

## February District Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order by Commander Thomas at 1400 hours at Post 654, 3105 Campbell Road, Houston Texas 77080.

Opening ceremony conducted by Commander and Chaplain

Roll Call by Adjutant. All Posts represented except Posts 319 and 391.

Minutes of the January meeting motioned for acceptance as posted on the website with corrections ( Ben Edwards name added to the comments concerning the raffle at Post 490 and inter October instead of the word last) by Adjutant. Seconded by Dan King. Motion passed.

Commander Thomas introduced guests. NECman Butch Sparks, Past Department Commanders Butch Sparks, Lynn Sparks, Past Division Commanders Lynn Sparks, Dan King, Past District Commanders Butch Sparks, Lynn Sparks, Dan King, Juan Torres and Jimmy Mitchell.

Commander Thomas introduced Mrs. Crystal Laramore of Wheel Chairs for Warriors. She gave a presentation of the organization and its mission, objectives, the qualifications to receive the benefits of the organization. She informed the Committee of the range of cost for the chairs as it depended on the requirements requested. It could range from \$8,000.00 to \$45,000.00. likewise she noted that only 7% of funds collected go towards administering the program.

### Officers Reports

Vice Commander Woodstrom provided an update of the membership standings. He provided a written report for the adjutant's file. He further challenged the Post Commanders and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commanders, that if they achieved the 100% plus goal by June 1<sup>st</sup>, he would personally give \$100.00 to each of them.

Adjutant. No Report. However the Adjutant asked if there was any support required to assist any Post? None expressed!

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks gave a current report of District finances and asked for its acceptance. Motion to accept by Felix White. Seconded by Juan Torres. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Butch Sparks presented a lengthy and detailed document that outlined that disciplinary actions taken against Post 490 and members of its leadership. The document was received by the adjutant to be kept with the Adjutant files.

Chaplain Harvey reported that in order to ensure that proper recognition is given at the District Convention to all that have transition to Post Everlasting, each Post needed to provide him names as soon as possible.

Historian No Report. Commander Thomas presented Historian Dan King with a 22<sup>nd</sup> District Year Book dated for the year 1978.

Sgt-at-Arms McGuire reported 22 members and two guests in attendance. He provided rooster to the adjutant. Guests include Jack Crawford, and Mrs. Crystal , who did not sign in.

Service Officer No Report. Commander Thomas reported on the Service Officer/Chaplain training conducted on Feb 22, 2020 at Post 164 on Service Officer operations at the Post level.

Americanism Chairman Torres provided a written report in which he reminding all of the information and capabilities of the website at department level.

Baseball Chairman Saucillo was absent. Commander Thomas reminded all of the program and its value.

Boys Scouts Commander Thomas reported on the 2020 fund raiser of the local troop and its success.

Boys State Chairman Mitchell reminded all of the timeline, so that we make timely visits and coordination with the schools to ensure that every students has ample time to complete all paperwork. Make sure that bus waivers are complete and turned no later than the April DEC and that notice of the Orientation is duly noted. Ben Edwards asked about the implications of immigration status as it applies to the boy's applying to attend the event. It was accepted that as the students apply they must indicate their citizenship status.

Constitution & By-Laws Chairman Sparks, reminded Post Commanders of their responsibility to update Post Constitution & By-Laws every 5 years. To not do so renders the Post's legal operating status invalid. He further challenged each Commander to make sure this action was taken care of prior to the Department Convention.

Legislative No Report

National Security No Report

Oratorical Chairman Dan King reported that at the Division Competition, 22<sup>nd</sup> District contestant placed second (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the competition.

S.A.L. Chairman Dan King reported that the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Squadrons overall were at 78.82% goal.

Webmaster Woodstrom reminded all of the District website ([www.legiondist22.org](http://www.legiondist22.org)). He challenged all to review it and send items for posting.

Hubmaster Sparks also addressed the capacity of the website. He also informed all Commanders of the ability access the more than 13,000 345 members available for recruiting through such assets.

Unfinished Business None reported.

New Business

Motion by NECman Sparks to invite 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander to the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Banquet Post 521 at the expense of the District Commander's expense account. Seconded by Vice Commander Woodstrom. Ben Edwards asked for clarification as to where these funds were to come. (The account is funded by Department to the District Commander annually, based on the District membership total). This explanation satisfied the question. Motion passed.

Motion by Vice Commander Woodstrom to have the documents submitted by Judge Advocate Sparks outlining the disciplinary actions against Post 490 available to District 22 members only and that upon request. This information is not for public distribution! Seconded by Butch Sparks. Motion passed by vote 20 to 2.

Good of the Legion

Vice Commander Woodstrom report that Post 164 Auxiliary will be sending 25 girls to Girl State this year.

There was an inquiry by a Post 654 member about videoing sessions like the Service Officer training at Post 164 on Saturday and having them for District use. Vice Commander Woodstrom reminded all that such information can be found on the Department website.

District Adjutant read resolution submitted by Post 490 Commander Johnny Lundstrom in recognition of John Cronin's submission for Vice Commander 22<sup>nd</sup> District FY 2020-2022. The copy In Adjutant files.

DEC adjourned by Commander Thomas at 15:15 hours

Next DEC March 8, 2020 Post 472 1400 hours.