

Minutes of
American legion 22nd District – Department of Texas
District Executive Meeting (August 12, 2018)

22nd District Executive Committee meeting called to order by Commander Joseph Thomas at 1400 hours at Post 521 Pasadena, Texas.

Opening ceremony was conducted and lead by the District Commander

Roll Call conducted by Adjutant. All Officers present except Asst-Sgt-At-Arms David Saucillo, excused. All Committee Chairpersons were present except David Saucillo (Baseball) excused Janie Garrett (School Awards), Wayne Pridmore (Popcorn), and Joe Chavez (POW/MIA). The Committees without chairman representation were Children & Youth, Junior Shooting, and Public Relations. The Posts that were represented were 52, 77, 164, 316, 391, 416, 472, 490, 521, and 654. Posts not represented were 319, 366, 594 and 596. The Commander had a quorum.

Commander welcomed all Passed Commanders and Guests

Minutes of last meeting: Motion by Butch Sparks to waive the reading of the minutes and have them accepted as presented. Seconded by Dan King. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Officers Reports:

Vice Commander - reports submitted to Adjutant via email. Can be provided on request
Adjutant - No Report

Finance Officer - Finance Report given by Lynn Sparks. Motion to accept the report as given, by Lynn Sparks, subject to audit. Seconded Tom Larsen. Motion voted and passed.

Judge Advocate - No Report

Chaplain - No Report

Historian - No Report

Sgt-at-Arms – Reported 25 members present and submitted the sign sheet to the Adjutant.

Committee Reports

Americanism - N/A

Baseball - No Report

Boy Scout – No Report

Boys State – Chairperson requested authority to solicit contract for bus transportation for 2019 Boys State Event. Request will be bought up in New Business

Community Service – No Report

Children & Youth – No Report

Constitution & Bylaws - National Executive Committeeman Sparks advised all to review their current document and ensure that it is in compliance with changes recently made at Department level.

Disaster Preparedness -No Report

National Security - Chairperson McQueen provided update to District concerning his efforts to integrate new changes to procedures in the District's Disaster Plan

POW/MIA - No Report

Oratorical - No Report

Public Relations - No Report

S.A.L - No Report

School Awards - No Report

VA&R - No Report

Training - No Report

Webmaster - Written Report provided for filing by Vice Commander Woodstrom

Hub master – No Report

Popcorn – No Report

Post Reports:

Commander, Camella Andrews, reported that Post 316 conducted a Membership Drive with a "Back to School" event for the families that signed up. Post 490 opened its doors to allow the event to be held there. They saw 350 families. Recruiting was very good and they provided supplies for all attending.

Commander's Report:

Commander Thomas reported on his enthusiasm about his upcoming tour of duty as the District Commander. He spoke on his plans for training throughout the District and the opportunity to bring in trainers from outside, the ability to utilize his travel expense account to cover the expenses of having the training provided, and his information packets distributed to each Commander/Chairperson expressing his goals and expectations. He also pressed the emphasis of each of us to submit written reports for filing for future referencing. He requested that each Post state their dates of availability to host District DEC. A schedule was drafted from September 2018 thru April 2019. The document will be sent to Post Commanders before September DEC. He also stated that on October 13, 2018 at Post 521 there will be an Officer Training session. A one day training session on all four pillars of the American Legion. The session is open to all Posts, Districts, Division and Legionnaires in the Department.

Commander Thomas introduced Legionnaire Jeff Perkins, candidate for Department Commander for year 2020. Legionnaire Perkins provided some of his thoughts and plans for his tenure as the Department Commander. He also requested that no District schedule their Convention in March 2019. He requested they used that month to promote activities that showcase the Legion's 100th Anniversary. He offered his personal service to assist the District at any time work membership.

Commander Thomas allowed Legionnaire Mitchell the opportunity to introduce American Veterans Museum Committee Members Doug Hodges, Denyce Treybig and legionnaire Andy Valadez. They provided a modified presentation of the American Veterans Museum project on where it stands presently and its future objectives. They challenged the Legion to provide support via Letters, Volunteers and Donations.

New Business:

Motion by NECman Butch Sparks to give Adjutant Mitchell authority to make contract with Transportation Company to provide buses for 2019 Boys State. Seconded by James King. Motion voted on and passed.

Motion by NECman Sparks to suspend the District's financial support of Popcorn operations at the Debackey VA Hospital. Until satisfaction of fund distribution is acquired no further contribution will be given. Seconded by Harry Woodstrom. There was a very involved discussion to include comments from Finance Officer Lynn Sparks, Commanders Thomas, Andrews, King, and Legionnaire Cris Martinez to support the move to suspend support.

Motion made to have NECman Butch Sparks and Adjutant Jimmy Mitchell meet with the Director to discuss this issue and get satisfaction for the District. Seconded and Motion Passed.

Motion by Finance Officer, Lynn Sparks to authorize the Adjutant to purchase a recorder to assist in preparing meeting minutes. Seconded by Cris Martinez. Motion voted and passed.

Member Turn-ins:

Post 521 turn in 55 to Department last Friday (8/10/2018)

Post 490 turn in 84 to Department last Friday (8/10/2018)

Good of the Legion

Commander King, Post 416, acknowledged his support of Commander Thomas' training program as to how significance for newly elected Officers.

NECman Sparks recommended that Commander Thomas send a letter to two (Posts 594 & 596) active Posts that had no representatives present.

Meeting adjourned 1548 hours