



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander

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Want to thank the Officers and members of Ray Rangel Post #399 for hosting the Mighty 20th District Executive Committee meeting on January 10th. Its becoming common to anticipate some type of food at the District meetings, its bad enough that I continue to gain weight since giving up smoking, but the Posts seem to have a conspiracy to assure that that weight gain continues uncontrolled. Thanks again Post 399.

It appears that my name is a dirty word for failing to be in attendance at the Department Commanders visit to the V.A. Hospital on Friday, January 12th. I made an assumption that since the Commander was sick and unable to make the visit my presence would not be missed. Wrong!!! Promise not to let that happen again. While on the V.A., would like each Post that has a commitment to the V.A. to please advise me what the extent of that commitment is. Had a call from the V.A. asking when Post #568 was going to decorate one of the wards, and I had a difficult time in explaining what had happened to that Post and promised to identify a replacing Post to take up that slack, thus the foregoing request.

Want to personally thank those members of the Mighty 20th that supported my Post during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Soul Food Dinner. We really enjoyed having you at the Post and hope your visit was an enjoyable one.

Want everyone to keep the Mighty 20th District Judge Advocate, Ron Cherry, PDC, in your prayers. His liver transplant went well and he has been at home since January 12th and he is in good spirits. I visited with him on Friday, January 19th and he looks very fit. His doctors have cleared him to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Austin, the first week of February, and hopefully we will see him at our District meeting on Wednesday, February 14th at Post #2.

A healthy "Outstanding Job" goes out to Tom Sibley, Oratorical Contest Chairman, Post #593 and Buddy Cooper, Americanism Commission Chairman, Post #612. On Saturday, January 20, 2007 these two individuals put on one of the best contest I have had the pleasure to attend. With the beginning of the contest

you would not have thought so, because when I arrived at Tafolla Middle School the Chairman said "we have a problem." It was explained that there was a mix-up and the school was not prepared to hose the contest. There was a fall back plan and everyone traveled to the Windcrest City Council Chambers where the program went on without a hitch. There were three very talented students in the contest and each captured the interest of the audience and each deserves to be called "Winner." The ultimate Winner was William Sames of Ronald Reagan High School and sponsored by Alamo Post #2. Again congratulations to each of the contestants, which were Angelek Marier of Memorial High School also sponsored by Alamo Post #2 and John L. Calloway, III of Roosevelt High School and sponsored by Windcrest Post #612.

Hope to see everyone at Post #2 on Wednesday, February 14th for the District Executive Committee meeting. This invitation goes out to all members of **The Sons of the American Legion**. The reason for inviting the Sons to this meeting is to get you acquainted with the plans for the 20th District Fall Convention which will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007. At this Convention the Sons of the American Legion will be electing District wide Officers. It is the thought of the Vice Commander and myself that it would be useful if you know who are members and who you may want to consider for the various positions. Each Squadron Commander has been provided with a copy of the proposed agenda for the Convention. The meeting on February 14th will be an opportunity for you to voice agreement with the agenda or recommend changes.

Membership Status-1/25/07

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
608	112	68	164.7%
171	186	124	150.0%
443	92	79	116.5%
667	648	617	105.0%
612	292	280	104.3%
300	436	421	103.6%
828	280	277	101.1%
579	693	703	98.6%
399	126	130	96.9%
800	82	85	96.5%
539	212	226	93.8%
592	551	596	92.4%
375	146	173	84.4%
2	927	1108	83.7%
336	14	17	82.4%
593	713	886	80.5%
485	117	147	79.6%
10	131	181	72.4%
568	44	98	44.9%
TOTALS	5802	6216	93.3%

For God And Country

From the Vice Commander

POST 828—Welcome to the 100% of goal club!! Thank you for that extra effort to get there. Five Posts are in the 90% bracket and they only need between 4 to 45 members to reach 100% of their goal.

The Mighty 20th District Spring Coffee Tour is scheduled for 3-4 March 2007. The schedule of Posts to visit are listed below. Legionnaires of all posts and guests are invited to come along:

SATURDAY, 3 MARCH

- 0900-0945 579, Bicentennial
- 1010-1055 300, Wm Bordelon
- 1125-1220 443, Gene Ramirez
- 1250-1335 339, Ray Rangel
- 1355-1440 485, John F. Kennedy
- 1515-1600 800, G.W. Carver
- 1600- ? 828, Fred Brock

SUNDAY, 4 MARCH

- 1200-1245 539, St Hedwig
- 1315-1400 667, Missing Man
- 1420-1505 593, Wm M. Randolph
- 1650- ? 2, Alamo

The American Legion Extension Course **BRING IT TO YOUR HOME POST**

Karen Paris, 20th District Adjutant and Nick Mills, Commander, Post 593 can provide this course.

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 have a class. We need estimated numbers of attendees.

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

Annual Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

20th District Officers and Post Commanders.....You are cordially invited to attend the Annual National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans scheduled for **Friday, 16 February, 2007 @ 1000** and ending at 1200 in the Recreation Room, Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital. This day has been set aside since 1978 to honor and recognize veterans for their sacrifices and military service.
Richard "Dick" Bray
VAVS Representative, District 20



Newsletter articles

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

THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT HOLDS ITS ORATORICAL CONTEST

On Saturday, January 20, 2007 the Mighty 20th District held its Annual Oratorical Contest with contestants representing two of the Districts Posts. The Americanism Commission Chairman is Buddy Cooper of Windcrest Post #612 and the Oratorical Contest Chairman is Tom Sibley of William M. Randolph Post #593 in Converse, Texas. The contest was held in the Windcrest City Council Chambers, which was ideal for the contest. Pictured in photo number 1 are seated from left to right: Judge Irven R. Cooper, Jr. of Post #612; Results Chairman Odell Couch, Post #612; Judge Joe Duarte, Post #2 and 20th District Vice Commander; and Judge Nick Mills, Post #593 and Post Commander of Post 593. Standing in the rear are Oratorical Contest Chairman Tom Sibley, Post #593 and Al B. Saunders, 20th District Commander.

The contest featured three outstanding contestants in John L. Calloway, III of Roosevelt High School and sponsored by Post #612; Angelek Marier of Memorial High School and sponsored by Post #2; and William Sames of Ronald Reagan High School and sponsored by Post #2. John's oration covered how the Founding Fathers progressed toward establishing the U.S. Constitution and the amendments to it. Angelek spoke on being a good citizen and how according to the Constitution required involvement, being active and being effective. William addressed the process of amendments to the Constitution and the effect of addressing the impact on the country and individuals. The contestants are captured in photo number two from left to right are William, Angelek and John.

Following the totaling of the Judges ratings, William Sames was announced the winner to represent the Mighty 20th District in the Division Contest that will be held in San Marcos on Sunday, January 27, 2007. Pictured in photo number three is the winner, flanked by the Oratorical Contest Chairman Tom Sibley, Americanism Chairman Buddy Cooper, 20th District Commander Al B. Saunders and 20th District Vice Commander Joe Duarte.

Post 300— **Saturday Feb 10th** Valentines dance beginning at 5:00pm. **Saturday Feb 24th** Membership drive Bar-B-Que and a Chili Cook-Off beginning at 2:00pm.

The Mighty 20th will only have a one day Convention, set for Saturday, March 31, 2007. Location will not be finalized until our District meeting on January 10, 2007, but most probably it will be held at Post #2 at 3518 Fredericksburg Road.



**Riders—Come Join American Legion Riders
Join the organization that raised \$10,000 for
the American Legion Legacy Fund!!!!**

ALR are Legion family members who are motorcycle enthusiasts. This is not a M/C. ALR is family oriented and participates in parades, mc events and supports the community. They actively support BAMC, Lonesome Dove Ranch, Audie Murphy VA, the American Legion Legacy Fund, Blue Santa and the Patriot Guard.

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[FEBRUARY 2007]

19 SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Army Nurse Corps Anniversary Groundhog Day	3
4	5 #800 GMM 7:30 PM	6	7 #2 GM 7:30 PM #399 GM 7:00 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	8	9	10 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast
11 #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM #667 Breakfast	12 #485 GM 7:00 PM	13 #592 GM 7:30PM	14 20th District Meeting	15	16	17 #593 Darts 7:30
18 #443 GM 1:00PM	19 #667 GM 7:00P	20 #828 GM 7:00PM	21 #568 GM @ Post #579 4:00 PM	22 #612 GMM 6:00PM Washington's Birthday	23 #593 Steak Night	24
25	26 #579 GMM 7:00PM #300 GMM 7:00PM	27	28			