

The American Legion
Department of Alabama
Minutes of Convention

Call to Order: Commander Harry Christian called The American Legion Department of Alabama Annual Convention to order at 9:45am June 14, 2019. Located at Embassy Suites, Montgomery, AL. The Convention was opened in Joint Session.

Invocation: Provided by Department Chaplain Duke Martin

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Department Junior Vice Commander Tina Bush

Opening Remarks: Department Commander Harry Christian, Auxiliary President Sharon Atkins, and Detachment Commander Blair Miles gave welcoming comments to the body from 9:45am to 11:15am.

Guest Speaker Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Kent Davis addressed the convention.

Mr. Thomas Wade presented his oration from this year's Oratorical Competition.

Commander Christian recessed for lunch at 11:30am

Legacy Scholarship Ride: The body welcomed the Alabama Legacy Ride to convention at 4:00pm

Legion Session: Department Commander Christian reconvened Legion meetings at 1:15pm.

Preamble: Led by Junior Vice Commander Tina Bush.

Special Awards: The Department recognized and presented awards to the following

Fire Fighter of the Year: Fire Lieutenant Chris Brewis (Post 205)

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Deputies Clinton Williams and Mathew Mosely (Post 555)

Membership Awards were given to Posts who achieved 100% and those that achieved the Commander's Goal of 110%

Post Excellence Awards were presented to 43 Posts.

Comrade George Krigbaum was recognized as The American Legion Department of Alabama Veteran of the Year

Rules of Convention: Department Judge Advocate James Snow presented rules of the convention (attached). T. Berenotto Post 205 moved to accept the rules, motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Constitution and Bylaw Changes: Department Judge Advocate James Snow presented 2 changes to the Constitution and Bylaws (attached) J. Jeffries Post 199 moved to approved the changes, motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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Resolutions Accepted: Department Adjutant Greg Akers advised the body of 1 resolution that had been presented (attached) and reminded the body that resolutions were due to the Adjutant prior to 11:00am on June 15, 2019.

SAL Annual Report: Commander Blair Miles presented the SAL annual report (attached)

NEC Report: National Executive Committeeman Willis Frazier briefed the membership on action of the NEC and actions of the Alabama Veterans' Affairs Board.

Recess: Department Commander Christian placed the convention in recess at 4:00pm and would reconvene at 9:30am on June 15, 2019.

Reconvene of Convention: Department Commander Christian called the convention back to session at 9:30am on June 15, 2019.

Reports to Convention:

Commissioner Anthony Kissik presented the report of the Department Junior Shooting Program.

Commissioner Judge Pete Johnson presented the report of Boys State.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy presented the report of Alabama American Legion Baseball.

Breakout to Division Caucus: Department Commander Christian released the body to convene their division caucus.

Division 1:

Division Commander Wade Szakacs opened the 2019 1st Division Caucus

Comrade Charles Marsh Post 30 was nominated for 1st Division Commander.

Nominations were closed.

1 unanimous vote was cast to elect Comrade Charles Marsh Post 30 1st Division Commander.

Division 2:

Division Commander Tony Berenotto opened the 2019 2nd Division Caucus.

Comrade Vann Daughtry Post 152 was nominated for 2nd Division Commander

Comrade Barry Blount Post 555 was nominated for 2nd Division Commander

Nominations were closed.

Comrade Vann Daughtry was elected by delegate vote as 2nd Division Commander.

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Division 3:

Division Commander John “Buddy” Keen opened the 2018 3rd Division Caucus.

Comrade Don Madden Post 99 was nominated for 3rd Division Commander.

Nominations were closed.

1 unanimous vote was cast to elect Comrade Don Madden Post 99 as 3rd Division Commander.

All Division Caucus Adjourned at 12:00am.

Reconvene Legion Session: Department Commander Christian reconvened Legion meetings at 1:15pm

Elections: Department Commander Christian passed the convention to Department Adjutant Greg Akers to conduct elections.

Department Adjutant Greg Akers moved credential report to the convention, motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adjutant Akers called for nominations for Department Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Post 2016 nominated Comrade Jeff Gibson Post 135 for Junior Vice Commander, Comrade

Comrade Harold Skelton Post 73 nominated John “Buddy” Keen, Comrade Chris Bradley Post 42 seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

Adjutant Akers conducted roll for voting and Comrade John “Buddy” Keen was elected The American Legion Department of Alabama Junior Vice Commander. (260-154)

Adjutant Akers called for nominations for Department Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Tony Berenotto Post 205 nominated Comrade Tina Bush Post 5 for Senior Vice Commander, Comrade George Krigbaum Post 255 seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

Comrade Chris Bradley moved that the Adjutant cast 1 unanimous vote to elect Comrade Tina Bush as The American Legion Department of Alabama Senior Vice Commander motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adjutant Akers called for nominations for Department Commander.

ALT NEC Rico Hall Post 347 nominated Comrade Ron Bradstreet for Department Commander, Comrade Ginger Branson Post 911 seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

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Comrade Chris Bradley moved that the Adjutant cast 1 unanimous vote to elect Comrade Ron Bradstreet as The American Legion Department of Alabama Commander, motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Convention was adjourned at 2:30pm by Commander Christian

Installation of Officers: National Vice Commander Jack Milburn installed all elected officers of The American Legion Department of Alabama

>>>>Original Signed On file<<<<
Greg Akers
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Adjutant