

**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Fall DEC Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 23rd, 2017**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:02 am by Commander Miles

Invocation by Thomas Glander

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Call:

Commander: Blair Miles

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Jeremy Blevins

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw - Resigned due to health

Area 3: Jeff McNair - Absent

Area 4: David Duffey - Absent, Excused

Area 5: Aaron Phillips

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry

NEC: Thomas Glander

Alt. NEC: Jeff Gibson

Chaplain: Vacant

Historian: Taylor Cowan - Absent - Excused

Judge Advocate: Buddy Miller

Sargent-at-Arms: Willie Dupree

Sargent-at-Arms II: Taylor Cowan

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Jeremy Blevins

Guests

Mark Fronduti, Squadron 133

Minutes of prior meeting:

Motion to suspend reading of minutes, since they have been published made by Tom Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Correspondence:

Two "Thank You" notes were received.

William D. Kelly, Jr., National Vice Commander Southern Region, thanked the Detachment of Alabama for the hospitality shown him and the Alabama clay Eagle presented to him during his visit at the 2017 Detachment of Alabama Convention.

Donna Stacey, Department of Alabama Commander, thanked the Detachment for donations to the Veteran's Retreat.

Officer Reports:

Commander: Report given by Blair Miles

Area 1 Vice Commander: Report given by Jeremy Blevins

Area 2 Vice Commander: Report given by Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3 Vice Commander: No Report

Area 4 Vice Commander: Report given by Jeff Gibson

Area 5 Vice Commander: Report given by Aaron Phillips

Motion to accept the Commander and Area Vice Commander reports as read made by Jeff Gibson, second by Willie Dupree, motion passed.

NEC: Report given by Thomas Glander

Historian: Report given by Jeff Gibson

SAL Advisor: Report given by Jeremy Blevins

Motion to accept the Officer and Advisor reports as read made by Jeff Gibson, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Finance Officer/Adjutant: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Motion to accept Finance and Adjutant reports as read, subject to audit, made by Thomas Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Resolutions, Motions, and Petitions:

The resolution to support Blair Miles for National Vice Commander, Southern Region, will have to be redone since Department sent it to National too early. Also, the resolution should come from the candidate's Squadron/Post and then endorsed by the Detachment.

Unfinished Business:

Commander Miles requested the status of purchasing a camera for the Historian. Historian Gibson stated that a camera had not been purchased and he could keep using his phone, but needs some help to transfer the pictures off his phone. After discussion, it was determined that the camera should still be purchased and Aaron Phillips will make sure it gets done.

Commander Miles stated that he felt it would not be feasible to have a formal dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Monument, due to time and cost required. He would like for Ron Haygood and Steve Bowling to pose at the Monument for picture as a dedication.

New Business:

Adjutant Cherry stated that Mark Fronduti is interested in being the Detachment Chaplain, which is currently vacant. Adjutant Cherry read a brief bio for Mark Fronduti. Motion to elect Mark Fronduti as Detachment Chaplain made by Jeff Gibson, second by Aaron Phillips, motion passed.

Jeremy Blevins stated that Squadron 176 has no members and thinks some action should be taken. Commander Miles said actions will be taken at Mid-Winter for Squadrons with no membership or under Charter membership.

Good of the SAL:

Commander Miles stated that since lunch will not be provided as normal for the Fall DEC meeting, the Detachment will pay for the officer's lunch. Receipt for lunch must be included with expense report. Commander Miles stated that the Training Workshop is at 1:00 pm today.

Jeff Gibson said he has shirts for \$15, with proceeds going to the Widows Luncheon program. The next Widows Luncheon will be February 17th, 2018 at Post 135 in Phenix City.

Adjutant Cherry stated that the recruitment awards for this year will be the same as last year. Deadline for Wreaths Across America donations (\$15 per wreath) is November 27th. Target date for 25% membership is October 12th.

Thomas Glander said that we need to find a candidate for this year's VA&R Rigsby Award.

Buddy Miller said he turned in 27 membership renewals this morning and asked Finance Officer Cherry if there would be any type notification of donations received for the Veteran's Retreat. No notifications are sent out but the donations made by the SAL are being tracked and total donations by the SAL will be provided at Convention. Buddy stated that Squadron 237 has donated \$1,000 to Veteran's Retreat and \$1,000 to NEF.

Adjutant Cherry present Veteran's Retreat Appreciation Certificates to Blair Miles, Jeff Gibson, Willie Dupree, Aaron Phillips, and Taylor Cowan.

Benediction by Thomas Glander.

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Miles at 11:58 am.