

District Executive Committee Meeting opened by Commander Joseph Thomas at 1400 hours at Post 472, 7599 Avenue C, Houston, Texas 77040.

Opening ceremony conducted per the American Legion Ceremony Manual.

Roll Call by Adjutant revealed a quorum present.

Commander Thomas introduced the Distinguished Guests present. The Commander also announced the passing of Legionnaire Terry Messenger.

Minutes of last meeting were not read, but a motion by the Adjutant to accept them as posted on the web site was proposed. Seconded by Commander Mc Queen Post 521. During the discussion period Legionnaire Ben Edwards noted that he couldn't access the site to read the minutes. There was a five (5) minute break set by Commander Thomas to allow for the access and reading of the September minutes. The ability to read the minutes on the site was established. At the point of access It was noted by Ben Edwards that the mentioning of a Committee to keep the stated practices of the distributions of the Disaster Relief Funds was not in the posted minutes. The Adjutant acknowledged and stated that this would be in the October minutes. Motion to accept the September minutes passed.

Vice Commander Woodstrom reported on the status the District's membership. He reported that each Post should be at 55% of membership and that Posts 164, 391, 416, 521 and 596 made goal, all others failed. Posts 490 and 521 showed new members added to their rolls, Posts 521 and 654 transferred members from 345, District is 49%, and Department is 56%. He also gave a written report that depicted several other membership stats.

Commander Thomas made remarks on the involvement of the Legion in the community over the past years with efforts towards assistance to Veterans with Agent Orange treatments, and Henson Hazelwood school funding initiatives.

Vice Commander Woodstrom also noted the intense level of community involvement the Service Officer of his Post.

Adjutant No Report

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks presented the Finance Report. Adjutant Mitchell made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Commander Robert Rocha. Motion passed. Commander Thomas donated \$6.00 to the Emergency Relief Fund.

Judge Advocate Butch Sparks provided a verbal and written report on title business organization codes and Post Constitution & By-Laws. He reported that the DEC had given the Dept Judge Advocate the authority to approve the Post Const. & By-Laws changes until they can be ratified at the Department Convention 2021. They can be emailed to Dept. He can also provide assistance in the structuring of the social media section of the Post document. Areas of change include eligibility, social media, and the internet. He mentioned the Roberts Rules of Order as being helpful in the process as well. As he will be working on the District By-Laws he extended his help to the Post Commanders.

Butch Sparks also commented on the extensive efforts and time that has been spent with Post 594 Leaders to prepare the Post for merger with Post 521. He further noted that the Board of Trustees Department had approved the merger. There was a lengthy presentation by our District Judge Advocate,

on the detailed process of the merging of Posts 594 and Post 521. Motion by Adjutant Mitchell to accept the merger of Posts 594 and Post 594 by District 22. Seconded by Felix White Post 654. During the discussion period, Commander Robert Rocha, Post 472 noted that Post 472 had started an effort to merge Post 594 with Post 472. Vice Commander Woodstrom questioned the reason for the late interest in the merger of Post 594 with Post 521?. Commander McQueen Post 521, noted the annual fee (\$2,500.00) for the Security Bond for Post 594 that needed to be paid. After an exchange of input and information on the subject, the discussion was ended. A majority vote passed the motion.

Sgt-at-Arms turned in the rooster of attendees for filing. There were 18 members present representing (6) Posts.

Constitution & By-Laws No Report

Legislature Commander Thomas commented on.....

Website Chairman Woodstrom reported on Posts in the District that had an active site. Posts 316, 319, 391 and 416. Post that have Facebook page listing are 521, 596, 594, 164, 490, and 654. Post 472 will update their address.

Hubmaster Sparks reinnerated that if we don't send information he can't distribute it!

Unfinished Business None

New Business Letter from Department Commander to Commander of Post 490.

Good for the

Post 472 announced a raffle promoted on their Facebook page, a Barbeque fund raiser with \$10.00 tickets as the entry fee.

School Awards Chair Janie Garrett Post 654 provided a written report outlining the incoming procedures for student participation for 2020/21.

Vice Commander announced a raffle & Fish Fry sponsored by Post 164. Tickets are \$10.00 or 3 for 25.00. This is to be held in December.

Commander Contella Post 490 noted community events being conducted by the Post over the next month. Written report submitted to Adjutant.

Commander Thomas gave out Post awards and new Legion Blue Books to Posts 164, 472, 77, 654, and 490. Post Books passed to Adjutant for distribution were 416, 596, 391, 316, and 319. Commander also noted the need for attention to membership by Posts 316 and 416.

DEC adjourned

