

**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Spring DEC Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 2nd, 2016**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00am 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

Area 3: Jerry Bailey

Area 4: Reginald Hebert - Absent

Area 5: Blair Miles

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry

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

Guests:

Jeremy Blevins, District 12 Commander. Commander Blevins reported on the status of Huntsville Post 176 and Squadron 176, which the Department had previously removed the officers and placed control of the Post under District 12.

Greg Akers, Department Adjutant. Informed about National Flight Academy in Pensacola will have American Legion week July 3rd to 8th, and will have 2 for 1 tuition. Blue Angels will put show during this week. The Biscuits baseball, in conjunction with the American Legion, will be hosting a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration on April 16th.

Johnny Bice, Commander of Squadron 9 in Jasper, one of the newest Squadrons in Detachment.

Minutes of prior meeting:

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

Correspondence: Received 2 letters from Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tuskegee, thanking the Detachment for the gift boxes provided by the Detachment through Commander Gibson's "Gift for Vets" project.

Officer Reports:

Area 1 Vice Commander: Absent, No report given

Area 2 Vice Commander: Frank Birdyshaw stated he had no report.

Area 3 Vice Commander: Jerry Bailey stated he had no report.

Area 4 Vice Commander: Absent, No report given

Area 5 Vice Commander/Membership Chairman: Report given by Blair Miles

Finance Officer: Report given by Andrew Cherry

NEC: Thomas Glander stated he had no report.

Chaplain: Report given by Terry Robinsky

Commander: Report given by Jeff Gibson.

Motion to accept all officer reports, with the exception of the Finance report, as read made by Jeff McNair, second by Blair Miles, motion passed.

Motion to accept Finance report as read, subject to audit, made by Tom Glander, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Meeting recessed for Committee meetings and lunch at 11:00 am.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 pm.

Commission/Committee Reports

Convention and Activities: Report given by Blair Miles. The Cold War Appreciation was changed to Dessert Storm Appreciation. Department has requested 4 SAL members to help with raffle.

Membership: Report given by Blair Miles.

Motion to accept reports given by Blair Miles as read made by Tom Glander, second by John Burke, motion passed.

VA&R: Report given by Thomas Glander

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

Children and Youth: Report given by Terry Robinsky.

Motion to accept report as read made by Steve Bowling, second by Jerry Bailey, motion passed.

Constitution and By-Laws: Report given by Buddy Miller. It was determined that the notification process for the two resolutions, DEC 1-15 and DEC 3-15, for changes/corrections to the Detachment of Alabama Constitution, was not done properly. Copies will be sent to every Squadron and published in the Department newsletter, as well as copies sent to the Department Judge advocate. The Resolutions will have to be voted on again at the Convention.

Motion to accept report as read made by Blair Miles, second by Tom Glander, motion passed.

Old Business:

The status on memorial for the Alabama National Cemetery was given by Steve Bowling. Formal request for permission to place the monument will be sent when pending quotes are received and proper paperwork is completed.

New Business:

Motion that the Detachment will not be involved in Squadron 176 affairs until Department investigation is completed and closed made by Jerry Bailey, second by Willie Dupree, motion passed.

Motion to provide \$450 (\$300 to be moved from Adjutants NEC expense plus additional \$150) for Commander Gibson's expenses to attend NMI made by John Burke, second by Jerry Bailey, motion passed.

Good of the SAL:

Ron Haygood provided details about the refrigerators, stoves, and dishwashers donated by an apartment complex to the American Legion, including the requirements of the donor and how Squadrons can apply to one or more items. Items must go to veterans or the proceeds from the sale of the items must go to veterans.

Buddy Miller presented Commander Gibson a \$500 donation from Squadron 237 for his "Gift for Veterans" project.

After suggestion by Terry Robinsky, a motion to donate the excess Legacy t-shirts to the VA home by Tom Glander, second by Jerry Bailey, motion passed.

All Detachment officers need to make sure their Squadron turns in a Consolidated Report. Adjutant Cherry stated that the National deadline is July 20th and believes the Department deadline is June 1st. Judge Advocate Miller stated that since the Department sends all of the Consolidated Reports to National, the Detachment should adhere to the Department deadline.

Adjutant Cherry stated that Squadrons must be preregistered for the Convention to be able to pick up membership cards at the Convention.

Benediction by Chaplain Robinsky

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson at 1:54 pm.