

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF ALABAMA
2019 CONVENTION MINUTES
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH, 2019

Meeting called to order by Commander Blair Miles at 9:00 AM.

Opening ceremonies:

Roll call:

Area #1 Vice Commander-Steve Bowling-p
Area #2 Vice Commander-Terry Robinsky-p
Area #3 Vice Commander- Jeff McNair-a
Area #4 Vice Commander- David Duffey-p
Area #5 Vice Commander-Matt Gaff-a
Finance Officer/Adjutant- Andrew Cherry-p
NEC- Thomas Glander-p
Alt NEC- Jeff Gibson-p
SGT @ Arms1- Willie Dupree-p
SGT @ Arms2- Steve Jillson-p
Chaplain- Mark Fronduti-p
Asst. Adjutant- Aaron Phillips-p
Historian- Michael Little-p
Judge Advocate- Buddy Miller-p
SAL Advisor- Ron Haygood-p

ROLL CALL SQUADRONS:

#4-1	#30	#107-1	#164	#347
#5	#44-1	#113	#171	#205-2
#8	#47	#114	#176	#400
#9	#55	#122	#179	#555-1
#11-1	#71	#133-4	#199	#911
#15	#73	#134	#237-2	#2011
#17	#76-2	#135-3	#243	
#18	#88-3	#137	#250	
#19	#98	#152	#255-3	
#22	#99	#153	#312-1	
#26	#101	#155	#322-1	

Quorum Declared.

Motion to dispense with reading of minutes from Mid-Winter conference by Buddy Miller and 2nd by David Duffey, no discussion motion passed.

LETTERS OF COMMUNICATION:

One letter from Natl. HQ giving Commander Gibbs permission to travel to Alabama.

VICE COMMANDER REPORTS:

Vice commanders reports on file and available for viewing as reported and submitted.

ALT. NEC REPORT:

Jeff Gibson gave a brief report on his travels and work so far this year and thanked multiple officers for their help.

JUDGE ADVOCATE REPORT: No report.

SAL ADVISOR REPORT:

Ron Haygood highlighted his and Blair Miles participation in the VA Hospital Christmas visit and the outstanding plaques Commander Miles donated. He also commented on the SAL overall support of the AMERICAN LEGION thus far this year.

FINANCE REPORT:

Andrew Cherry presented our status for the year financially. Finance report on file for viewing. Motion to accept report subject to audit by David Duffey and 2nd by Michael Little, no discussion motion passed.

COMMANDERS REPORT:

Commander Miles gave an overall report of his 2yrs as detachment leader. He pointed out the detachments accomplishments as regards membership and touched on our renewal shortcomings. He laid out the plan on how we would handle the Boys State new members. Briefed all on the SAL involvement in the VETERAN'S RETREAT. He shared his travels to all the Vice Commanders Area reports are on file for full viewing. Motion to accept report as submitted by John Burke and 2nd by Thomas Glander no discussion motion passed.

Meeting paused to introduce the National Commander Greg "doc" Gibbs by Thomas Glander. A short bio was given and Commander Gibbs was introduced to the detachment. His speech was highlighted by words of encouragement to all as LEGACIES OF THE SAL. He shared his travel stories and thanked the detachment for the invitation to attend. Commander Miles presented a gift to Commander Gibbs.

NEC REPORT:

Report of impending dues increase vote from national coming soon. Speculated that possible increase to be three dollars. Report on file for full viewing. Motion to accept report made by John Burke and 2nd by Tom Glander no discussion motion passed.

Presentation to TONY BERRENATO for new squadron #205 Clay-Trussville by Commander Miles and pictures taken with Commander Gibbs.

VA&R REPORT:

No submissions for VA&R award this year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Report highlighted all the highs and lows of the year and status of detachment going into the national convention. Full report on file as submitted for full viewing.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report of receiving the dues increase letter and the vote not to send a reply by committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Budget was approved for the year. Report that the detachment was in better shape so far this year after cutting 2 thousand dollars from budget for two years running to rebuild our reserve.

Motion to accept all committee reports by John Burke and Carl Davis no discussion motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

Meeting paused for short break by Commander Miles.

Meeting called back to order by Commander Miles.

Motion to suspend the rules for the meeting for the purpose of elections by Thomas Glander and 2nd by Buddy Miller no discussion motion passed.

ELECTIONS:

Nominations from committee were as follows; Commander-Aaron Phillips, Vice Commanders by Area -#1 Steve Bowling-#2 Terry Robinsky-#3 Jeff McNair-#4 David Duffey- #5 Blair Miles-Chaplain- Mark Fronduti-SGT Arms1- Willie Dupree- SGT Arms2- Open-Finance Officer- Andrew Cherry. Squads polled on each position for any other nominations none accepted. Motion to accept all nominations and have Adjutant Cherry cast one vote for each one. Motion 2nd by Thomas Glander no discussion motion passed. Adjutant Cherry cast one vote for all. Sgt. Arms 2 to be appointed. Elections closed.

Motion to return to normal business by Thomas Glander 2nd Buddy Miller motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CWF donation presented to Commander Gibbs from Squadron #555 totaling \$75.00. Special award presented to Andrew Cherry for his outstanding performance and dedication to the SAL. Membership awards presented to all qualifying squads. [List on file for viewing]. Special presentation to Commander Miles from Incoming Commander Phillips, a Crystal Gavel to symbolize the detachment and Asst. Adjutant 's appreciation for a job well done. Also was mentioned 24 Squads @ or above 100% National award for squads at 100% by Legion Birthday [March 15th] presented by Commander Gibbs. Certificates of appreciation were given by Commander Miles to all officers.

GOOD OF THE SONS:

Andrew Cherry reported the passing of the Legion Act and asked to please contact your representatives to vote for it. Also mention to buy a brick for the war memorial. Also reminded all to fill out CSR and turn in. SAL adviser gave brief report on VA Hospital visit and the plaques that Commander Miles and the #88 squad from mobile donated to the patients. Report of letter from sister of deceased patient in same hospital thanking SAL for the plaque and returning it as her brother passed away days after receiving it so we could give it to another veteran for them to also enjoy.

Meeting adjourned by Commander Miles