

# DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT POST 654

3105 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON TEXAS 77080

AUGUST 8, 2021

Training started at 2:00 pm Protocol presented by Butch Sparks.

Commander Woodstrom called the meeting to order at 2:23 pm.

Commander Woodstrom had the colors posted by Sgt At Arms Bradley.

Introductions of Guests Butch Sparks National NEC, Lynn Sparks past Dept Cdr, Division Cdr, District Cdr, Dan King Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Cdr, Jimmy Mitchell Past District Cdr, and Joseph Thomas Past District Cdr.

Butch Sparks motioned and Jimmy Mitchell seconded to place minutes on the website. Motion passed.

Butch Sparks moved and Ben Edwards seconded the motion to approve appoints of Kenneth Trunnell District Historian, James King District Service Officer, Andy Valadez District Public Relations Officer. Commander Woodstrom installed newly appointed officers.

Butch Sparks moved to set aside Baseball Appointment Joseph Thomas seconded, motion passed. Ben Edwards moved to meet with John Cronin and David Saucillo about Baseball Appointment. Butch Sparks seconded motion passed.

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks gave the finance report. Jimmy Mitchell moved to accept the report and David Saucillo seconded the motion, motion passed.

Chaplain – No report

Historian- No report

Sgt at Arms – 25 in Attendance at the meeting

Service Officer -No Report

Vice Cdr – The District Adjutant has been appointed as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Membership numbers have not been updated by the Dept yet. We have an

Opportunity to get tickets to local Professional sports events through one of our District members Lacy Woods (Post 416) these can be used as membership incentive for our Veterans.

Post 164 Report – Post 164 held their monthly Breakfast with a Veteran where we feed 104. We were also recruiting at this event and signed up a WWII Veteran, 1 Auxiliary member, 2 Junior Auxiliary members, and 2 for the Sons of the American Legion. The Post also participated in a school supply program at Emma Rose Winery on 8.7.21. Children were issued a backpack filled with school supplies and the chance to get a free haircut. The Post also was recruiting at this event.

The Post is conducting a Business After Hours event with the Katy Chamber of Commerce on Aug 26, 2021.

Post 654 Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr Buck Kronnick has come down with covid 19. Friday Aug 13 the post will be having a live band and Bike/Steak Night. On 9/11 the Post will host a 20<sup>th</sup> year remembrance ceremony at the post. The Post renovations are progressing as money allows.

Post 490 Report – Every Thursday night is a Poker Tournament, \$10 entry fee. This is conjunction with Post 554 of the 9<sup>th</sup> District that has a Poker night on Tuesday night. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> District Party at post 490. The Theme is Hawaiian luau. Bring your best Hawaiian shirt. There will be District completion in Coconut Bowling. Post 490 hopes that every post from the district is there. Sept 10 – 11 Post 490 cook off (\$150 entry fee and \$170 entry fee for all around includes Best Bloody Mary and Best sandwich). Working with the local schools with the Oratorical contest. The Post will be conducting a POW\MIA ceremony on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

Post 521 Report – Membership is at 47.57% The Post has lost 2 members in the last month Ward Brantley and Howard Johnson.

District Commanders Report – Training is a Priority this year. Training Guides were distributed to all. All posts should be conducting Training at their meetings. Training should be 10 – 20 minutes in length. 2012 – 2022 Post certification reports are due. We are missing Post 77, Post 416, Post 596. Please have these prepared and submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The district Cdr also had the following items distributed 2021 Adjutant's Manual, 2021 Post Officer's guide, 2121 Trophies, Awards and Ceremonies Manual, 2021 – 2022 Post Administrative Manual, and the current Chaplains handbook. The Post that had older CB&L the Department revoked your CB&L and are currently operating under the Recommended Post CB&L. The Post Affected are Post 77, Post 416, Post 472, Post 596, and Post 654. Post data form needs to be submitted by Aug 15<sup>th</sup>.

Americanism Report - Our American Legion is an organization dedicated to God and Country, with a membership of Military Veterans who take pride in the U.S. Flag and all it stands for. Over 100 years ago our Legion has been a stalwart champion of patriotic values, morals,

culture, and citizenship. The legions Pillar #3 is Americanism and it embodies our devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, an educated and law abiding citizenship and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances. Pillar #3 is about Americanism. It is about Voter registration and Participation, Flag Protection, Boy Scouts, JROTC, Junior Shooting, Boy's State, and Oratorical Competition.

Boy's State Report – See attached report.

Parliamentarian Report – Remind all Officers and Committee Chairs that Roberts Rules of Order (article IX section 53) require the submission of written reports. As a favor to our Adjutant, I ask that you also e-mail a soft copy of inclusion in the minutes.

Baseball Report – see attached report.

Community Service – Recruiting Opportunity was discussed as the Christus Foundation will be hosting a Veteran Transition Success Coalition on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at their location on Fannin Street.

Hubmaster – Send items to Butch Sparks to be sent over the Hub system

Legislative – The Special Session in Austin was discussed

Membership – Department still has not updated any numbers as of yet. The Recruiting Opportunity was discussed again with the Christus Foundation.

Junior Shooting – Contact Post 164 for any questions

National Security – No report

POW/MIA – No written report

Oratorical – Chairperson in each post, Nov/Dec Post Competition, Dist Mid Dec, Div Mid Jan

School Awards – No Report

Training – Training Chair to send out training schedule for the District.

VA&R – No Report

New Business

Good of The Legion – Vice Commander Bradley discussed the Museum for Houston

Ben Edwards moved to update the Roll Call Joseph Thomas seconded motion passed.

Jimmy Mitchell discussed the Houston Military Affairs Luncheon 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Marriot West Chase.

Chaplain said a prayer to close the meeting.

POW/MIA flag was recovered

Flag of our Nation was retired

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm