

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Midwinter Conference Minutes
Saturday, January 14th, 2017**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:10 am 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

Area 4: David W. Duffey

Area 5: Aaron Phillips

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 - Absent - Excused

Sargent-at-Arms II: John Burke

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Matt Gaff - Absent - Excused

Guest Speaker:

Donna Stacey, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama, was the guest speaker for the Detachment Mid-Winter Conference. She congratulated the Sons on their membership. She also thanked the Sons for all the support provided to the Department and the entire Legion Family. Senior Vice Commander Stacey encouraged the Sons to help get new members for the all of the Legion Family.

Roll Call of Squadrons:

Roll Call of Squadrons present conducted since voting on Resolutions is on the Convention agenda. Information was given to each Squadron present.

Squadrons present: 5, 9, 19, 88, 90, 107, 133, 135, 155, 171, 237, 255, and 555.

Squadrons absent: 4, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 26, 30, 44, 45, 47, 57, 71, 76, 79, 98, 99, 101, 113, 114, 122, 134, 137, 153, 164, 176, 199, 210, 243, 250, 312, 322, 347, 400, 911, and 2011.

Minutes of prior meetings:

Motion to suspend reading of minutes for the 2016 Detachment Convention, since they have been published, made by Tom Glander, second by David Duffey, motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Membership: 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: Report given by Jeff McNair

Area 4 Vice Commander: Report given by David W. Duffey

Area 5 Vice Commander: Report given by Aaron Phillips

Motion to accept Vice Commander reports as read made by John Burke, second by David Duffey, motion passed.

Finance Officer: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Motion to accept Finance Report, subject to audit, made by John Burke, second by David Duffey, motion passed.

NEC: Report given by Thomas Glander

Chaplain: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Commander: Report given by Jeff Gibson

Motion to accept the NEC, Chaplain and Commander reports as read made by Blair Miles, second by David Duffey, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Old Business:

Status of the Memorial Monument provided by Ran Haygood: The granite should be received by the monument company between now and the end of the month.

New Business:

Commander Gibson turned meeting over to Judge Advocate Buddy Miller for the New Business.

Judge Advocate Miller presented Resolution DEC 1-16 Amend Constitution, which changes wording to align the Detachment Constitution with the National Constitution. Motion to accept Resolution DEC 1-16 made by David Duffey, second by John Burke, passed. Resolution DEC 1-16 will be sent to Department for approval.

Judge Advocate Miller presented Resolution DEC 2-16 for the Detachment to sponsor Blair Miles for National Vice Commander. Motion to accept Resolution DEC 2-16 made by Jeff Gibson, second by David Duffey, passed. Resolution DEC 2-16 will be sent to Department for approval.

Good of the SAL:

Adjutant Cherry stated that the book given to each Squadron was put out by the National Commander and contains a world of knowledge within its 12 chapters. Adjutant Cherry emphasized the importance of including DOB, phone number and e-mail address on new member applications.

Ron Haygood stated that over 14,000 small paver bricks needed to fund the revitalization of the Alabama War Memorial and that every Squadron should participate.

Commander Gibson recognized first time attendee William Sloan from Squadron 5.

Blair Miles reported that the POW/MIA knife raffle raised \$495 and he donated \$5 to make it an even \$500. Motion for the Detachment to give these funds to the Widows Luncheon fund made by Andrew Cherry, second by Danny Lawless, passed.

Adjutant Cherry reminded everyone that the Detachment is sponsoring Putt-Putt at the Banquet Game Night.

NEC Thomas Glander reported that National Commander Frain's mother passed a couple of weeks ago.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson at 12:00 noon.