



# THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

## The American Legion

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## Thoughts From The Commander Joe Duarte

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20th District*

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On 13 August 08, 20th District held its Executive Committee meeting at Alamo Post 2. I would like to thank those commanders that took time to be present at the meeting. Where were the rest of the commanders? As Post Commander, you are a member of the 20th District Executive Committee and your presence at these meetings is required. The next 20th District Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 10, 2008 at Missing Man Post 667, 504 Bowie, Universal City. Starting time is 1930 hours.

I must remind all members to follow their Post Constitution and By-Laws. By doing so, the post will have less problems at their post. If your post has an American Legion Auxiliary Unit, then follow their constitution and by-laws and we as Legionnaires have no business getting involved with the unit business. They answer to their chain of command.

On 6 September, there will be a Training Seminar for all Post Commanders and Adjutants at John F. Kennedy Post 485, 431 Kenda-lia Street, San Antonio. Start time is 0900 through 1300 hours. Each post is required to bring to the seminar, the post copy of the Adjutant Manual and Post Administrative Manual that will be used in training. After the seminar, Post 485 will provide a FREE meal to those in attendance.

Post Commanders, you have been elected to serve as commanders of your posts. Your post members saw something in you that caused them to believe that you could lead them in carrying out the American Legion programs. As Commander, you wear the Commander's cap and in doing so, you have the responsibility to lead your post in carrying out the American Legion programs in an effective and outstanding manner. The BAR or LOUNGE are NOT part of the Legion programs.

Support your 20th District Fund raisers for 2008-2009. 13 Sept 08, Fish Fry at Fred Brock

Post 828, 3415 Martin Luther King Dr., San Antonio, 1100 thru 1700 hours and 20th District Golf Tournament on 28 Sept 08 at North Cliff Golf Course, shot gun start at 0800 hours and at 0630 hors, breakfast tacos at Missing Man Post 667.

Schools are now open and it is a good time to visit your assigned schools and start meeting with the school principals and outline the American Legion programs available to their students.

### Membership 2008 8/15/2008

POST	MBRS	GOAL	%
2	569	1015	56.1%
667	357	729	49.0%
539	103	216	47.7%
579	362	775	46.7%
592	250	596	41.9%
10	62	148	41.9%
608	51	124	41.1%
612	121	304	39.8%
171	88	229	38.4%
375	60	165	36.4%
828	120	338	35.5%
593	216	813	26.6%
300	141	531	26.6%
443	24	120	20.0%
485	27	168	16.1%
336	0	15	0.0%
800	0	103	0.0%
568	0	60	0.0%
399	0	140	0.0%
TOTALS	2551	6589	38.7%

### From the Vice-Commander

Your Post should have gotten a response from the National renewal notices. This is a great start to reaching your goal.

A “shout-out” to Post 2, 557, 539 and 579. They have reached the goal of 45% which was to be reached by 31 July 08. Good job to all of you. The District is at 38% which is just shy of the goal. The next target goal is 55% by August 29, 2008. Several of the Posts are a little slow getting their membership to Department. Just call if you need assistance!!

Now is the time to get ready for the October Membership Tour. Here is a TENTATIVE schedule: (I am hoping more Posts would like us to visit)

Saturday, October 18:

0900-0945	Post 579
1005-1050	Post 300
1105-1150	Post 443
1220-1305	Post 399
1320-1405	Post 485
1425-1510	Post 800
1520-1605	Post 828
1640-Until?	Post 593

Sunday, October 19:

1200-1245	Post 667
1310-1355	Post 592
1425-Until?	Post 2

If you would like to be added to this listing – call, or email, me ASAP.

Thank you for helping the Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> District meet our membership goal. I am at your disposal anytime you need assistance. If I can help you or your post with membership, just call me or e-mail me. My email is: [kparis@stic.net](mailto:kparis@stic.net). My Cell is: (210)269-7090. Just let me know what I can do for you.

For God and Country,  
Karen Paris, Vice Commander

#### Newsletter articles

- ◆ Please submit your articles, Post activities, etc. by the **3rd Friday of each month**. Email to : [juantsilva@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juantsilva@sbcglobal.net)
- ◆ Got an activity? Submit the item and I will put it in the Newsletter (space available))

### Americanism HAPPENINGS

Oct / Nov: Start your planning for the Oratorical Contests. The District contest will be held on Jan. 17. Start your Local Oratorical contests NLT 31 Dec.

Shooting Program: All instructors need to be qualified.

February: Start interviewing for Boys State. \$100 will go to any post that exceeds number of candidates from last year.

April: Posts should already have selected boys for Boys State. Make copies of all paperwork for Buddy Cooper. Also include the money due.

May: Present your school awards. This includes ROTC medals and certificates.

### 20th District Golf Tournament

8:00 am at North Cliff

Breakfast Tacos at #667 (6:30 am)

### New Marching Band Organizes at Post #2!

#### The San Antonio Marching Band

Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to join this fun musical and marching group. You can relive your days when you were in a high school band and marching in parades. The band will be marching in the Veteran’s Day Parade in November. For information, call Johnny Silva at (210) 422-9296. Practices are at Post #2 on Tuesdays at 7:00pm-8:30pm.

### Post 593 – Hall Dedication

On 18 October 2008, at 1800, Post 593 will have a dedication of their hall to honor Martin “Marty” Frank.

Marty was an over 30 year member of Post 593. He was retired from the US Army where he served in Vietnam. He was a POW for several years. Marty was extremely supportive of The American Legion and Post 593.

Marty died earlier this year and Post 593 will rename their hall in honor of Marty Frank. All are welcome to attend.

***Remember: It's not what you paid to join,  
It's what you paid to be eligible!!***



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**[ S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 8 ]**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Labor day</b> #800 GM 7:30	2	3 #2 GM 7:30 PM #593 GM 7:30	4	5 #592 Steak Night 5:30 pm	6 20th District Training Conference, 9:00 am- 1:00pm , # 485
7 #399 GM-7PM	8 #485 GM 7:30	9 #592 GM 7:30 PM	10 <b>20th District Meeting,</b> #667, 7:30 PM	11 #612 Flag Raising, Windcrest Council Offices, 8:00 am	12 <b>Rosie Cherry's Birthday</b>	13 20th District Fish Fry 11:00am-5:00pm #592 Breakfast 8:30-11:30 #593 Breakfast 8:00-11:00 #2 Steak night 6:00pm-8:00pm
14#375 GM 2 PM #539 GM 2:00 PM #667-Breakfast 8:00- 11:30	15 #667 GM 7:00 PM	16 #828 GM 7:00 pm	17	18 U.S. Air Force Birthday	19 #592 SAL Chicken Fried Steak 5:30-8:00 pm	20 #593 Darts 7:30 SAL Sausage Wrap ,
21 #443 GM 2:00PM	22 #300 GM 7:00PM	23	24 Post #568@#2 7:00 pm	25 #612 GM 11:00 am	26 #593 Steaks 6-8pm Dept DEC Crown Plaza	27 Dept DEC, Crown Plaza
28 20th Dist. Golf Tournament, #667, 8:00 am, Northcliff Dept. DEC, Crown	29 #579 GM 7:00 PM	30				



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**PRESENTS**  
*A fund raising*  
**FISH FRY**

**WHEN.....SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008**

**WHERE.....AMERICAN LEGION POST #828**

**3415 MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE**

**PHONE: 223-0637**

**TIME.....1:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM**

**DONATION: \$6.00**

**IF YOU HAVE 10 ORDERS OR MORE, CONTACT  
AL SAUNDERS, 380-9737 AND WE WILL MAKE  
ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER YOUR DINNERS**