

**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Alabama  
Pre-Midwinter DEC Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 16th, 2016**

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00am 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 - Late

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 - Late

**Minutes of prior meeting:**

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

**Old Business:**

The status on memorial for the Alabama National Cemetery was given by Steve Bowling. The Alabama National Cemetery was contacted directly to determine that the foundation for memorial must be provided by the organization donating the monument. It was also learned that a written request for a Memorial Monument must be submitted to the Alabama National Cemetery for approval. Quotes from the local company that the Legion memorial was purchased from and another company will be requested. When quotes are received a letter requesting approval will be drafted and submitted.

The status on the resolutions for changes to the constitution was given by Buddy Miller. The resolutions are ready to be voted on at Midwinter. Buddy also explained the steps required to submit the resolutions if passed.

**New Business:**

Date for the Spring DEC was discussed. It was decided to have the meeting at 10:00am on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Department Headquarters in Montgomery, with an alternate date of April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussions were held on the election of next year's officers. Resolutions for anyone running for an office should be submitted by the Spring DEC. The following officers stated that they will run for office next year:

Commander: Jeff Gibson  
Area 2 Vice Commander: Frank Birdyshaw  
Area 3 Vice Commander: Jeff McNair  
Area 4 Vice Commander: Reginald Hebert  
NEC: Thomas Glander  
Alternate NEC: Blair Miles  
Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry  
Chaplain: Terry Robinsky  
Sargent-at-Arms: Willie Dupree  
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**Good of the SAL:**

Commander Gibson requested that officers come to the front and face membership when giving reports at our meetings.

Commander Gibson stated that the Department was going to have a "Legion High School", that will be held at Department Headquarters, and is looking for volunteer instructors for the SAL.

Adjutant Cherry said that Enterprise Post 73 and Pelham Post 555 are very interested in starting a SAL Squadron.

NEC Glander suggested that Commander Gibson appoint a standing committee to take care of new Squadron Charter applications.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson