

**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Alabama
Convention Minutes
Saturday, June 17th, 2017**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 am by Commander Gibson

Invocation by Thomas Glander

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Call:

Commander: Jeff Gibson

Vice Commanders:

Area 1: Jeremy Blevins

Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3: Jeff McNair - Arrived Late - Excused

Area 4: David W. Duffey

Area 5: Aaron Phillips

Adjutant/ Finance Officer: Andrew Cherry

NEC: Thomas Glander

Alt. NEC: Blair Miles

Chaplain: Terry Robinsky - Absent - Excused

Historian: Taylor Cowan

Judge Advocate: Buddy Miller

Sargent-at-Arms: Willie Dupree

Sargent-at-Arms II: John Burke

Assistant Adjutant/Past Detachment Commander: Steve Bowling

SAL Advisor: Matt Gaff

Roll Call of Squadrons:

Squadrons present: 5, 9, 11, 19, 76, 88, 101, 107, 113, 133, 135, 155, 171, 237, 255, 312, and 555.

Squadrons absent: 4, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 26, 30, 44, 45, 47, 57, 71, 79, 90, 98, 99, 114, 122, 134, 137, 153, 164, 176, 199, 210, 243, 250, 322, 347, 400, 911, and 2011.

Minutes of prior meeting:

Motion to suspend reading of minutes, since they have been published made by Buddy Miller, second by John Pruett, motion passed.

Correspondence:

Received a thank you letter from CWF for the Detachment's \$100 donation. Received thank you letter from VA – Tuskegee for \$200 clothing donation. Received Certificate of Appreciation from Central Health Care Association.

Officer Reports:

Commander: Report given by Jeff Gibson

Area 1 Vice Commander: Report given by Jeremy Blevins

Area 2 Vice Commander: Report given by Frank Birdyshaw

Area 3 Vice Commander: No Report, Jeff McNair in Department Finance Meeting

Area 4 Vice Commander: Report given by David W. Duffey

Area 5 Vice Commander: Report given by Aaron Phillips

Alt. NEC: Report given by Blair Miles

Motion to accept Officer reports as read made by Buddy Miller, second by Terry Hawg, motion passed.

Finance Officer: Report given by Andrew Cherry

Motion to accept Finance Report, subject to audit, made by Buddy Miller, second by David Duffey, motion passed.

Officer reports are on file with the Detachment Adjutant.

Committee/Commissions:

Americanism: Congratulations to the Detachment for \$4072 donations to CWF.

Membership: Blair Miles gave report and presented the Membership Awards.

Meeting recessed for 10 minute break at 9:55 am.

Meeting reconvened at 10:05 am.

Elections:

Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Alabama Nominating Committee Candidates for 2016-2017 Officers are as follows:

- Commander: Blair Miles
- Vice Commander Area 1: Jeremy Blevins
- Vice Commander Area 2: Frank Birdyshaw
- Vice Commander Area 3: OPEN
- Vice Commander Area 4: David Duffey
- Vice Commander Area 5: Aaron Phillips
- Chaplain: OPEN
- Sargent-at-Arms 1: Willie Dupree
- Sargent-at-Arms 2: OPEN

Candidates nominated from the floor are as follows:

- Vice Commander Area 3: Jeff McNair
- Sargent-at-Arms 2: Taylor Cowan

Since all candidates are unopposed, motion that Adjutant cast one vote for all candidates made by Jeff McNair, second by Buddy Miller, motion passed.

Committee/Commissions (Continued):

VA&R: Report given by Thomas Glander

Area 3 Vice Commander: Report given by Jeff McNair

Motion to accept Committee/Commission and Area 3 Vice Commander reports as read made by Jerry Bailey, second by Thomas Glander, motion passed.

Guest Speaker:

NEC Glander read bio and introduced the guest speaker William D. Kelly, Jr., National Vice Commander Southern Region.

Inspiring speech by National Vice Commander Kelly.

AWARDS:

Commander Gibson presented Officer and other awards.

100% Membership Certificates were presented.

Squadron of the Year was presented to Squadron 135 of Phenix City.

Son of the Year was presented to David Duffey of Squadron 135.

Good of the SAL:

The new membership cards have not been received from National yet. When received, they will be mailed to each Squadron via their Post.

It is critical that member's birthday, e-mail, and phone numbers be put on membership cards.

Recruitment Award applications for 2016-2017 can be turned in until August 31st.

All Squadrons need to be signed up for access to MYSAL.

Consolidated Squadron Report is the most important document a Squadron can fill out.

National Vice Commander Kelly commented on the importance of recruiting Legionnaires, and also stressed the importance of the Consolidated Squadron Report.

Benediction by Thomas Glander.

Meeting Adjourned by Commander Gibson at 11:23 am.