

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Fall DEC Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 22th, 2016**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:05am by Commander Gibson

Invocation by Chaplain Robinsky

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Call:

Commander: Jeff Gibson

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Jeremy Blevins

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3: Jeff McNair - Absent - Excused

Area 4: Open

Area 5: Aaron Phillips - Absent - Excused

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry

NEC: Thomas Glander

Alt. NEC: Blair Miles - Absent - Excused

Chaplain: Terry Robinsky

Historian: Taylor Cowan - Absent - Excused

Judge Advocate: Buddy Miller

Sargent-at-Arms: Willie Dupree - Absent - Excused

Sargent-at-Arms II: John Burke

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Matt Gaff - Absent - Excused

Guests:

The following guests were recognized by Commander Gibson:

David W. Duffey, Squadron 135 Commander

Will Hayes, Squadron 555 Commander

Ron Koonce, Squadron 555 Adjutant

Jerry Bailey, Squadron 107 Commander

PD Ron Haygood

Minutes of prior meeting:

Motion to suspend reading of minutes for Convention Pre-DEC Meeting, Convention Post-DEC Meeting and Spring DEC Meeting, since they have been published made by Tom Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Officer Reports:

Area 1 Vice Commander: Report given by Jeremy Blevins

Area 2 Vice Commander: Report given by Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3 Vice Commander: Report given by Adjutant Cherry

Area 4 Vice Commander: Report given by Adjutant Cherry

Area 5 Vice Commander: Report given by Adjutant Cherry

Motion to accept the Area Vice Commander reports as read made by Thomas Glander, 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 Ron Haygood, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

National Convention: Report prepared by Blair Miles, read by Thomas Glander.

NEC: Report given by Thomas Glander

Motion to accept NEC report as read made by Jerry Bailey, second by John Burke, motion passed.

Chaplain: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Motion to accept the Chaplain report as read made by Thomas Glander, second by Ron Haygood, motion passed.

Adjutant: We finally received approval from the Department for the resolutions to amend the Detachment Constitution.

Commander: Report given by Jeffrey Gibson

Motion to accept the Commander report as read made by Thomas Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Commander Gibson appointed Adjutant Cherry to sit in Chairman Blair Miles place for the Membership Committee meeting.

Meeting recessed for Committee meetings and lunch at 11:05 am.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 am.

Commission/Committee Reports

VA&R: Report given by Thomas Glander

Americanism: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Constitution and By-Laws: Report given by Buddy Miller. Resolution DEC 1-16 for changes/corrections to the Detachment of Alabama Constitution was presented.

Resolution for the Detachment to sponsor Blair Miles for National Vice Commander, Southern Region, was presented.

Finance: Report given by Ron Haygood for Andrew Cherry

Membership: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Motion to accept the Commission/Committee reports, except Finance, as read made by John Burke, second by Thomas Glander, motion passed.

Motion to accept the Finance Commission report as read made by Ron Haygood, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

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

Old Business:

The status on memorial for the Alabama National Cemetery was given by Steve Bowling. All required paperwork has been submitted to the Alabama National Cemetery for approval.

New Business:

Commander Gibson appointed David W. Duffey to be Vice Commander Area 4. Motion to approve appointment made by Thomas Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Ron Haygood provided information on the efforts to revitalize the Alabama War Memorial and fund raising by sale of paver bricks. Brochures of paver brick options and sizes was passed out. Ron also provided information and brochures on Wreaths Across America.

Buddy Miller volunteered to resign from the Finance Commission to eliminate the conflict of 2 members being from the same Squadron. Commander Gibson appointed Jeremy Blevins to fill the now vacant position on the Finance Commission. Motion to approve Commander Gibson's appointment made by Thomas Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Commander Gibson is planning 2 luncheons for Veterans Widows, in Wetumpka and Union Springs. He requested help to get funding to provide 3 white roses for each widow.

Executive Session 1:43 pm to 2:36 pm.

Good of the SAL:

Adjutant Cherry reminded that all Squadron Adjutants need to join MySAL. National has form to send in member's birth dates.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson at 2:39 pm.