

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF ALABAMA  
SPRING DEC MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY COMMANDER BLAIR  
MILES

OPENING CEREMONIES:

INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN FRONDUTI

Roll Call:

COMMANDER: BLAIR MILES

VICE COMMANDERS:

AREA 1: STEVE BOWLING

AREA 2: TERRY ROBINSKY: EXCUSED

AREA 3: JEFF MCNAIR: ABSENT

AREA 4: DAVID DUFFEY: LATE

AREA 5: MATT GAFF: ABSENT

ADJ/FINANCE OFFICER: ANDREW CHERRY

NEC: THOMAS GLANDER: EXCUSED

ALT: JEFF GIBSON

CHAPLAIN: MARK FRONDUTI

HISTORIAN: MIKE LITTLE

JUDGE ADVOCATE: BUDDY MILLER

SGT @ ARMS: WILLIE DUPREE

SGT @ ARMS II: STEVE JILLSON: LATE

AST ADJUTANT: AARON PHILLIPS

SAL ADVISOR: RON HAYGOOD

GUEST: ADJUTANT #555 RON KOONCE

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

ADJUTANT CHERRY INFORMED THE DEC THAT HE HAD MADE CORRECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PUBLISHED WITH CORRECTIONS, MOTIONED BY JEFF GIBSON AND SECOND BY BUDDY MILLER. MOTION PASSED.

LETTERS OF COMMUNICATION: LETTER FROM DAVID DUFFEY AND TERRY ROBINSKY STATING TO REMAIN VC. IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. COMMANDER MILES ALSO ONE LETTER READ FROM JEFF EVANS ASKING TO MAKE DONATION TO NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR CLINT BOLT AND STEVE GOWER RELATING TO COMMANDER MILES VISIT TO VA HOSPITAL BIRMINGHAM AL ALONG WITH THANK YOU CARDS FROM A FAMILY MEMBER OF ONE OF THE PATIENTS.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO #255 FOR DONATION FOR 33RD DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT BY BLAIR MILES.

DETACHMENT OFFICER REPORTS:

AREA #1 STEVE BOLLING VC, TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE PROGRESS AND TRAVELS IN HIS AREA SINCE MID-WINTER.

AREA #2 COMMANDER MILES GAVE REPORT ON TERRY ROBINSKY'S AREA HIGHLIGHTING RENEWALS AND SQUADRON VISITS

AREA #3 ABSENT

AREA #4 ABSENT

AREA #5 REPORT GIVEN BY AST/ADJ PHILLIPS HIGHLIGHTING THE AREA MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE AND CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AREA FIVE VC.

MOTION TO ACCEPT VC REPORTS BY STEVE BOLLING AND SECOND BY WILLIE DUPREE. MOTION PASSED.

BRIEF UPDATE FROM PDC GIBSON CONCERNING #179 SAL POST MONTGOMERY AND THEIR STATUS, STATING THAT THEY HAVE LOST THEIR POST.

BRIEF UPDATE FROM SGT@ ARMS WILLIE DUPREE CONCERNING HIS POST #312 STATING THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW POST SITE.

NEC REPORT: GIVEN BY COMMANDER MILES IN THE ABSENCE OF NEC GLANDER. UPDATE ON THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATL COMMANDER'S VISIT TO CONVENTION. REMINDER TO SUBMIT VA&R NOMINATIONS.

ALT NEC: JEFF GIBSON; BRIEF REVIEW OF THE MANY EVENTS AND BENEFITS IN HIS VISITS TO VARIOUS VA HOMES AND PERSONAL RESIDENCE. REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP PINS FOR RECRUITERS AROUND THE STATE. MENTIONED THE LACK OF SUPPORT AFTER THE ALABAMA DISASTERS IN THEIR AREAS...

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS GAVE SHORT REPORT ON THE ONGOING PROBLEMS OF THE DETACHMENT REACHING ITS GOALS SO FAR THIS YEAR. STRESSED COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE POST COMMANDERS. REMINDED ALL THAT POST COMMANDERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAL SQUADS AS WELL AS OUR OWN OFFICERS. REASSURED ALL THAT WE AS A DETACHMENT WE WOULD ATTAIN ALL OUR GOALS BEFORE YEARS END.

#### FINANCE REPORT

ANDREW CHERRY GAVE OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCE REPORT GIVEN TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE AND IS ON FILE. SHORT DISCUSSION ON HOW TO READ THE REPORT FROM CPA. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO ACTUAL, FORMS ISSUED TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE. DISCUSSED MOVEMENT OF FUNDS THAT WERE NOT SPENT PREVIOUSLY. FUNDS MOVED TO OFFICERS TRAVEL BUDGET. ALSO DICUSSED MISSING RESERVE FIGURE FROM FORM.

MOTION TO ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT PENGING AUDIT BY AARON PHILLIPS AND SECOND JEFF GIBSON. MOTION PASSED.

REMINDER BY ADJUTANT CHERRY TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN COPY OF ALL REPORTS.

COMMANDERS REPORT: BLAIR MILES GAVE SHORT REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP STATUS. TOUCHED ON ASKING FOR HELP FROM POST COMMANDERS WITH SQUADS THAT WERE SLACKING ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP COLLECTIONS.REPORTED ON NEW SQUADS FORMING IN TRUSSVILLE AREA. TOUCHED ON CONCERN ABOUT THE APPARENT NON APPRECIATION AND SLOW COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEGION DEPARTMENT.

MOTION TO ACCEPT COMMANDERS REPORT BY AARON PHILLIPS SECOND BY BUDDY MILLER. MOTION PASSED.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN GIBSON PRESENTED THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S LIST OF NOMINEES FOR 2019-2020 DETACHMENT OFFICERS. MOTION TO ACCEPT BY ARRON PHILLIPS SECOND BY WILLIE DUPREE. MOTION PASSED.

FINANCE COMMISSION: CHAIRMAN CHERRY PRESENTED THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 AND DISCUSSED ONLY CHANGES MADE, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND OFFICER TRAVEL EXPENDITURES WERE HIGHLIGHTED. MOTION TO ACCEPT BY AARON PHILLIPS, SECOND BY WILLIE DUPREE. MOTION PASSED.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AGAIN AT 12:50 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER COMMANDER BLAIR MILES

VICE COMMANDER DUFFEY ARRIVED LATE AND GAVE HIS AREA REPORT AT THAT TIME. VC DUFFEY TOUCHED ON HIS MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS AND UPDATED THE GROUP ON THE STATUS OF NEWLY FORMING SQUADS.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY JEFF GIBSON SECOND BY WILLIE DUPREE, MOTION PASSED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMANDER MILES INFORMED DETACHMENT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER GIBBS IMPENDING VISIT FOR CONVENTION AND THAT WE ALL NEED TO BE ON OUR BEST PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHILE PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION PROTOCOL AT ALL MEETINGS. TOUCHED ON COMMANDERS GIBBS AGENDA WHILE IN ALABAMA.

BRIEF UPDATE OF OUR AGENDA FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT CONVENTION. SAL ADVISOR HAYGOOD STATED IT WOULD BE GOOD IF WE COULD PACK THE HOUSE FOR OUR SAL CONVENTION MEETING. ALSO ASKED TO TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO USE A POST VAN FOR TRANSPORTATION...

WRITTEN REPORTS ARE TO BE HANDED IN AT TIME OF DELIVERY. COMMANDER MILES STATED THAT WE HAVE A PLAQUE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER GIBBS. BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE TENDENCY FOR THE DRAMATIC OF COMMANDER GIBBS SO LETS BE PREPARED TO IMPRESS.

VC STEVE BOWLING ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PROPER PROTOCOL OF MOTIONS AND SECONDS. ADJUTANT CHERRY ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOUND EQUIPMENT AT THE CONVENTION AND MICROPHONES FOR BOTH SGTS @ ARMS TO PROVIDE FOR GALLERY COMMENTS. SAL ADVISOR ADVISED

TO HAVE OFFICERS TO WEAR FLAG PINS DURING MEETINGS. DISCUSSION ON PROPER APPROACH TO HEAD TABLE DURING SESSIONS. BE ADVISED TO ALWAYS SALUTE FLAG UPON APPROACH. CONFIRMATION THAT FLAG POLE, STAND, TOPPER, SPEAR AND BASE FOR SAL WOULD BE ON SITE FOR CONVENTION. ASSISTANT ADJ. PHILLIPS SUGGESTED THAT ALL HAND IN THEIR EXPENSE VOUCHERS AT TIME OF MEETING COMPLETION THUS MAKING IT A QUICKER TURN AROUND FOR REPAYMENT. ADJUTANT CHERRY REMINDED ALL THAT THE REPAYMENT VOUCHERS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS... DRESS CODE FOR CONVENTION SUIT AND TIE REQUIRED.

GOOD OF THE SONS:

ASST. ADJUTANT PHILLIPS OFFERED THANKS TO SAL ADVISOR HAYGOOD FOR HIS POST'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE 33RD DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MOBILE AL. ASST. ADJ. PHILLIPS REPORTED THE AMOUNTS THAT WERE DONATED FROM THE \$14,000. FUNDS COLLECTED FROM SAID EVENT... VC DUFFEY REPORTED THAT LADY AUX MEMBER JUDY DAUGHTRY SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SAL THIS YEAR. ALSO REPORTED THAT NO HELP FOR BEAUREGARD SAL AND POST. ALSO REPORTED THAT HE WAS FACING SOME VERY SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS SOON AND WOULD NOT LET HIS WORK SUFFER. ADJ. CHERRY READ A LETTER ABOUT AWARD CONCERNING SQUADS WHO WERE 100% BEFORE CERTAIN DATE WOULD BE AWARDED AT CONVENTION.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

MEETING ADJOURNED BY COMMANDER MILES @ 1:37 PM