



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander

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Let me begin this article by covering some of the outstanding events that the Mighty 20th District has participated in over the past month. February 13th will go down in District history is one of the most active days we have ever had. It all began with the Military.com Job Fair held at the Omni Colonnade Hotel at 11:00am. This event had over 200 veterans visiting the Hotel in hopes of finding employment. The District was represented at this event by the Post Adjutant of Windcrest Post #612, Michael Burkett, our primary point of contact, and the Post Commander of George Washington Carver Post #800, James Ussery, meeting and greeting the vets with Legion literature and conversations on the value of Legion membership. In Mike's words "Military.com went out of their way to make us feel welcome, gave us our choice of vacant tables...The room was of adequate size and pleasant...we were in a very visible location and I am sure that the fact we were there distributing literature and answering questions was noted by everyone there." The next event was hosted by Alamo Post #2 and it was a Veterans Law Clinic put on by the Lawyers of the University of Detroit Mercy. They provided legal assistance to any and all veterans having problems with their benefits. This event was well advertised on our local evening news programs two days prior to the event. The final event on that day was the District Executive Committee meeting held at William M. Randolph Post #593 which was another well attended event given all of the prior events of the day. Thanks to all of the Legionnaires that spent their valuable time to support these important programs for the District. Finally in February on Sunday the 17th the Oratorical Contest Chairman, Tom Sibley his wife and myself traveled to San Angelo for the Department of Texas High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. We were entertained by four

very competent students as they presented their Orations in hopes of advancing to the National Competition which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 4th to 6th. Unfortunately our contestant, Angelek Rose Marler who was sponsored by Alamo Post #2 finished 4th in the competition, however she will be able to compete in next years competition is she desires.

First upcoming in March will be the District Coffee Tour. Our Coffee Tour is set for Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th, starting on Saturday at 9:00am at Post #579 and Sunday at 12:00 noon at Post #667. Those interested, we will be hosting the Department Commander, Paul Dillard for steak dinner at Post #592 at 6:00pm. If possible, come out to Post #592 and join the District for dinner. Just a few words on membership. As of Tuesday, February 19th the District was in 6th place in the State with 5,812 members or 89.6%, putting us 670 members short of 100%. It is my hope that we reach or approach that goal during the upcoming Coffee Tour.

Our next event will be the District Convention on Friday, April 4th, Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th at the Oak Hills Medical Center Hotel at 7401 Wurzbach. Registration is \$25.00 which will include the Law and Order Banquet on Saturday evening. Our guest speaker will be San Antonio Police Chief McManus. Please contact the Convention Chairman, Ronald Cherry at 656-3439 for your reservation or complete the form in the Newsletter and return to Ron Cherry with the necessary funds.

Membership 2008—2/22/2008

POST	MBRS	GOAL	%
568	58	45	128.9%
485	151	127	118.9%
10	142	141	100.7%
579	734	761	96.5%
539	207	216	95.8%
171	211	222	95.0%
300	489	526	93.0%
828	293	320	91.6%
612	277	304	91.1%
667	661	729	90.7%
593	722	813	88.8%
2	886	1015	87.3%
336	13	15	86.7%
592	511	596	85.7%
375	140	165	84.8%
800	78	103	75.7%
443	90	120	75.0%
608	85	124	68.5%
399	91	140	65.0%
TOTALS	5839	6482	90.1%

From the Vice-Commander

Remember:

1. **Membership Tour—Bring your current membership submittals and save postage!!!**
2. **The 20th District Spring Convention. Important business and elections!**



SPRING CONVENTION

- April 4, 6PM-? Candidates hospitality room
- April 5, 0900 Convention committees
- April 5, 1PM Convention
- April 5, 6PM Law and Order Banquet & Joint Session
- April 5, 0900 Memorial Service
- April 6, 0900 Convention and elections

We need your registration as soon as possible. The planning committee needs to get reservations in for the Law and Order Banquet and name badges made.

Send in your registration today. \$25 whether you go to the Banquet or just the convention. (See page 3)

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 4):

- 7 March—Post 592, 6PM, Steak Dinner with the Department Commander, \$10.00
- 8-9 March—20th District, Coffee Tour (See pg 5)
- 8 March—#2 Steak Night
- 15 March—#593—Rededication of Legion Drive, Converse

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As part of the 20th District Convention (4-6 April) we have a joint memorial service on Sunday morning. I am requesting a list of Legionnaires and Sons of the American members that we have lost to Post Everlasting over the past two years to incorporate into the memorial. If you could e-mail this list to me (ilineback@satx.rr.com) it would greatly appreciated. Everyone is invited to attend this memorial service that is scheduled for 9am, 6 April, Sunday morning.

American Legion Post 592

Presents

Cajun Heritage Fest,
Gumbo Cook-off & Craft Fair
Pickrell Park, FM 1518, Schertz, TX
Saturday, March 1, 2008

11 am – 6 pm

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –
FREE ADMISSION**

Music - Food - Handmade Crafts
Beer & Soft drinks - Raffles - Cookbooks
Free Parking – Handicapped Accessible

Reservations required for

Cooking contestants
and craft vendors –

Limited space available

phone: 210-789-1733 or 210-590-1863

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

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
20TH DISTRICT
SPRING CONVENTION
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

APRIL 5—6, 2008

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

**REGISTRATION FEE - \$25.00
(INCLUDES LAW AND ORDER BANQUET)**

Post Location _____ NO. _____

NAME MEMBER NO. ADDRESS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

(USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL ENROLLMENTS)

Posts are encouraged to pay the registration fee for members of their Post. Those who pay in advance may pick up their badge at the Registration Desk. **On-site Registration fee is \$25.00**

_____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
(Commander or Adjutant)

(Address) (City) (Zip)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, 27 MARCH (NO REFUNDS AFTER - 4/01/08)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE 20TH DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
MAIL TO: RONALD CHERRY, 7915 GLEN STONE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78239



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The American Legion*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 #339 GM 2:00 PM	3 #800 GM 7:30	4	5 #2 GM 7:30 PM #593GM 7:30 PM	6	7 #592 Steak Night	8 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast COFFE E TOUR
9 #375 GM 2:00 PM #539 GM 2:00 PM COFFEE TOUR	10 #485 GM 7:00 PM	11 #592 GM 7:30PM	12 20th Dist Mtg @ #2	13	14	15 #593 Darts 7:30PM
16 #443 GM 1:00PM	17 #667 GM 7:00PM	18 #828 GM 7:00PM	19 #568 GM @ Post #2@ 5:00 PM 40/8-Post 2 @ 7PM	20	21 GOOD FRIDAY	22
23 EASTER	24 #300 GM 7:00PM	25	26	27 #612 GM 6:00 PM	28 #593 Steaks 6-8 PM	29
30	31 #579 GM 7:00 PM					

**8-9 March 2008
The Mighty 20th District
Coffee Tour**

SATURDAY, 8 MARCH

TIME	POST
0900—0945	Bicentennial #579
1005—1050	Wm Bordelon #300
1120—1205	Gene Ramirez #443
1235—1320	Ray Rangel #399
1340—1425	John F. Kennedy #485
1455—1540	George W. Carver #800
1600—?	Fred Brock #828

SUNDAY, 9 MARCH

1200—1245	Missing Man #667
1320—1405	Wm M. Randolph #593
1440—1525	Sesquicentennial #592
1705—?	Alamo #2

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, PAUL DILLARD, WILL BE PRESENT.

COME OUT AND MEET THE CANDIDATES. THERE WILL BE CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES. COME AND TALK TO THEM SO YOU CAN MAKE A KNOWLEDGEABLE CHOICE AT THE CONVENTIONS.

POSTS—REMEMBER TO BRING ANY MEMBERSHIP YOU HAVE AND SAVE POSTAGE.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE 20TH DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER, JOE DUARTE, 656-3539.

**20th District Spring Convention
Hotel Information**

Dates: April 5, 6, 2008

Hotel: Oak Hills Medical Center
7401 Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, Texas
(210) 614-9900
(800) 468-1507

Across the Street from Audie Murphy VA Hospital