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Thoughts From The Commander

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Thanks to everyone for an exciting November! Anytime you can begin a month with the Re-Dedication of an established Post and at the same time remember and recognize a fallen hero, things in the world don't appear as bad as they really are. All the accolades go out to Commander Henry Ximenez, the Officers and members of the former Woodrow Wilson Post #399 which was Re-Dedicated on Saturday, November 4, 2006 in the name of Ray Rangel. It should be mentioned that Ray was a member of the Post, his Father is a current member of the Post and his Grandfather was a member. The support to the event given by the members of the South San High School R.O.T.C. and their Honor Guard was impressive. The Keynote speaker, Carlos Uresti put the whole event into perspective with some great remarks. It was also refreshing to see the support of the Mighty 20th District with attendance from so many Posts. Also, those of you that watched the news that day on the ABC affiliate probably saw excerpts of the unveiling of the memorial plaque as it was uncovered by Ray's Mother and Father and Mr. Uresti.

Many thanks go out to Commander Fox, the Officers and members of William James Bordelon Post #300 for hosting the Mighty 20th District Executive Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2006. This is the first District meeting I can recall where the hosting Post provided snacks to the attendees and they were much appreciated. Thanks again, Post #300.

I apologize for not attending the Veteran's Day Ceremonies on Saturday, November 11, 2006, however a prior requirement in Austin prevented my attendance. Thanks go out to the Vice Commander, Joe Duarte for providing the representation for the Mighty 20th District. Be-

ing out of town also caused me to miss Post #300's Turkey Shoot and the One Year Anniversary of the Re-Dedication of Somerset Post #443 to Gene Ramirez Post #443. Well done goes out to both Posts. I did however manage to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy on Friday, November 10, 2006. The event was very moving with a presentation brought by members of USAA with heavy involvement by the student body. Had a great time at Sesquicentennial Post #592 on Tuesday, November 13, 2006 at their General Membership meeting. They have a unique manner in conducting the business of the American Legion, but it is very positive. Don't know how many in the District are aware of the fact that Post #592 is numerically fifth in membership goal size in the District behind Post #2, #593, #579 and #667. Speaking of membership, and when don't we, the District as of Friday, November 17, 2006 is in fourth place for the first time in many, many weeks. We are behind the 10th 18th and 6th, all of which have a combined membership goal of 9,888 or about half again the goal of the Mighty 20th. The good news is we stand at 5183 members and a percentage of 83.3. Those numbers mean we are only 100 renewals from the November 30th goal of 85%. Of those three Districts ahead of us, only the 10th is significant because it is also in the 3rd Division. But not to worry, based on what the Mighty 20th has done so far, we will overtake them prior to the end of the month. In this I am confident.

Before this gets too long, three last subjects. **Topic 1:** Membership status of our Sons of the American Legion Squadrons in the District. As of November 15, 2006 of the nine Squadrons in the District, only

Membership Status-11/28/06

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
608	112	68	164.7%
171	172	124	138.7%
612	284	280	101.4%
443	80	79	101.3%
300	413	421	98.1%
579	640	703	91.0%
539	204	226	90.3%
828	249	277	89.9%
667	548	617	88.8%
399	109	130	83.8%
336	14	17	82.4%
800	69	85	81.2%
2	891	1108	80.4%
592	476	596	79.9%
375	131	173	75.7%
593	628	886	70.9%
10	127	181	70.2%
485	103	147	70.1%
568	44	98	44.9%
TOTALS	5294	6216	85.2%

For God And Country

From the Commander, 'con't

three are reflecting membership numbers in Department. I have personally visited every Post with a Squadron in the District, and in most cases supported a function hosted by the Squadron. Commanders check with your respective Squadron and assure yourself that the members are paying dues and forwarding the necessary amount to Department. **Topic 2:** Post Constitutions. I would like to have a copy of the Post Constitution of each Post no later than the conclusion of the January 10, 2007 20th District meeting at Ray Rangel Post #399. **Topic 3:** Don't forget December 8th at Post #828 will be the Annual Mighty 20th District Christmas Party. Commanders don't forget your gift, and if you are bringing a large contingent from your Post give me or the Post a call so we can prepare a table suitable to your numbers.

The American Legion Extension Course

Karen Paris, 20th District Adjutant and Nick Mills, Commander, Post 593 are planning to provide the course during Mid-Winter Convention. February 2, 1200-1600.

The course is 4 hours, books and test are included. Cost is \$10 (Includes the books). We need 2-3 weeks notice if you plan to attend..

For more information call Karen Paris @ 659-4003 or kparis@stic.net.

Newsletter articles

- ◆ Please submit your articles, Post activities, etc. by the **3rd Friday** of each month.
Email to : kparis@stic.net Thanks!!

From the Vice Commander

Veteran's Day: I would like to thank the Legionnaires from the following Posts: 593, 592, 667, 612, 568, 399 and 2. These Legionnaires participated in the November 11, 2006 Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Veteran's Day Program. We missed the rest of the Posts.

Membership: 20th District membership is coming along. Thanks to the aggressive recruitment program that the majority of our Posts have going on. Those Posts that are having problems obtaining their goals, provide me your recruiting program for my review and critic of the program in view of helping with your recruiting.

Spring Coffee Tour-2007: Scheduled dates for the Spring Coffee Tour are 3-4 March 2007. The schedule we used in the Fall 2006 appeared to run smoothly; but it could use a little tuning. Your recommendations will be greatly appreciated. Schedule will be out by mid-January, 2007.

Happy Holidays to all... Joe Duarte

*Happy Holidays to
all of you!!!*

*Spend extra time
this year to say
"Thank you" to the
Veterans and their
loved ones.*

*All of you are
special to us!!*

20th DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The entire District is welcome



December 8th



Friday

7:30PM

Post 828

3415 Martin Luther King Drive

San Antonio 223-0637

Heavy Snacks, Raffle, and

8 PM – Midnight

Music by DJ Griffin



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3	4 #800 GM 7:30PM	5	6 #2 GM 7:30 PM #399 GM 7:00 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	7	8 20th District Christmas Party-Post 828	9 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast
10 #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM #667 Breakfast	11 #485 GM 7:00 PM	12 #592 GM 7:30PM	13	14	15	16 #593 Darts 7:30
17 #443 GM 1:00PM	18 #667 GM 7:00PM	19 #828 GM 7:00PM	20 #568 GM @ Post #579 4:00 PM	21	22	23
24/31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas	26	27 #612 GMM 6:00 PM	28	29	30