

The American Legion Department of Texas
Second Division Convention Minutes
16 - 17 May 2026

Saturday 16 May:

1300 James Pfeffer, Post 159 1st Vice Commander opened the meeting in the usual manner

City of Bryan Councilman James Edge gave welcome speech

Steve Kim, DVC 2nd Div awarded Certificates of Appreciation for Post 159 Commander, Gary Banta and Auxiliary Unit 159 president Jeanne Prestwood for hosting

Steve Kim, DVC 2nd Div introduced officers within the 2nd Division

2nd Division Chaplain, Frank Bravo offered a devotional

Steve Kim, DVC 2nd Div introduced guest speaker, Mr. Randy Guttenberger of MYC

Quilts of Valor, Marjean Neve & Licia Kim from Unit 159 awarded quilts to honor 2nd division officers, district commanders, and membership chairs

15-minute recess

Committee reports were read {attach #4}

Convention announcements were made and business was adjourned until 9:40 Sunday

Sunday 17 May:

At 0940 the meeting was opened in the usual manner by Steve Kim, DVC 2nd Div

Division Adjutant James Pfeffer read the convention call (attch #1) and Roll Call, a quorum was established. There were 28 posts present

Shelton Riggins Post 827 Houston TX, moved to nominate 8th Dist Vice Comm Stephanie Otto to lead as 8th District Commander during the convention. Seconded by 6th Dist Comm Russ Foster. No discussion. Motion carried.

22nd District Comm Jim McGuire moved to dispense with the reading of the 2025 minutes as it has been disseminated electronically. Seconded by 11th District Comm John Potts. No discussion. Motion Carried.

Department Commander Rich Huntley was introduced and announced that 2nd Division is currently in first place and gave a speech.

Rules & Credentials Chair John Potts disseminated the final voting strength

Dwight Rumph, 2nd Division Finance Officer gave a report. (attch #2) Dwight Rumph moved to accept the report and Butch Sparks Post 164, 2nd. Discussion: Why is the Auxiliary Part of the report? Answer: At Department both entities share an EIN. Motion Carried.

James Pfeffer 2nd Division Adjutant read the resolutions

District Commanders & DVC 2ND Division gave reports (attch #3)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

22nd District Comm Jim McGuire assumed the gavel and MC duty

Steve Kim DVC 2nd Div moved to instruct Dept of TX NEC representatives that National Leadership should withdraw their endorsement of the "Dignity Act" as it is currently written that leads to mass amnesty. Butch Sparks Post 164, 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

Steve Kim, DVC 2nd Div asked for nominations of delegates and alternates to the National Convention, Louisville Kentucky August 25 to September 3rd. Roxanne Moss Post 95 nominated Bonnie Fraley. No alternates nominated.

11th District Comm John Potts motioned to accept, 2nd District Comm Sheryl Williams 2nd. No further discussion. Motion Carried

Steve Kim, DVC 2nd Div gave voting instructions

22nd District Comm Jim McGuire asked to have Lynn Sparks give nomination endorsement speech supporting Cheryl Williams

Gerry Hince Post 159 gave nomination endorsement speech for Cyndi Miller

Butch Sparks Post 164 moved to cease nominations, Joseph Thomas Post 319, 2nd. Motion carried.

22nd District Comm Jim McGuire moved to recess to caucus for 5 minutes in order to vote. Mike Morazle Post 573, 2nd. No further discussion, motion carried.

Convention called to order and district commanders reported the vote count
Before the final tally was announced, Cyndi Miller Post 55 moved to withdraw her delegate votes and move them to Cheryl Williams. 11th District Comm John Potts 2nd. No discussion, motion carried.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Jay Bush Post 573 Adj gave Dept CDR Rich Huntley a \$10,000 check to support emergency response during natural disasters

Bob Ellis Post 159 questioned Boys State registration. Referred to 2nd Division Boys State Chair Jimmy Mitchel to follow up after the meeting

Legionnaire explained ALITO program

2nd Division Mentorship Chair Cheryl Williams asked for Mentor and Mentee forms

Chaplain offer prayer
Convention adjourned


James Pfeffer
2nd Division Adjutant