

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

6 October 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1904L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Steve Kennedy, Vice-Commander – Excused

Gary Smith, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Excused

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Excused

Luis Santana, Trustee – Present

Officers Present: 8

Other voting members present: 8

Jan Cloud

Tommy Sorrell

Sandy Hudson

Clarence Baker

Paul Cervantes

William Hawkins

Frank Brown

Eddie Kemp

Total voting members present 16

Guests Present: 0

SAL 2

Joe O’Neal

Joe Trevino

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 18

Opening ceremonies were held. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer and the Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of The American Legion Creed.

A quorum of members was present.

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SAL Commander Joe O'Neal and SAL member Joe Trevino were introduced as guests in attendance.

A motion by Gary Poplin was made to waive the reading of the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Ed Jones. No corrections were noted. A vote was called and the motion carried. The minutes will be published as written.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Finance Report: The Commander presented the Finance Report for September. The new loan was made and the old mortgage loan was paid off. The motion to accept and publish the report as written pending yearly audit procedures was made by Gary Poplin and seconded by Ed Jones. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Membership Report: Gary Smith gave the Membership report. The Post's 2011 membership goal has been set at 133 by the Department and our 2011 membership is currently 83 putting the Post at 62.4% of goal. Two transfer members, Eddie Kemp Sr. and Gary Smith Jr., were presented to the Post members for acceptance. A motion by Gary Poplin was made to accept the new members. The motion was seconded by Jerry Adams. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Judge Advocate Report: No report available. However, Gary Smith has received a signed copy of the Post Name Authorization letter and it has been filed.

Service Officer Report: Jerry Adams is working with both Eddie Kemp and Dan Shelley to resolve their VA issues.

Trustee Report: No report available.

Webmaster Report: Gary Smith stated that the Post's website did not win any awards at the National Convention. Next year is another year.

Building Report: The Commander iterated that the floors and bar still need to be addressed.

Sick Call Report: Charlie Nations stated that one of our members, Joe Zelenz, passed away on October 2. No services are planned in the local area. Charlie also indicated that Pat McEnroe was in the Methodist Rehabilitation Center. Gary Smith mentioned that he was sure that visitors and phone calls would be appreciated and that Pat was in good spirits, but that he lacks strength after his treatments. Pat expects to be in the Center for at least another week.

Unfinished Business:

- Country Day on the Hill planning proceeds. The trailer will be loaded the morning of October 8th. Gary Smith will pick up the trailer at 7:00 am at the Post on October 9th and meet other members at Hughes Funeral Home at around 7:15 am.
- The SAL raffle ticket sales have been brisk and have already paid for the costs incurred so far.

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- The Commander plans to have a Gentlemen's Night on October 13th at 6:00 pm. Cards and darts will be available for entertainment. The Gentleman's Nights are planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

New Business:

- Gary Poplin made a motion to elect SA LeJune, Gary Poplin and Gary Smith as delegates to the 5th District Fall Convention. Sandy Hudson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.
- Ed Jones made a motion to support and endorse Gary Smith for the office of 5th District Vice Commander for the period of 2011-2013. Charlie Nations seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

For the Good of Legion:

- The back lot was cleaned up on Saturday, October 2. Recognition was given to Steve Kennedy and his son and daughter, Gary Smith, Gary Poplin, Joe O'Neal and SA LeJune for helping out. SA LeJune also painted the vehicle barrier.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1928L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____