark Fronduti: Absent Excused

Sgt-At-Arms, Willie Dupree: Present

Sgt-At-Arms, Steven Jillson: Absent- arrived late

Ast. Adjutant, Aaron Philips: Present

Historian, Michael Little: Absent, Excused

Judge Advocate, Buddy Miller: Present

SAL Advisor, Ron Haygood: Present

Adjutant Cherry informed the Commander that he had a quorum.

Guests:

Cullman Squadron #4 Commander, Scott Bealer

Jasper Squadron #9 Commander, Ernest Inman

Fairfield Squadron #347 Dywone Armstead

Meeting adjourned 9:10 A.M. for Officer Workshop, lunch, and Committee Meetings.

Meeting reconvened by Commander Miles at 1:30 PM for DEC meeting.

Minutes:

Reading of the Convention Post DEC minutes; motion to accept the minutes as published by Thomas Glander, seconded by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Letters of communication:

Adjutant Cherry read the letter of resignation from Jeremy Blevins, resigning from the Finance Commission.

Letter from Squadron 135 stating donation of \$500.00 to Commander Miles' National Vice Commander campaign.

Letter from National: Concerning \$100.00 gift certificate for 100% membership given to Commander Miles. Commander Miles donated it back to the Detachment and it was used towards our 2018-2019 cap order.

Reports:

Commander Miles gave a brief overview of his recent travels and awards received by the Detachment at Notional Convention.

Motion to accept the Commander's report and the National Conventions Secretary's report by Thomas Glander, seconded by David Duffey, motion passed.

Vice Commanders reports:

Reports given by Area 1 Vice Commander, Steve Bowling, Area 2 Vice Commander, Terry Robinsky, and Area 4 Vice Commander, David Duffey. Motion to accept reports by Thomas Glander, seconded by Aaron Philips, motion passed.

Adjutants report:

Adjutant Cherry submitted report of various visits and interactions around the state.

NEC report:

Thomas Glander gave brief report of his travels to convention and discussed resolutions submitted there.

Alt. NEC report:

Jeff Gibson submitted report pertaining to the membership pins for recruitment.

SAL Advisor report:

Ron Haygood submitted a report on the Jr. Leadership Program and interactions with the VA Hospital in Birmingham. AL. He also gave a brief reminder of upcoming events.

Motion to accept all reports by Tom Glander, seconded by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Finance report:

Finance Officer Cherry submitted the finance report along with various unresolved issues and a change to the Rules of the Finance Commission approved by the Commission. Printed reports are available upon request.

Adjutant Cherry advised us, that in 2017-2018 we collected donations to help pay the 2018 SAL membership for the Detachment of Puerto-Rico. We collected \$275.00. National refused to take the donation and told us to coordinate our donation with the Department of Puerto-Rico. After many attempts to contact someone with the Department of Puerto-Rico by Commander Miles and Adjutant Cherry failed. The American Legion National SAL Liaison, Paul Brown, recommended that we just donate the money to the National Emergency Fund (NEF).

A motion was made by Area 1 Vice Commander, PDC, Steve Bowling to donate the \$275.00 to the National Emergency Fund, seconded by Judge Advocate, PDC, Buddy Miller, (Discussion), motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the Finance Report, subject to audit, made by Thomas Glander, seconded by David Duffey, motion passed.

Membership report:

Report given by Chairman, Philips asking that all vice commanders please push to collect 2018 cards to close out the year. Motion to accept the Membership Report by Thomas Glander, seconded, motion passed.

Americanism report:

No report, David Duffy

VA&R Report:

Thomas Glander submitted various updates and his interactions with the VA organization and discussed the terms of VAVS representatives, with input from Ron Haygood and Adjutant Cherry. Chairman, Glander discussed awards to Squadrons for volunteer hours.

Motion to accept VA&R report by Willie Dupree, seconded, motion passed.

Convention committee report:

Jeff Gibson submitted brief report on fund raiser to show appreciation to S.A.L. members attending convention in Point Clear AL. Motion to accept by Tom Glander, seconded, motion passed.

Resolutions:

No report, Buddy Miller.

Unfinished or continued business:

None reported.

New business:

Jeff Gibson touched on recruitment of entire Legion family not just S.A.L. recruits.

Jeremy Blevins resigned his position on the Finance Commission, motion to accept Jeremy Blevins resignation by Tom Glander, seconded by David Duffey, motion passed. Commander, Miles appointed Steven Jillson to fill Jeremy Blevins position on the Finance Commission. Motion to accept the Commander's appointment by Tom Glander, seconded by David Duffey, motion passed.

Good of the S.A.L.:

Adjutant, Cherry asked for Squadrons to get their Adjutants signed up for My SAL. He also discussed information on how to fill out an application for membership and upcoming events of interest to the Detachment.

We discussed displeasure with new format of weekly Department Membership reports.

Commander Miles thanked the guests for coming and encouraged the visitors to pursue officer training and involvement with the Detachment in the future.

Benediction by Terry Robinsky

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M. by Commander Miles