



# THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

*The American Legion*

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## Thoughts From The Commander

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20th District*

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Service Officer*

*Richard Bray #593  
V.A.V.S.*

*Gene Elliott #667  
S.A.L. Advisor*

Many thanks to all of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion that attended the 20<sup>th</sup> District Christmas Party at Fred Brock Post #828. There was a wonderful time had by all (I think, it got very Bud Light heavy as the evening progressed) and there was great support for the many raffles that were conducted. Special thanks to Irene Lineback for the two beautiful baskets that were a part of the raffle, and a special thanks to the Officers and members of the Past Commanders Club for their invaluable support. We raised over \$300.00 for the District and in a special, make that *very special* collection for an Iraqi Veteran's family we raised \$200.00. Also, thanks go out to the Officers, and Legion family members of Fred Brock Post #828 who were outstanding hosts for the Christmas Party.

Here's hoping everyone had a very prosperous and safe Christmas and a Happy New Years celebration. Those of you that we were able to visit with on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, thanks again for a wonderful reception and the greatest hospitality that can be had. I apologize for not visiting each and every Post, but my Social Director gave me a very short Kitchen Pass.

Hope to see everyone at Ray Rangel Post #399 on January 10<sup>th</sup> as we begin the new year with a rush. The main topic of conversation during the District Executive Committee meeting will be the Oratorical Contest and Boys State. Please come prepared to let the respective Committee Chairmen know where you stand on each Program. I hope everyone is aware that the Oratorical Contest will be held at Tafolla Middle School, 1303 West Durango, (across the street from Lanier High School) on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 12:00 noon. Would like to have as many District

Officers, Commanders and Legion family members in attendance at this event as possible to show our support to the leaders of the future.

For the remainder of the year prior to the Department Convention, the Vice Commander and myself have basically mapped out the upcoming events to hopefully simplify the upcoming functions. We will be having a heavy dose of Alamo Post #2 for the next few months, with our February District meeting being scheduled there on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, we won't be having a District meeting in March, because we will be having the District Convention on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Post #2. The Vice Commander has scheduled the Spring Coffee Tour for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with basically the same route as used in September. As of now, the total Legion family will be at Post #2, including the Sons of the American Legion Squadrons. On April 11<sup>th</sup> the District will be meeting at Missing Man Post #667 and on May 9<sup>th</sup> we will return to Post #2 for the Boys State Orientation. Everything appears to be in order, we just need to execute the plan.

Finally on membership. As of this writing, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the District is in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 5504 members renewed for a percentage of 88.4. This means we are only 712 members from 100%, a goal I know we will reach and surpass. The point is we need to get as many of these 712 members signed up as possible prior to January 10, when the dues increase kicks in. So Commanders, Vice Commanders, Adjutants and Legionnaires, lets get out there and contact your members and encourage them to renew before the price increase. I am sure they will appreciate your effort.

### Membership Status-12/22/06

171	186	124	150.0%
443	86	79	108.9%
612	284	280	101.4%
300	426	421	101.2%
667	618	617	100.2%
828	266	277	96.0%
539	209	226	92.5%
579	640	703	91.0%
592	514	596	86.2%
399	109	130	83.8%
2	915	1108	82.6%
336	14	17	82.4%
375	141	173	81.5%
800	69	85	81.2%
485	109	147	74.1%
593	648	886	73.1%
10	129	181	71.3%
568	44	98	44.9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5519</b>	<b>6216</b>	<b>88.8%</b>

# For God And Country

# From the Vice Commander

A belated Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

As of December 22, 2006, the 20<sup>th</sup> District has six Posts that have obtained their goal of 100%. The latest to join this group through their hard work is Post 667. A big thank you to ya'll.

We have 3 Post between 91 to 96% and 5 Posts at 81 to 86%. Keep up the effort to reach 100%. The Holidays are over, now is the time for those Post that are behind to get to work in recovering and recruiting members for their Posts. Last Newsletter I offered to help Post in recruiting and renewing their membership; but to date no one has submitted their plans.

I have not received any feed back on the Spring 2007 Coffee Tour. January 10, 2007 is the last chance for your input.

Joe Duarte.

## 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 3 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](mailto:kparis@stic.net) Thanks!!

**FRED BROCK POST  
#828  
THE AMERICAN  
LEGION  
3415 MARTIN LU-  
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MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, Jr. DAY  
JANUARY 15, 2007  
SOUL FOOD DIN-  
NER**

## MENU

**Chitterlings and  
Pork Bones  
or  
Smothered Chicken  
and Pig Feet  
Mustard Greens  
Candied Sweet  
Potatoes  
Plus!!!  
Donation \$6.00**

**National Commander Paul A. Morin has introduced the following membership incentive programs:**

**‘Back to Basics’ pin**

Awarded to any American Legion family member who signs up five new members and renews 10 expired members. One per person.

**‘Morin’s Minutemen’ Cap**

Awarded to district, department and national vice commanders who exceed 100 percent in membership without any losses in posts.

**100-Percent Plus Pins**

Awarded to posts, districts and departments that reach 100 percent or more by March 15.

**Revere Bowl**

Awarded to two posts from each region, one district per region, and the department with the highest membership above 100 percent by Dec. 31.

See your adjutant for additional information. Let’s get 20th District recognized for all its hard work.

## COOLER FOR SALE

**Post 579 has a 4' beer cooler for sale. Great condition. We bought new ones, so we are selling this for \$400.**

**If anyone is interested, please contact Jackie or Anne Gerber at 674-8069. This model has 2 sliding doors and holds a lot of beer.**

The Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## [ JANUARY 2007 ]

19 SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 #800 GMM 7:30 PM <b>New Year's Day—Happy 2007</b>	2	3 #2 GM 7:30 PM #399 GM 7:00 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	4	5	6
7	8 #485 GM 7:00 PM	9 #592 GM 7:30PM	10 <b>20th District Meeting Post 399</b>	11	12	13 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast
14 #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM #667 Breakfast	15 #667 GM 7:00PM <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> Soul Food Dinner-828	16 #828 GM 7:00PM	17 #568 GM @ Post #579 4:00 PM	18	19	20 <b>Oratorical-1200 Tafolla Mid School</b> #593 Darts 7:30
21 #443 GM 1:00PM	22 #300 GMM 7:00PM	23	24	25 #612 GMM 6:00PM	26 #593 Steak Night	27
28	29 #579 GMM 7:00PM	30	31			