

Minutes of
American Legion 22nd District – Department of Texas
District Executive Meeting (June 8, 2019)

22nd District Executive Committee meeting called to order by Commander Joseph Thomas at 1400 hours at Post 554 Houston, Texas.

Opening ceremony was conducted and lead by the District Commander, Joseph Thomas.

Roll Call conducted by Adjutant. All District Officers present. 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, 164, 391, 416, 472, 521, and 654. Posts not represented were 77, 316, 490, and 594. 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 noted on the website. Seconded by Dan King. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Officer Reports:

Vice Commander Woodstrom, reported that the District was 74.3% of goal. He reminded all of the cut off date for Post Reports to be in to qualify for Department awards. Also he addressed the election of District Delegates to represent at the Department Convention. And, he explained the voting criteria and answered questions. Vice Commander also submitted a written report.

Adjutant No Report

Finance Officer Report given by Lynn Sparks. Motion to accept the report by Adjutant. Seconded by Past Commander District Torres. Motion passed. Written report provided to Adjutant.

Judge Advocate No Report

Chaplain Report Chaplain Harvey reported on the bench that was dedicated by Post 490.

Historian No Report

SAL Dan King reported on the standing of the Squadron and submitted a written report as well.

Oratorical Dan King provided information that indicated the dates of the 2020 Competition, (January 8, 2020) at 7pm at Post 521 Pasadena, TX.

Sgt-at Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms McGuire reported 28 members present and turned in the sign in sheet.

District Service Officer Treacy reported on several issues concerning the Appeals Modification Act: 1) the Appeals Mgmt. Office and the division within, a) the Appeals Mgmt. Committee, b) the Board of Veterans appeals, c) the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the location of two processing centers, a) Decision on Appeals in Florida and b) Office of Claims Center in Washington. He further discussed his views, assessment, and answered questions. He also provided a written report. Member from Post 654 asked if he (Service Officer) could assist in the Post in identifying a recipient for a hospital bed (new) and wheel chair? He responded "affirmative"!!

Americanism: Past Commander Torres reported on the U S Flag Clause and the amendment.

Boys Scouts:

Boys State: Chairman Mitchell reminded the DEC of the pick up and delivery of our 2019 Boys State attendees. Reminded all of the pick up times and locations.

Community Service:

Constitution & By Laws: Butch Sparks provided a report on the status of Department's requirement for Post to have Constitutions & By Laws.

Legislative: A lengthy and detailed discussion conducted on the Legion's posture when it comes to our participation in political events. The primary focus is that open Legion support of any specific political candidate is a violation of American Legion practices. If the Posts invites one it must invite all" however, it is forbidden to endorse any of them.

National Security No Report

Oratorical Chairman Dan King announced that the District Contest for 2020 will be held this year at Post 521, 7pm, on January 8, 2020.

POW/MIA No Report

VA&R: Re Commander report by Commander James King on Mission Act. He also provided an electronic report.

POST REPORTS: No report

Commander Report Commander noted November 17 2020 ????? Commander Thomas also announced that Post 77 had not submitted required forms (Post Certification & Commander/Adjutant) to Department. He also indicated that we have (5) Posts that could make 100% with the assistance of our 345 listing. He also wanted those that volunteered for Dept committees to be reminded of our commitment. Americanism-Commander Thomas, Constitution & By-Laws-Lynn Sparks, Credentials & Rules- Harry Woodstrom, Legislature- Commander Thomas, Membership, Organization& Post Activities-Jimmy Mitchell, National Security- Ben Edwards, PR& Publications-Harry Woodstrom, VA&R- James King. Commander Thomas also note that there will be District Training at Post 521, on September14, 2019, and it is a requirement for Officers.

Vice Commander noted The upcoming Department Convention.

Hubmaster ?????

Unfinished Business None

New Business Motion made to have 2020 Boys State Orientation hosted by Post 164 Katy. Seconded by Butch Sparks. Motion passed

Good of the Legion:

Post 164 reported on Honor Flight Honor Guard. They announced there is a Breakfast for Veterans the first Saturday of the month. There is special parking for Veterans. There is 24 hour Hotline for Veterans to Washington 1 855 948 2311. There will be a Flag Retiring Ceremony at Post 164 June 14, 2019. June 30, 2019 at 7pm at Hobby Airport there will be another ceremony.

Post 521 reported a Flag Retirement 3 to 7pm June 14, 2019.

Post 472 reported a Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14, 2019 at 2pm.

There was also a reminder of the 1-800 Veteran Crisis Hotline listed on the front page of the .org website.

An announcement of the pending action of the Legion Act that is now before Congress.

David Kang Commander Post 596 announced the establishment of a new organization that will provide for Veteran needs. He will send a brief to the adjutant for further clarification.

Commander Thomas adjourned the District Executive Committee Meeting at Post 654 at 1530 hours.