

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

1 August 2012

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding
Steve Kennedy, Vice Commander – Excused
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate, Adjutant – Present
Pat McEnroe, Finance Officer - Present
Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present
Kelli Ezell, Service Officer – Resigned
Historian, Vacant
Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present
Willard Hampton, Trustee – Present
Larry Clark, Trustee - Present

Officers Present:	8
Other voting members present:	
S.A. LeJune	
Luis Santana	
Donna Warren	
Willie Simmons	4
Total voting members present	12
Guests Present:	1
Jeff Perkins	
SAL	
David Schneider	1
Total Present:	14

//Time hacks in these minutes are reference to the digit recording and for locating specific items on the CD//
//Times ending in 'L' for local are local real clock times//

Guests were introduced: Willie Simmons was recognized for attending his first member meeting and SAL member, David Schneider, SAL.

Commander Smith called for the reading of the minutes of the June 2012 meeting. A motion introduced by S.A. Le June that we dispense with the reading and approve the previously published minutes was seconded by Luis Santana. The motion carried.

5+28

Pat McEnroe presented the finance reports for June and July (there was no July meeting due to the holiday) (the report is not recorded in the minutes, but is available for review by any member in good standing of Post 111 by request thru the Commander or Finance Officer).

A motion was introduced by SA LeJune to approve the June report, seconded by Willard Hampton, the motion carried.

A motion was introduced by SA LeJune to approve the July report with an exception for one \$70 pending follow up information at the next meeting was seconded by Willard Hampton carried.

Motion introduced by Gary Poplin that Post 111 accepts the rent from TNCF for September 2012 was seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion carried. The check was presented and accepted by Pat McEnroe.

26+37

Guest Jeff Perkins, 5th District Commander arrives and Member Donna Warren arrives.

Adjutant Poplin presented the 2013 membership report of 53% paid.

Judge Advocate opened dialogue about the death of Mary Burgett Julius and our obligation to the mortgage payments which we owed her at the time of her death. There were no legal instructions executed by her prior to her death. Gary Poplin introduced a motion that the payments not be sent to the spouse, but that they be deposited in an escrow account pending legal advice and that we follow that legal advice. Jim Swafford offered a second and discussion followed. SA LeJune objected strongly and offered his personal opinion. A vote was called for with all voting yea except SA LeJune.

This action grants the Commander, Gary Smith and/or Finance Officer, Pat McEnroe and/or the Vice Commander, Steve Kennedy to establish an account at Citizens National Bank, Cedar Hill, Texas for the purpose of escrowing mortgage funds until we receive legal direction. They shall have full authority to open and access the account as they deem proper. This authority shall remain in place until the need is satisfied or as long as they remain in office and/or new officers are elected.

35+00

Commander Smith notified that Service Officer and SAL Advisor Kelli Ezell had resigned and would be transferring to another post. Commander Smith asked Jerry Adams to accept the vacancy. Jerry Adams agreed. Motion provided by Gary Poplin that the appointment be endorsed by the Executive Committee with a second by Charlie Nations. Motion carried.

//SA LeJune departs meeting//

36+11

Trustee Chair Jan Cloud voiced nothing to report.

Webmaster Gary Smith voiced nothing to report.

JROTC report by Commander Smith, medals were presented to the CHHS AFJROTC.

Boys State was announced and details were provided.

Commander Smith announced he would assume the duties as SAL Advisor.

ALR report by Jan Cloud included the fund raising plans for Country Day on the Hill (CDOH).

The building report provided by the Commander.

Office vacancies and pending repairs were covered and discussed. The heat index will preclude most outside work. Flag pole modifications and a window repair were covered.

Sick Call report was provided by the Commander.

The service for Mary Julius was announced.

The death of Larry Parks was announced.

District Commander Jeff Perkins provided an update on Past District Commander Dan Arnold.

45+14

Commander Smith discussed increasing outside signage and the desire to add 2 additional flag poles. He announced that the SAL had offered to purchase one of the new poles.

The motion was introduced by Gary Poplin to purchase one new flag pole with post funds providing the second new pole previously discussed is purchased by the SAL and to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the post. The second was provided by Jim Swafford. District Commander Perkins indicated that he might have information about a donated flag pole. The motion and second was amended that the new pole would be purchased if the donated pole does not work out. The vacuum cleaner portion of the motion remained intact. Following favorable discussion, the motion carried.

52+39

Commander Smith provided the report on the 4th of July event.

Commander Smith expressed a desire to obtain better and more security cameras. He offered to research a camera system he had seen at another post and to discover if the system might work for us. No action was taken.

Commander Smith expressed a desire to increase the outdoor security lighting. Following discussion, Gary Poplin introduced a motion to purchase any and all fixtures as well as the supplies to adequately cover unlit or poorly lighted areas. Charlie Nations offered the second and discussion followed. Discussion was offered to research additional outdoor lighting by our electric provider. The motion stood and was passed.

57+37

The Post 111 CDOTH raffle was discussed. With the original plan to raffle a firearm not acceptable to the CDOTH officials, the suggestion was offered by Gary Poplin that we purchase an iPad as our raffle item. Considerable discussion was held with the following action taken. Jim Swafford introduced the motion that we purchase the iPad for the raffle. The second was provided by Pat McEnroe. The motion carried. The Commander will have the authority to make the decision as to the model to purchase.

1+08+08

Commander Smith announced that he had a plaque to present to SA LeJune and he would present it at the next meeting since SA had left early.

Commander Smith presented longevity pins to:

Larry Clark, 10 Years
Jan Cloud, 10 Years
Pat McEnroe, 10 Years
Gary Poplin, 25 Years

Commander Smith asked that Jeff Perkins, Commander Post 511 vacate the room for the members to hold an internal discussion. The commander reminded the membership of the assistance Post 511 had provided to this post. He pointed out that in light of the financial need of Post 511; he would entertain a motion that Post 111 takes the following action.

Post 111 make a one time financial donation of \$400 to Post 511.

He added that he would ask that Post 111 donate \$100 to the Post 111 ALR to help them establish their fund raising account.

Gary Poplin offered the motion to have Post 111 take action on both items as suggested. Jim Swafford offered the second. The motion carried.

1+15+12

District Commander briefed the members on Department Convention items and thanked Post 111 for the passing on the District Resolution naming the District Oratorical Award after C. Jim Rey for his many years of service to the Oratorical Contest.

2021L
1+21+20

Closing prayer offered.

//Commander Smith declared a short recess for administrative matters//

//2029L Meeting resumes//

When the meeting resumes, Commander Smith presented Commander Perkins with a check for \$400.00 to assist Post 511 in their time of financial need.

Closing ceremonies were finished and the meeting was adjourned at 2030L

This meeting was recorded and transcribed by Gary Poplin, Adjutant
Disc copies are available

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____