

**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Alabama  
Pre-Convention DEC Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, June 17th, 2016**

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30pm by Commander Gibson

Invocation by Chaplain Robinsky

Opening Ceremonies

**Roll Call:**

Commander: Jeff Gibson

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Don Smith - Absent

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3: Jerry Bailey - Absent

Area 4: Vacant

Area 5: Blair Miles

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry – Absent, Excused

NEC: Thomas Glander

Alt. NEC: Blair Miles

Chaplain: Terry Robinsky

Historian: Taylor Cowan - Absent

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

**Old Business:**

Motion to waive review of nominations of candidates for Detachment Officers made by Thomas Glander, second by Frank Birdyshaw, passed.

**New Business:**

Motion to approve the Uniform Code of Procedures for Convention made by Thomas Glander, with second by Blair Miles. During discussion, Steve Bowling pointed out that there is still a discrepancy between Uniform Code of Procedures and the Constitution on method that Finance Officer's position is filled since the Amendment to the Constitution to rectify the discrepancy has not been passed yet. Thomas Glander amended his motion to include the exception, second by Blair Miles, passed.

**Good of the SAL:**

Buddy Miller voiced concerns over the amount of funding from reserves included in the proposed 2016-2017 budget and stated some ways to reduce the amount taken from reserves. Commander Gibson stated the concerns need to be brought up to the Finance Commission and the Finance Commission should present any proposed changes to the Body. John Burke stated that we need more tools and training for recruitment of new members.

Thomas Glander asked that expense vouchers be given to him and he would give them directly to Department Finance. Steve Bowling pointed out that all vouchers are required to be processed by the Detachment Finance Officer before being submitted to Department. Any vouchers given to Assistant Adjutant Bowling would be placed in the Adjutant's box that will be delivered to Adjutant Cherry, on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson at 6:15pm.