

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
DEC Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday, July 13th, 2017**

Conference Call Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Commander Miles

Roll Call:

Commander: Blair Miles

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Jeremy Blevins

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3: Jeff McNair

Area 4: David Duffey

Area 5: Aaron Phillips

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry

NEC: Thomas Glander – Absent (Excused)

Alt. NEC: Jeff Gibson

Chaplain: Vacant

Historian: Jeff Gibson

Judge Advocate: Buddy Miller

Sargent-at-Arms: Willie Dupree

Sargent-at-Arms II: Taylor Cowan - Absent

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Jeremy Blevins

Invocation by Andrew Cherry

Unfinished Business:

The appointments made by Commander Miles at the Post-Convention DEC meeting were not approved by the DEC. Motion to accept all of Commander Miles appointments made by Buddy Miller, second by David Duffey, motion passed.

Membership Report:

Aaron Phillips stated that only 26 renewals is need to get Detachment of Alabama to number 1 in the nation.

Motion to accept membership report as read by David Duffey, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Finance Report:

Adjutant/Finance Officer Cherry stated that the final financial report for 2016-2017 is not available, as the financial year closes on July 14th, 2017. He then went over some of the budget lines that went over budget: Awards, Office Supplies, Caps/Name Tags, Officer Travel, and Miscellaneous.

Adjutant/Finance Officer Cherry stated that physical address, not PO Box, is required on expense reports. Do not include expenses for anyone else (other officer(s) or spouse) on your expense report. Cost of alcoholic beverages is not reimbursable. Itemized receipts must be attached. Credit card receipts only showing total are not acceptable.

Motion to accept Finance report as read, subject to audit, by David Duffey, second by Jeff McNair, motion passed.

Adjutant/Finance Officer Cherry gave us updated information from Bookkeeper Angela Nation on changing the Detachment checking account to a Money Market account that was discussed at the Spring DEC. There is no cost associated with the change and the Money Market account should earn a few dollars each month. Motion to change the Detachment of Alabama checking account to a Money Market account made by Steve Bowling, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Veteran's Retreat:

The Veteran's Retreat is August 4th, 5th, and 6th; can use all the help they can get.

New Business:

Discussions on combining the Fall DEC and the DEC Workshop. Motion to combine the Fall DEC and the DEC Workshop into one meeting by Jeff McNair, second by Aaron Phillips, motion passed.

Department is having their Fall Leadership on September 22nd and 23rd. It was agreed that September 23rd would be a good date for the combined meeting. Adjutant Cherry will get with Department and arrange for meeting room for Saturday, September 23rd.

Historian Jeff Gibson stated that he does not have a camera and is using his phone to take pictures. Motion to purchase a camera for the Historian to use, at a cost not to exceed \$250.00, by David Duffey, second by Jeff McNair, motion passed.

Good of the SAL:

Commander Miles stated that he is not in a hurry to fill the Chaplain vacancy. If anyone is seriously interested in being the Detachment Chaplain, they need to submit their Bio to the DEC and be at the Fall DEC.

Adjutant Cherry went over the Newsletter Article responsibilities by month.

Aaron Phillips inquired about who is providing supplies for the meals at Veteran's Retreat. He approximately \$1,000.00 has been raised for the Veteran's Retreat.

PDC Bowling inquired about a dedication for the Memorial Monument at the Alabama Nation Cemetery. PDC Bowling will get the cemetery requirements/limitations. Jeff McNair suggested that Ron Haygood, having done dedication, may be able to help.

Jeff Gibson stated that he needs photos (8 x 10) of the Past Detachment Officers.

Benediction by Jeff Gibson.

Conference Call Adjourned by Commander Miles at 8:18 pm.