

The American Legion District 5 Officers Meeting 3/18/2016

Agenda

Formal Opening Ceremony – Commander

Prayer-Chaplain

I now declare District 5, Department of Colorado, regularly convened- Commander.

Roll Call of Officers – Commander

Officers:

Commander: Jimmy Walker - Present

Sr. Vice: Lee – Present

Jr. Vice: Richard Pabon – Excused

Jr. Vice Wayne McClimens – Present

Jr. Vice: Heather Locklear - Excused through end of term

Adjutant: Annette Johnson - Present

Service Officer: Annette Johnson - Present

Staff Judge Advocate: Open

Sgt-at-Arms: Art Santry - Absent

Finance Officer: Rick Reeser - Absent

Chaplain: Norm Harpole – Present

Historian: Open

Website Master: Lee - Present

Auxiliary President – Absent

Auxiliary Vice: Jenn Fielder

Auxiliary Secretary – Jannette Scott – Present

SAL representative – Lee – Present

Post 22 Cmdr – Present

Ed Wearing DEC

Do we have a quorum? (4 Officers & 3 Posts represented) Yes

Jannette Scott – working on agenda for convention

POW/MIA table? How about kids table

Will there be any resolutions? Unknown, Lee: heard there are 2 resolutions coming up.

Oratorical?

Officers Reports

1. Commander:

- a. Pound to be American - Bill Baldacini (open) – No discussed due to time constraints
 - i. Letter from Department to Bill Baldacini
 1. Relieved of all duties.
 - ii. Not to represent in any form as a Chairman or Committee Chairman of any committee of Post 161, do not use any AL letterhead.
 - iii. Cmdr amending letter to Mr. Baldacini **UPDATE: mailing 3-22-2016**
- b. Bylaws
 - i. Funding questions will let DEC talk about it.
 - ii. See DEC below
- c. Spring Fling - **cancelled**
- d. Post 151 – Commander will discuss this situation with D-6 Commander
 - i. Also DEC to reach out to D-6 Bryon
- e. **District 5 Goal 5172 2016 4780 % of Goal 92.42 %**
 - i. **Push membership to get the last 8%**
- f. Post 151 did not participate in Military Day at Adams High School there was a request for them to come in and speak. Commander went and spoke to the kids.
- g. Other invites are beginning to come up.
- h. Current Officers will remain in positions until the end of term after boundary split
- i. **Cancelled** D5 Officers meeting on April 23
 - i. Possible Officers Training meeting April 23
- j. Request time efficient officer reports due to length of Bylaw discussion.

2. Sr. Vice: Lee

- a. Bylaw Discussion involved Q & A with Ed (see DEC) this meeting.
- b. F/U on Constitution: the territory jurisdiction has been changed, to odd year DEC and DEC office added, delegate strength-majority of who shows up, added ALR and SAL
- c. 151 Constitution and Bylaws are complete

3. Jr. Vice: Rich Pabon - Excused

4. Jr. Vice: Absent Heather Lockhart: Excused for remainder of year

5. Jr. Vice: Absent

6. District 5 DEC: Ed

- a. Constitution Discussion completed
 - i. Odd years added
 - ii. DEC added as Officer
 - iii. Delegate Strength
 - iv. Added Sons of AL Riders
 - v. Norm: Article IV, Section IX – Typo Change the word “Post” to Past and
 - vi. Remove J.R. Kent and Harry Ciruli
- b. Ed concerned over the confusion and location of the “Proposed Documents” are they on the website?
 - i. Lee: If they are not, they will be.
 - ii. Adj has to send a hard copy to every Post

1. Constitution snail mail
2. Bylaws can be sent only through email. Commander wants them snail mailed as well.
- iii. Lee: Once Constitution approved Lee will send them to Adj for snail mailing
- iv. Ed: believe we all agreed on the revisions of the Constitution at last meeting? Yes
- v. Ed: Motion to accept Constitution as amended 2nd Wayne motion carried
- c. Open discussion of Bylaws
- d. Norm: Typo: Article 4, Section 9 “Post” need to be “Past”
- e. Continue with changes recommended at DEC and Officers Meeting in February.
 - i. In Section 1 deleting 1 Sr. Vice, 2 Jr. Vice
 - ii. Identify them as Jr. Vice ‘A’ and ‘B’
 - iii. Motion carried remains in effect
- f. Lee: Removed excess verbiage
- g. Adjutant sent out email concerning Bylaws, the wrong set was online
- h. Lee: New Bylaws were noted/loaded today labeled under Proposed Bylaws,
 - i. Article 1 Section 2 Duties of the Officers
 1. 4th line typo replace Article VII with Article X.
 2. **Reword:** The Senior Vice Commander will visit each post in their respective sections twice per year to ...
 3. The Senior Vice Commander will visit each post twice ...
- i. Article 1, added
 - i. Section 8, DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN: will advise and consult the Officers on all matters discussed at Department and consult and advise with the Officers of the District and Posts to properly represent the needs of the District at the Department level.
 - ii. They will advise Officers on matters discussed at Department and consult with Officers of the District proposed to properly represent the needs of the District at the Department level.
 - iii. Ed: will you agree on this: A Department Committeemen is elected by the District to represent District 5 at DEC meetings he/she will advise the Officers of District 5 on all matters discussed at Department and consult with the Officers of the District and Posts to properly represent the needs at the Department level.
 - iv. Lee: wordy, we have already stated you are an Officer elected every two-years, let’s reduce this down a little bit.
 - v. Agrees DEC to advises and consults ... agrees
 - vi. Old Bylaws do not have a section 8
 - vii. Confusion over which version to use, Lee will get the webpage fixed immediately.
- j. If corrections are completed ... Ed makes a motion to accept the Bylaws in accordance, Lee 2nd motion carried
- k. Standing Rules for District 5, Item 1 - Discussion between Lee and DEC (Ed)
 - i. Lee: Standing Rules are not part of the Bylaws they get voted upon separately.
 - ii. Ed: In old: travel expenses for Dept. Committeeman and Commander will be based upon the IRS allowable formula ...
 - iii. “and Commander” was removed.
 - iv. Lee: yes the committee elected to remove it because it is not what Department constitution requires, it requires that we reimburse you for your mileage.
 - v. Lee: It did not say anything about the Commander, Lee abstained from this vote, and the committee voted to remove that piece.

- vi. Ed: what this comes down to is this has been a standard procedure for the last 10-15 years, your District Commander along with DEC at your District convention received a \$500.00 check for the year they have served.
- vii. Lee: It says it has to be budgeted
- viii. ED: need to work on the wording so the Dept. Executive Committeemen and District Commander are included? DEC has to attend every committee meeting by Department, Dept Convention, Dept mid-year convention, these are mandatory.
- ix. Lee: Dept pays for this, according to the constitution
- x. According to the Constitution it leaves it up to the District to pay their DEC.
- xi. Further discussion
- xii. Jeannette: On the Auxiliary side, when I do my budget I do it off what is based on the constitution not the budget and what they will get paid.
- xiii. Ed: Recommends changing to inserting "District Commander"
- xiv. Lee: if under the constitution and bylaws, you are requiring these people to conduct mandatory visits, why is only one person being reimbursed? This is unfair anyway. In relation to Ed being reimbursed, adding the District Commander and including the Sr. & Jr. Vices since they also are required to do Post visits.
- xv. Ed: At a certain point when you start taking on these higher positions, we need to compensate these individuals because they have put in so much time in attaining these positions ...
- xvi. Lee: then strike out Sr. & Jr. Vice if not reimbursing
- xvii. Ed: let's get a resolution [to include them] When we set the budget for next year let's consider DEC, Commander, Sr, & Jr. Vices.
- xviii. Ed motions to add the "District Commander" back in to the Standing Rules to be compensated for travel expenses.
 - a. 2nd Adj -
 - 2. Lee motion to amend: and add Sr. & Jr. Vice expenses
 - a. Adj 2nd
 - b. Ed: suggests not doing that until the next physical year so it can be budgeted.
 - i. Jenn: when do these go in effect?
 - c. Norm possess the question to the Officers
 - i. Goes in effect after District Convention
 - d. All in Favor: Norm, Lee, & Al
 - e. Opposed: Al & Wayne, Ed
 - f. Joe Ann- Abstains -
 - g. **TIE**: Commander votes yes, breaks tie
 - i. Put the District Commander back in and at this time Sr. & Jr. Vices will not be included
 - ii. Motion Carried
- xix. Standing Rule #6:
 - 1. Discussion concerning #1 & #6
 - a. Ed motions:
 - b. Combine 6 with 1 and remove #6
 - c. Commander has up to \$300.00 per year expenditure at mid-year, these are redundant. Recommends changing wording to cover the expenses of the hotel, food into travel expenses
 - d. Lee: it is already removed in New Bylaws

- e. Ed: withdraws motion
- f. Wayne: Discussion they are redundant, covered in #1

xx. Remove J.R. Kent and Harry Ciruli

- 1. Motion to accept Bylaws with these changes
 - a. 2nd Wayne Motion Carried
- 2. Lee will fix Bylaws tonight and notify Adj
- 3. Adjutant will send out Bylaws via snail mail

xxi. Commander has a \$1000.00 discretionary fund to promote membership

- 1. CW purchased Canopy, table banner & emblem
- 2. Lee: unable to locate this information (discretionary fund)
- 3. Ed will look up and see if Steve Carter (D-5 Cmdr 2007-2009) has a copy of the resolution. This needs to be a part of the Standing Rule for membership development.

xxii. The discretionary fund needs to be in budget

xxiii. Discussion of Bylaws and Standing Rules completed

- 1. Ed motion to accept Bylaws & Standing Rules Lee 2nd
- 2. All in favor of accepting Bylaws and Standing Rules - All
- 3. Motion Carried Bylaws and Standing Rules accepted

Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules are completed, and will be posted tonight for everyone to view per Lee

***** End Bylaw Discussion *****

7. **Finance** - Excused - Not available

8. **Chaplain:** Norm

- a. Post 151 problems with Commander and Joel
- b. They are engaging in secret meetings, still a conflict of interest and aggressive.
- c. Purchasing liquor outside of distributor, 1 person goes out and purchases liquor from the liquor store.
- d. Wayne aren't they in violation of their Charter?
- e. Norm, DEC, CMDR, AI: Yes.
- f. They have cliques, Officers, Auxiliary; District Officers were directed to sit in designated areas.
- g. Aggravated because District 5 keeps coming out without being invited.
- h. Making it clear they do not want any District Officers at their meetings.
- i. Norm: "We were already shot down when we walked through the door" so there was no chance to accomplish anything.
- j. Cmdr: reinforces we can only advise, not direct them.
- k. Lee: 151 has passed their Constitution and Bylaws.
- l. Lee's advice: when 151 calls asking for help, advise them to work it out.
- m. Commander Walker will reach out to D-6 Commander to explain what is happening
- n. Norm read report.

9. Adjutant & Post Service Officer's Report –

- a. Adj spoke with Pat @ Dept on 2/26 concerning, explained everything is donated for years now. Recommends pulling Post 46 Charter
 - i. Ed spoke to Pat and they have formulated a plan to notify D-6
 - ii. Develop email and send to Ed information concerning the distribution of assets and items of Post 46. **Sent 3/20/2016**
- b. Lee: Elaine at Charters, at National, said they can just reprint the charter if needed.
- c. Once email received, Ed will then turn this information over to Byron at District 6
- d. Passed on AAdj minutes concerning Post 151 to Commander.

10. Assistant Adjutant

- a. Information discussed concerning Post 151
- b. Documentation provided to Adjutant.

Ladies Auxiliary: Absent - (still open – Evergreen assistance)

- a. **SAL:** **Not addressed due to time constraints**

Old Business

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – **not addressed due to time constraints**

NEW Business

- a. Work on Consolidated Reports
 - a. mylegion.org version of the CPR went live on Nationals website under “publications” – **not addressed due to time constraints**
 - b. A calendar of upcoming events will be attached located in last pages

For the Good of the Legion:

Copies may be found on the District 5 website.

Officers will complete their term through the end of June, after Convention.

I now declare this meeting of District 5, The American Legion, Department of Colorado, adjourned.

3/18/2016

Officers presents 8, Aux 2, SAL 1, members 1

Total of 12 present

Meeting started at 6:45 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Minutes submitted on 3/19/2016 for Commander: authorized 3-21-2016

Annette Johnson

District 5

Adjutant/Service Officer

CALENDAR of MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 8th **District 5 Officers Meeting** Post 161 6:30
9153 Yarrow St, Westminster, CO 80021

April 23 **DEC CANCELLED**

Homecoming

April 9 State Commander Tom Florez
AL Post 2 701 W. 9th Street, Pueblo, 81003
\$12.00 per person, RSVP by April 1, Call 719-544-8245 or 719-251-1073

Homecoming:

April 2 State ALA President Diane and State SAL Commander J.R. Kent
Post 1 Social at 5 -8:00 pm – dinner at 6
5400 E Yale Ave, Denver, CO, United States
Homecoming event for American Legion Auxiliary President Diane Erickson and
SAL Detachment Commander J R Kent - Hosted by Denver Post #!. 5:00 pm
social hour Dinner 6:00 pm. RSVP by March 28th to 303 367-5388 or email dept-
sec@alacolorado.com

April 16 **Women's Veterans Celebration** Post 1 11:00-2:00 pm
5400 E Yale Ave, Denver, CO, United States
Women Veterans Celebration hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit #1.
Lunch is \$12.00 per person. RSVP to cyndikayec@hotmail.com or 720 297-7885.
11am to 2 pm

April 16 **SAL Child Welfare Banquet** 5:00-8:00 pm
305 Bowen Street, Longmont, CO, United States
Sons of The American Legion Child Welfare Banquet to be hosted by Longmont
Post 32 - No RSVP

April 17 **National ALA President Sharon Conaster**
3613 Jeannine Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, United States
11:00-15:00 Lunch hosted by Neal Thomas Centennial Post 209 Colorado
Springs, CO. RSVP to Jackie Bowen 819 574-1223 or email at
jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com

April 25th **Haircuts for Homeless Veterans**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bill Daniels Veterans
Services Center in the Volunteers of America building 1247 Santa Fe Dr.,
Denver, CO.

May 7 **D-5 Convention** Post 161 10:00 am

May 14 **D-6 Convention** Post 1 9:00

May 21st Legion Family Leadership Skills Seminar All day
6230 W 60th Ave, Arvada, CO, United States
American Legion leadership skills seminar - hosted by Arvada Post 161

May 21/23-25th National Commander Visit Day Post 161 10:30 am
National Commander Dale Barnett Visit to Colorado - Full agenda to follow

June 4 – 11th Annual Boys State
All Day – All Week 4320 Walking Stick Blvd, Pueblo, CO, United States
Program held at Colorado State University at Pueblo, CO June 4-11th, 2016

June 4th District 5 Officer Training Day - All members welcome

June 16-19th Department Convention
Best Western Plus, Western Plus, 1900 Ken Pratt Boulevard, Longmont, CO