



# THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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## Thoughts From The Commander

By the time you have an opportunity to read this, if you and your respective Post have not filed the Certification of Officers and Consolidated Post Report, **YOU ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE LATE.** For the past few months the Officers of the Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> have been requesting, no begging, each and every Post to get these two documents to Department prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. I have even promised each Commander and member that would listen that the \$100.00 the District Commander would receive if all Post submitted there reports on time would be spent for the enjoyment of the District membership. If you have submitted your reports in a timely manner, thank you very much and please excuse the paint of you with this wide brush.

May has been a very event filled month with lots of interesting programs happening almost every day. During the month I had the opportunity with the assistance of the Vice Commander to help Post #568 ("T" Patch) move further toward getting back to normal. They have a new member, new to "T" Patch but not to the Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> District in the name of Lowell Mix. Lowell is a past Commander of Alamo Post #2 and has joined "T" Patch and accepted the position of Adjutant. To date he has established a very interesting Web Site that went active on May 11<sup>th</sup> and is working to contact past Post members to get them active again. Please continue to give any and all support to Commander Ruby Cherry, Vice Commander Rosie Carranza and Adjutant Lowell Mix in their quest to have "T" Patch once again a viable Post within the Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> District. On Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> I had the pleasure of attending my Alma Mater, Fox Tech High School for the purpose of presenting two well deserving Cadets with R.O.T.C. medals and certificates. My how the school has changed. While on this subject, we need a local Commander to step up and accept Fox Tech as one of your sponsored schools. Dur-

ing the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> myself and several District members attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Convention in Seguin. We were there to see Pablo Aguillon be elected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander for the coming year. Pablo is out of the 23<sup>rd</sup> District and past District Commander down in the valley from Crystal City. During the month we held two Boys State Orientations, the first hosting 24 boys and the second hosting 9 boys. I feel that there are still about 9 to 11 more boys that have not attended the orientation, but we will survive. One thing is for sure, we will surpass last years number of 38 boys and the thanks go out to each and every Post that accepted the challenge in August of 2006 to reach a goal of 54 boys. Don't think we will reach the 54 boy level, but we will be close and the bus will be crowded. Thanks members. As of this writing with the help of the District Officers we have performed one Installation Ceremony at Gene Ramirez Post #443 on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and one at Windcrest Post #612 on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Am going to keep this article short, but would be remiss to not cover what seems to be the hottest item in the District. The problems seen on television at Post #399. I have received phone calls from members of the District that I have not heard from in over six months, some to say "I told you so" and some to ask "what's going on?" I have been called by Department Commanders current and present, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commanders current and past, Post Commanders, Unit Presidents and SAL Commanders not to mention a multitude of members throughout the District and out of the District. Here is everything that I

### Membership Status-5/17/07

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
608	123	68	180.9%
171	220	124	177.4%
443	118	79	149.4%
300	515	421	122.3%
800	102	85	120.0%
667	722	617	117.0%
828	313	277	113.0%
612	301	280	107.5%
399	139	130	106.9%
579	749	703	106.5%
592	586	596	98.3%
539	214	226	94.7%
375	163	173	94.2%
2	1005	1108	90.7%
593	795	886	89.7%
485	126	147	85.7%
10	140	181	77.3%
568	44	98	44.9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6389</b>	<b>6216</b>	<b>102.8%</b>

# For God And Country

**Wear Your Medals!!!**

## Notes Commander can't

know and am ready to pass on, **NOTHING**. I have been in daily contact with the Post Commander and when there are some **FACTS** to provide, you will see them in this document. There are a lot of hoops to be jumped and a lot of "T's" to be crossed and "I's" to be dotted. I know just the perception that everyone has is this is a terrible black mark on The American Legion and we need to get the problem solved and put behind us. That is just what all of those **DIRECTLY INVOLVED** are attempting to do. Please take the press accounts with a grain of salt. Please continue to support us, this to we will overcome.

Last item, I changed my e-mail address and it now appears that the Web Site established for the Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> District is no longer accessible for updates. Am continuing to try and contact the Geocities/AT&T/Yahoo folks to obtain a solution, in the mean time for those of you that check out the Web Site for info, it will be soon updated, or re-established. Don't forget, the next Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> District Executive Committee meeting will be at Sesquicentennial Post #592 on June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. Address is 106 Lanark, right off Austin Highway, Phone 590-. Hope to see you there.

## From the Vice-Commnader

As I review the Mighty 20th Membership Report for 17 May 07, I see 10 post at 100% or higher and 4 post at 90-99% of goal. The rest of the posts should continue their efforts to reach their goals.

With this said, lets get our post elections for 2008 completed and forward the post certifications to Department; with a CC to 20th District Commander. Once your post receives its 2008 package from Department for 2008; start your membership renewal for 2008. In this package you will find new DUE dates for the many membership awards the Department has for those post the reach these dates. The officers of the 20th District would love to see all posts receive the membership awards.

### Newsletter articles

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

WASHINGTON (May 22, 2007) - To show their pride in military service and teach younger generations about the value of serving our nation, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson urged veterans across the country to pin on their military medals on Memorial Day, May 28.

"Wearing their medals demonstrates the deep pride our veterans have in their military service," said Nicholson. "It also reminds all American citizens -- especially the young -- about the sacrifices our veterans have made for their freedom."

He encouraged veterans to display their medals no matter what they are doing on Memorial Day, but especially when attending public events. Nicholson said he believes the movement will become a tradition. Nicholson first urged veterans to wear their military decorations last Veterans Day under a program called "Veterans Pride Initiative."

About 24 million living Americans have served in the armed forces, with nearly 18 million wearing the uniforms of the U.S. military during times of war and conflict.

Nicholson said he hopes veterans will wear their medals on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day, and when attending other patriotic events. Major U.S. veteran's organizations have endorsed the Veterans Pride Initiative.

Additional information about the initiative is featured at VA's Web site at:

<http://www.va.gov/veteranspride/>, where veterans can also learn how to replace mislaid medals or confirm the decorations to which they are entitled.

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





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**[ JUNE 2007 ]**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM #667 Breakfast	4 #800 GM7:30 pm	5 #592 GM 7:30PM	6 #2 GM 7:30 PM #399 GM 7:00 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	7	8	9 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast
10 #443 GM 1:00PM	11 #485 GM 7:00 PM	12 #828 GM 7:00PM	13 #568 GM @ Post #579 4:00 PM	14 #612 GM 6:00PM	15	16 #593 Darts7:30
17 FATHER'S DAY	18 #667 GM 7:00P	19	20	21	22 #593 Steak Night	23
24	25 #579 GM 7:00PM #300 GM 7:00PM	26	27	28	29	30