



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander

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Want to thank the Officers and members of Alamo Post #2 for hosting the District meeting on Valentines Day, Wednesday, February 14, 2007. Everyone in attendance, and there weren't many told me it was folly to hold the meeting on that day. However we had a very productive meeting and had a good exchange of ideas. The main item that came out at the meeting was we had forgotten to add Post #592 to the Coffee Tour, and that was done. Also if your receive this in time, Post #399 and Post #539 will not be on the Tour this time.

Asked last month for each Post to provide me with information on what their Post is doing at the V.A. Hospital. Have not heard from anyone to date, so that appears to mean that no Post volunteers at the Hospital, and I know that is not true. Please let me know what your Legionnaires are doing so we can get the records at the V.A. correct and the appropriate organization is getting credit where credit is due. Thanks.

Want to personally thank those members of the Mighty 20th that supported the Mid-Winter Conference in Austin on February 1st through the 4th. It was an outstanding Conference and a special "Job Well Done" goes out to Karen Paris and Nick Mills of Post #593 for the outstanding performance in the conducting of the American Legion Extension Institute training. The Department Commander mentioned that prior to the training there were 178 members of the Legion family that had completed the course and our guys trained 109. By the way the offer by Karen and Nick still stands that they are willing to provide the training at your Post, just give them a call and sufficient lead time to obtain materials and they will get it done. For those interested I have put

together a book which contains the majority of the materials that were provided by each of the Commissions and Committees at the Mid-Winter. It will be available for anyone to review. I plan to have it with me wherever I visit during the month of March and it will definitely be available at the Spring Convention on Saturday, March 31st. While on the subject of the Spring Convention we will have the Department Adjutant, William West as our Guest at this event. Also, **POST COMMANDERS, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE REMIND YOUR MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION THAT THEY ARE ALSO HAVING A SPRING CONVENTION AT POST #2 ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST. WE HAVE A DETACHMENT REPRESENTATIVE THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING ELECTIONS. THIS MEETING IS PRIMARILLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE VARIOUS SAL MEMBERS TO GET TO KNOW THE OTHER SQUADRON MEMBERS. AGAIN PLEASE REMIND YOUR SQUADRON. THE DISTRICT OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE REMINDING EACH SQUADRON DURING THE COFFEE TOUR!!!**

Several months back I reported that we were hoping to establish a new Post in the area of the Edgewood Independent School District. The Vice Commander, Judge Advocate and I visited with the potential members on October 21, 2006. There was also a member of the VFW in attendance and the purpose was for the potential members to make a decision on which organization they would affiliate with. After much

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Membership Status-1/16/07

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
608	112	68	164.7%
171	197	124	158.9%
443	97	79	122.8%
800	98	85	115.3%
667	661	617	107.1%
828	293	277	105.8%
300	445	421	105.7%
612	290	280	103.6%
399	134	130	103.1%
579	714	703	101.6%
539	212	226	93.8%
592	551	596	92.4%
2	940	1108	84.8%
375	146	173	84.4%
593	730	886	82.4%
336	14	17	82.4%
485	117	147	79.6%
10	132	181	72.9%
568	44	98	44.9%
TOTALS	5927	6216	95.4%

For God And Country

From the Commander, 'con't

deliberation Mr. George Gonzales (a current DAV member) the spokesman for the group contacted me early this month to report that his membership had decided not to affiliate with either the Legion or the VFW. He did indicate it was a close vote by his members, with neither organization have a majority. He also indicated they would contact one of us if the desires of the group changes.

In the very near future the District Officers (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) will be meeting to lay out the District Calendar for the coming months, with the plan to cover everything up to the Department Convention in 2008 which is set for Corpus Christi. Any Posts that would like to host the District meeting please contact the Adjutant or myself so that your desires can be added to the calendar.

The last item, which is also always the first, is membership. As of this writing, the District is in fifth place in Department, thanks to everyone's hard work. There are 10 Posts of the 19 in the District that are at 100% or greater. The District needs 289 more members to reach 100%. It is my opinion that we can achieve that number. Of the Post that have not yet reached 100%, they would need 489 members for seven of the Posts to reach goal. They would need an additional 57 members for two Post that had unrealistic goals set to reach goal or a total of 546 members for the nine Posts. Post Commanders, 1st Vice Commanders, Adjutants and members, lets get together and contact those members that have not renewed and see what we can accomplish by March 3rd. Bet we can reach goal for the District!!! If you want any of the District Officers to assist, let us know, we are ready and able!!

From the Vice Commander

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

1200-1300	667, Missing Man
1315-1400	593, Wm M. Randolph
1420-1505	592, Sesquicentennial
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.

Newsletter articles

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



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Membership Tour
4 Membership Tour	5 #800 GM 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	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 GM 6:00PM	23	24
25	26 #579 GM 7:00PM #300 GM 7:00PM	27	28	29	30 #593 Steak Night	31 20th District Spring Convention @ Post 2