



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander

Many thanks to all of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion that attended the 20th District Christmas Party at Alamo Post #2. There was a wonderful time had by all and there was great support for the raffle that was conducted. Hope everyone is happy that they shamed Commander Patron and me into not accepting our winnings. Special thanks to the Officers and members of the Past Commanders Club for their invaluable support. Also, thanks go out to the Officers, and Legion family members of Alamo Post #2 who were outstanding Host 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 Sunday, December 23rd, 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 again this year.

Hope to see everyone at John F. Kennedy Post #485 on January 9th 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. As I hope everyone is aware that the Oratorical Contest will be held at the City of Windcrest Council Chambers, 8601 Midcrown (across the street from the City Golf Course) on Saturday, January 19, 2008 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 I have basically mapped out the upcoming events to hopefully simplify the upcoming functions. The following is the schedule of District meetings the next few months, with our February District meeting being at Post #593 on Wednesday, February 13th; the Vice Commander has scheduled the Spring Coffee Tour

for Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th and the March District meeting will be at Post #2 on March 12th; April will be the month for the Mighty 20th District Convention set for Friday the 4th through Sunday the 6th at the Oak Hills Hotel facility; on May the 14th we will have the Boys State Orientation at Post #2; on June the 11th we will be at Post #579 and in July the **NEW** Commander of the Mighty 20th District will hold a Calendar meeting at Post #2 beginning at 12:00 noon.

Finally on membership. As of this writing, December 21st, the District is in 3rd place (last year we were in 6th place) with 5309 members renewed for a percentage of 82.2 and 175 members behind where we were at this same date last year. However given all of that this means we are 1,153 members from 100%, a goal I know we will reach and surpass, because we did it last year. So Commanders, Vice Commanders, Adjutants and Legionnaires, lets get out there and contact your members and encourage them to renew. I know the Vice Commander will cover membership however it must be noted that the Mighty 20th is still in first place with your outstanding work. This marks the fifth week that the District has held 1st place and we stand at 78.7% and 4 tenths of a percent in front of the 10th District. Please keep up the great work.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!!

First District meeting for the new year will be Wednesday, January 9th, at 7:30pm at Post 485.

Membership 2008—Jan 1, 2008

Post	Mbrs	Goal	%
568	57	45	126.7%
485	135	127	106.3%
10	141	141	100.0%
539	201	216	93.1%
171	196	222	88.3%
336	13	15	86.7%
579	656	761	86.2%
612	262	304	86.2%
667	614	729	84.2%
300	442	526	84.0%
828	257	320	80.3%
375	132	165	80.0%
2	811	1015	79.9%
593	638	813	78.5%
592	460	596	77.2%
443	82	120	68.3%
800	70	103	68.0%
608	81	124	65.3%
399	81	140	57.9%
Total	5329	6482	82.2%

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From the Vice-Commander

Well by now the Holidays are over and I hope you have had joyful Holidays and are ready for 2008. National's Direct renewal notices for the third time for 2008 were mailed out on 12-12-07. Now is the time for each post commander, membership chairman, and membership committee team to go after these renewals. It also a time to go out and get NEW members.

The District every Post has a goal of 100% plus membership ASAP. The District has posts that are between 57% and 68% that Department have not received any membership since October 24, 2007. District has 3 posts that are 100% plus and I thank you'll for your support.

20th District's Spring Coffee Tour is scheduled for 8-9 March 2008. The schedule is tentative the same as the Fall Coffee Tour. If a post would like to join and be removed for the Spring Coffee Tour, please notify me NLT the January 2008 District meeting on 9 JAN 08, being held at John F. Kennedy Post 485, 1930 hours. Attendance at the meeting has been lacking. Commanders, if you are unable to attend, send a post representative.

It is with a heavy heart that we must report the passing of Richard (Dick) Bray to Post Everlasting. Dick was very active in Post 593 and 20th District. He served in many offices and was, until recently, the 20th District VAVS representative. Our hearts go out to his wife, Hilda, and family.

POST HAPPENINGS

Come out and support the posts of the Mighty 20th District. Here are just a few of the things that won't fit on the calendar (on page 3):

11-13 January—Post #593—CASII Chili Cookoff. Lots of activities, Friday and Saturday night music, raffles, silent auction, and chili judging. Come and join the fun.

11 January—#593—Muletrain @ 8PM

12 January—#593—Nigle (DJ) @ 8 PM

19 January—20th District Oratorical Contest—Windcrest City Hall. 12 Noon

21 January—#828 Soul Food Dinner 11AM—6 PM

Every Sunday—#593—5PM—Dance lessons

24—27 January—Dept of Texas—Mid Winter Conference. Omni Hotel, Austin.

25 January—#593—Music by Ashlee Rose—8 PM

Newsletter articles

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

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



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[NOVEMBER 2007]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 #2 GM 7:30 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	3	4 #592 Steak Night	5
6 #399 GM 2:00 PM	7 #800 GM 7:30	8 #592 GM 7:30PM	9 20th Dist Mtg @ #485	10	11	12 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast
13 #667 Breakfast #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM	14 #485 GM 7:00 PM	15 #828 GM 7:00PM	16 #566 GM @ Post #2@ 5:00 PM 40/8-Post 2 @ 7PM	17	18	19 #593 Darts 7:30PM Dist Oratorical
20 #443 GM 1:00PM	21 #667 GM 7:00PM MLK Day	22	23	24 #612 GN 6:00 PM MIDWINTER	25 #593 Steaks MIDWINTER	26 MIDWINTER
27 MIDWINTER	28 #300 GM 7:00PM #579 GM 7:00 PM	29	30	31		

BICENTIENNIAL POST #579 HOST THEIR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

ON DECEMBER 2, 2007 THE AMERICAN LEGION BICENTENNIAL POST 579 HOSTED THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ONE OF THEIR COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. LEGIONNAIRE ROBERT (CHIEF) ELIZONDO WAS THE BEST SANTA, SAL MEMBER DIEGO SALAZAR WAS HIS BLF HELPER RENE GARZA OUR FACE PAINTER. ALL DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. SAL MEMBER KIRBY CLINE DONATED THE PLUSH ANIMALS. LEGIONNAIRES AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS PREPARED THE DINNER WHICH CONSISTED OF FRIED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES AND CORN WHICH WAS SERVED TO 30 CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS. WE PUT A LOT OF BIG SMILES ON EVERYONE. WE SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS, PASSED OUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND GOODY BAGS. WHAT A GREAT DAY.

