

Commander Thomas called the 22nd District Executive Committee Meeting to order at 1400 hours, January 10, 2021, at Post 521, 2221 Preston Street, Pasadena, Texas 77503.

Opening ceremony conducted

Roll Call by Adjutant Present Cmdr. Joseph Thomas, Vice Cmdr. Harry Woodstrom, Adj. Jimmy Mitchell, Finance Officer Lynn Sparks, Chaplain Robert Harvey, Judge Advocate Butch Sparks, Sgt-at Arms James McGuire, and Historian Dan King. All Committee Chairman present except Americanism, Baseball, and Community Service. Post present; 52, 77, 164, 319, 490, 416, 490, 521, Posts absent; 316, 391, 472, 594, 596, 654.

Commander Thomas turned meeting over to the Vice Commander, while he visited the District Auxiliary Meeting. Vice Commander Harry Woodstrom carried the meeting.

Officer Reports

Adjutant No Report

Finance Officer F. O. Lynn Sparks presented the DEC with a report of the District finances and provided a written report for filing. Motion by Jimmy Mitchell to accept the report as given. Seconded by James McGuire. Motion passed.

Chaplain No Report

Historian No Report

Sgt-at-Arms Sgt-at-Arms McGuire report 16 members present and provided the rooster for filing.

Commander Thomas returned and resumed responsibility of carrying out the meeting

Committee Reports

Americanism Chairman not present

Baseball Vacant

Boys Scouts Chairman Thomas reported that this program is suffering with internal problems that are hurting the organization's out reach efforts

Boys State Chairman Mitchell reported that the 2021 information on the program's guidance is still forth coming. Commander David Saucillo, Post 319 asked "is there going to be a definite deadline for 2021 when we will know the program's participation status, live or virtual"? The District Boys State Chairman stated that he would get him an answer and forward this information to him.

Constitution & by-Laws Chairman Butch Sparks reminded all present again about the update of By-Laws and that the Dept Judge Advocate can approve revisions via email. One specific revision is for Posts to be able to conduct Post business other than in person, would be by virtual method. In order for this to be official, Post By-Laws must have this provision in their By-Laws.

Legislature Chairman Thomas commented on the A political status of the American Legion as a organization. HE further commented that our civilian view as to our political opinions are ours to express, just not for the Legion.

National Security No Report

Oratorical Chairman Dan King reported on the winner of the District Contest. HE was sponsored by Post 164. He also announced the 2nd Division Oratorical Contest, to be held at Post 164, January 23, 2021. Districts 6th, 8th, and 22nd will have contestants participating.

SAL Chairman Dan King provided a written report of the District's performance. He also commented that the low membership status is more than likely due to the 100% increase annual dues.

VA&R No Report

There was a question concerning the accessibility of the Hospital. Chairman James King informed the DEC that no one can get in w/o an appointment. Not even the Hospitality House has residents.

Web Master Vice Commander Woodstrom provided a written report on current activities and noted the progressive efforts of Post 521 to update the their site.

Hudmaster Butch Sparks again reminded all that he will distribute information as it is forwarded to him for distribution.

Post Reports No Reports

Judge Advocate Sparks requested the approval of the Commander and the DEC to have documentation surrounding the situation with the Department Commander, 22nd District Commander, 7th District and Post 490 given to the Adjutant for filing as part of our permanent records. He also reported on the merger of Posts 594 and 521. It is hopeful that this issue will be resolve at Mid Winter.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Good of the Legion

Vice Commander Woodstrom acknowledged the restrains that have be placed on Legion activities due the Pandemic, but he also reminded us of things that can still be done. He noted the community activities that still need our support such as, transporting aiding veterans to clinic appointments, PTSD assistance and events like wreaths over America. He also noted that Post 164 was involved in the rededicating of a retired aircraft that was featured in the Legion Times.

Commander Thomas mentioned the efforts of Post 521 in the meetings with Pasadena Police to support efforts to reduce the effects of PTSD. HE also reflected on his meeting with the District Auxiliary. Their focus was the "Legion Family"

Oratorical Chairman King announced the Department Commander will attend the 2nd Division Oratorical Contest.

Post 490 announced a Chili Cook Off next Saturday, January 16, 2021. The event is an out doors event. They are also planning a Kraft Fair around the Armed Forces Day time frame.

Commander Thomas announced the Gavel Club Meeting immediately following the DEC.

DEC adjourned 1445 hours

