

**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Fall DEC Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 24th, 2015**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00am by Commander Gibson

Invocation by Chaplain Robinsky

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Call:

Commander: Jeff Gibson

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Don Smith - Absent - Excused

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3: Jerry Bailey - Absent

Area 4: Reginald Hebert - Absent - Excused

Area 5: Blair Miles

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry

NEC: Thomas Glander

Alt. NEC: Blair Miles

Chaplain: Terry Robinsky

Historian: Taylor Cowan

Judge Advocate: Buddy Miller

Sargent-at-Arms: Willie Dupree - Late

Sargent-at-Arms II: John Burke

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Jeff McNair - Absent

Guest: Greg Akers, Department of Alabama Adjutant

Minutes of prior meeting:

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

Guest:

Department Adjutant Greg Akers informed the Detachment that the Department is training program and would like a trainer from each Division, from each group in the American Legion Family: Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL.

Correspondence: None

Officer Reports:

Area 1 Vice Commander: Read by Adjutant Cherry

Area 2 Vice Commander: Report given by Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3 Vice Commander: Absent, No report given

Area 4 Vice Commander: Report given by Reginald Hebert via speaker phone

Area 5 Vice Commander/Membership Chairman: Report given by Blair Miles

Motion to accept the Area Vice Commander reports as read made by Tom Glander, second by John Burke, motion passed.

Alternate NEC: Report given by Blair Miles

Motion to accept Alternate NEC report as read made by Tom Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

NEC: Report given by Thomas Glander

Motion to accept NEC report as read made by Blair Miles, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Finance Officer: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Motion to accept Finance report as read, subject to audit, made by Tom Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Chaplain: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Motion to accept the Chaplain report as read made by Blair Miles, second by Tom Glander, motion passed.

Assistant Adjutant/Past Commander: Report given by Steve Bowling

Motion to accept Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander report as read made by Blair Miles, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Guest, Department Adjutant Greg Akers, presented Certificate of Appreciation to the Detachment of Alabama, Commander Gibson, Chaplain Robinsky and Donna Robinsky for help with the Veterans Retreat.

Commander Gibson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Burke for participation in the 2015 State of Alabama POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 am.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 am.

Commission/Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws: Report given by Buddy Miller. Two resolutions, DEC 1-15 and DEC 3-15, for changes/corrections to the Detachment of Alabama Constitution were presented. Resolution DEC 2-15 was deemed unnecessary by committee and was filed.

Motion to pass the resolutions, as corrected, on to Mid-Winter Conference to be voted on made by Blair Miles, seconded, motion passed.

Buddy Miller has developed list of 21 Past Detachment Commanders and turned it over to Adjutant Cherry.

Membership: Report given by Blair Miles.

Convention and Activities: Report given by Blair Miles.

Motion to move Children and Youth from a Commission to a Committee under Americanism, to make the Detachment Commission/Committee structure the same as National, made by Tom Glander, second by Steve Bowling, passed.

VA&R: Report given by Thomas Glander

Finance: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Commission/Committee reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Old Business:

Discussion held on Veterans Day events.

Motion to purchase 7 tickets for Banquet in Montgomery made by Buddy Miller, second by Frank Birdyshaw, motion passed.

Motion to purchase up to 4 tickets, if required, for Banquet in Birmingham made by Steve Bowling, second by Blair Miles, motion passed.

Discussion held on Cold War Veterans Celebration to be held at next State Convention. Design for commemorative pin is need. Motion that pin design be selected from all designs submitted by the Mid-Winter Conference, second, passed.

The status on memorial for the Alabama National Cemetery was given by Steve Bowling. Still waiting on confirmation from Ron Haygood on whether foundation for memorial is provided by the cemetery and a quote from the local company that the Legion memorial was purchased from.

New Business:

Motion to request the SAL National Commander, or SAL National Vice Commander South Region, attend our Mid-Winter Conference made by Blair Miles, second by Terry Robinsky, motion passed.

Pictures of the past Detachment Commanders is needed. Also, pictures are needed of current officers. All Detachment Officers should have coat and tie at the Mid-Winter Conference so pictures can be made.

Motion for Detachment to provide Commander Gibson \$500 for gift boxes for veterans, in conjunction with the Commanders project "Gifts for Vets", made by Taylor Cowan, second by Tom Glander, motion passed.

Good of the SAL:

Commander Gibson presented the Child Welfare Foundation Award received at the National Convention.

Department Adjutant Greg Akers talked about door hanger Legion membership applications made up for the Department of Alabama. He designed the door hangers and said he could easily modify them for the SAL to use. He stated that the Legion is getting a good response to this recruiting tool.

Department of Alabama is having raffle for 3 rifles to raise money for the Legacy Fund and the Veterans Retreat, with the proceeds divided equally between them. Tickets can be obtained for a suggested donation of \$5 each or 7 for \$20.

Adjutant Cherry reminded the Detachment officers of the schedule for articles for the Department newsletter: November – Area 2 Vice Commander, December - Area 2 Vice Commander and Chaplain, and January - Area 4 Vice Commander. All articles need to be in the Department Adjutants office by the Monday before 1st Friday of the month.

Taylor Cowan, Historian, suggested that the SAL have a raffle for a Bow to raise funds. Commander Gibson asked him to prepare a proposal, including costs and ticket cost, to present at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson