

**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Mid-Winter Conference Minutes
Saturday, January 16th, 2016**

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 am by Commander Gibson

Invocation by Chaplain Robinsky

Opening Ceremonies

Guest:

Robert Barefield, chairman of the Alabama National Cemetery Support Committee, thanked the SAL Detachment of Alabama for their support and donation chairs for the Alabama National Cemetery. He also provided information about the current projects of the support committee.

Roll Call:

Commander: Jeff Gibson

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Don Smith - Absent

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3: Jerry Bailey

Area 4: Reginald Hebert

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

Sargent-at-Arms II: John Burke

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Jeff McNair

Minutes of prior meeting:

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

Correspondence: None

Commander Gibson recognized the members attending a Detachment Conference for the first time. The first time attendees from Millbrook Squadron 133 were Commander Justin Jones, 1st Vice Commander/Finance Officer Bobby A. Boswell, 2nd Vice Commander Josh Dominguez, and Adjutant Danny Lawless Jr. Also recognized was Adjutant James Snow from the new Jasper Squadron 9.

Guest Speaker:

Jim Jeffries, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama, was the guest speaker for the Detachment Conference. He is a dual member, qualifying for Sons Of The American Legion under his father, who served in World War II and Korea.

Officer Reports:

Area 1 Vice Commander: Absent, no report.

Area 2 Vice Commander: Report given by Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3 Vice Commander: Report given by

Area 4 Vice Commander: Report given by Reginald Hebert

Area 5 Vice Commander/ Alternate NEC: Report(s) given by Blair Miles

NEC: Report given by Thomas Glander

Finance Officer: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Chaplain: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Motion to accept Officer reports as read made by Tom Glander, second by Willie Dupree, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Commission/Committee Reports

Membership: Report given by Blair Miles

Convention and Activities: Report given by Blair Miles

VA&R: Report given by Thomas Glander

Americanism: Report given by Thomas Glander

Children and Youth: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Constitution and By-Laws: Report given by Buddy Miller

Resolution DEC 1-15, for changes/corrections to the Detachment of Alabama Constitution, was read and Buddy Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Willie Dupree and was passed unanimously.

Resolution DEC 3-15, for changes/corrections to the Detachment of Alabama Constitution, was read and Blair Miles made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Thomas Glander and was passed unanimously.

Adjutant: Andrew Cherry provided information about Consolidated Reports.
Commission/Committee reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Motion to accept Committee/Commission reports as read made by Blair Miles, second by Tom Glander, motion passed.

Old Business:

Update on Cold War Veterans Celebration to be held at next State Convention provided by Commander Gibson. Only 2 designs for the commemorative pin were submitted. He emphasized that as many Sons attend as possible. He would like to have 1 or 2 representatives from each Squadron attend.

New Business:

Commander Gibson led discussions about upcoming officer elections. Currently there are no candidates running for Vice Commander Area 1 or Vice Commander Area 3. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Convention.

Good of the SAL:

Commander Gibson would like a Past Detachment Commanders Club be started. He also would like to have Commander's Awards for Squadron of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Son of the Year.

Tom Glander provided information on Sled Hockey Program for veterans. Grant money is available to purchase equipment. If you know any veterans interested, please contact Tom or Andy.

Adjutant Cherry displayed Certificate of Appreciation from Department for the Detachments help with the Veterans Retreat and certificate from National for exceeding the goal for Child Welfare Foundation. He also stated that only 12 Squadrons are signed up for MYSAL, which is a great tool for Squadron Adjutants. National is still requesting that the DOB of members be provided as many applications have this field blank. There is a form available online to provide the DOB of members.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Glander, second by John Burke, motion passed.

Chaplain Terry Robinsky asked for any prayer requests to be included in the Benediction.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Closing Ceremonies by Commander Gibson

Meeting Adjourned at 11:57 am