

**Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111,
Department of Texas
Meeting**

4 June 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1906L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding
Vice Commander - Vacant
Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Present
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present
Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present
Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present
Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present
Historian - Vacant
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present
Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present
William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Excused
Frank Brown, Trustee – Absent
Sherman Swafford, Trustee - Excused

Officers Present:	8
Other voting members present:	5
S.A. LeJune	
Ed Jones	
Carl Dimoush	
Sandy Hudson	
Steve Kennedy	
Total voting members present	13
Guests Present:	1
Jeff Perkins, Commander, Post 511	
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	14

Opening ceremonies were held. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Smith.

Jerry introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from May 2008. Jim S. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

SA LeJune introduced a motion that the minutes be approved as published. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Pat Sansom presented the finance report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Motion to approve was introduced by Gary P., seconded by Dennis. The motion carried.

Pat S. introduced a motion to amend the by-laws to allow the Finance Officer to sign the checks for recurring expenses such as the mortgage, utility bills, and security system without the requirement for a second signature. Gary P. recommended that this be authorized for any routine bill. Pat S. then amended the original motion to incorporate Gary P.'s recommendation. S.A. seconded the amended motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary P. then made a motion to authorize the Finance Officer to handle the funds of the maturing Certificate of Deposit as necessary for continued operation of the Post. S.A, seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Reading of the Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Trustee, After Hours Club, and the Webmaster reports were all waived in the interest of time.

Gary Smith presented the membership report, mentioning that the Post's membership goal for 2009 is 185, unchanged from 2008. The Post will also have 7 delegates. Also mentioned was the receipt of an application from Walter McKinney to transfer to Post 111 from At-Large Post 345. S.A. made a motion to accept the new member. Charles seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager's report, stating that one inquiry about office rental has been received. Jim S. will follow up on the inquiry.

Sick Call – Charles Nations mentioned that Randall Pitts expressed appreciation of the Post inquiring about his condition. Also mentioned was that no more books are needed for the V.A. Medical Facility at this time but there is an ongoing need for magazines.

Unfinished Business:

Frank Brown was not present to give a report on the preparations for Steak Night. Gary P. mentioned that leftover Salisbury steaks from TNCF activities were donated for the use of our facilities for flower storage, etc.

Department Convention – Gary S. and S.A. will be attending – Gary P. is unsure depending on his work schedule.

A proposed authorization to market Post property was read by Pat M. Pat also made a motion that the proposal be accepted. Jim S. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

New Business:

June Election of Officers for the term from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 – A call was made by the Commander for Committee and/or Floor nominations and seconds for Post offices. The nominations were as follows:

- Commander – Gary Smith was nominated by S.A., seconded by Pat S.
- Vice-Commander – S.A. LeJune was nominated by Jim S., seconded by Gary S.
- Finance Officer – Pat Sansom was nominated by Jim S., seconded by Gary S.
- Judge Advocate – Gary Poplin was nominated by Jim S., seconded by Gary S.
- Historian – Steve Kennedy was nominated by Pat M., seconded by Jim S.
- Chaplain – Charles Nations was nominated by Jim S., seconded by Sandy H.
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim Swafford was nominated by Gary P., seconded by Gary S.
- Service Officer – Jerry Adams was nominated by Sandy H., seconded by Jim S.

Trustee Nomination – Sherman Swafford was nominated by the Commander for a 4-year term. S.A. moved to accept the nomination and Jim S. seconded the motion.

Since only one individual was nominated for each office, a vote by acclamation was called by the Commander to accept the entire slate of officers as nominated. The vote passed.

Gary S. mentioned that a proposal had been received from Post 511 to hold a joint ceremony for the installation of officers. Gary S. will follow up to get more information and will report back at the July meeting.

Jim S. mentioned that the alarm system access codes need to be purged of any individual who is no longer an active Post member. Gary P. added that it would be a good idea for everyone to use a code other than the last 4 digits of their Social Security Number. Members are asked to meet with Jim S. to accomplish this.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2000L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Dennis Egbert, Adjutant

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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Minutes approved by Membership: _____