



# THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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### Thoughts From The Commander

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Welcome to November! Seems like just yesterday we were planning for the 20<sup>th</sup> District Spring Convention and yet six months have passed. For the most part these past few months have been phenomenally great! Allow me to do a recap of the Month of October. The Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> started the month in third place in Department and as of this writing we are still in third, **BUT**, still numero uno in the Third Division. Not even going to mention that the two Districts ahead of us have a combined membership goal of 5,578 against ours or 6,216. The individual in Department that updates the web site with membership status was out of town the past week, but these numbers are current as of Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We have 4461 renewed for a percentage of 71.7. We are still 201 members short of reaching 75%, but am sure the Mighty 20<sup>th</sup> will reach this next plateau. On the Post status we have 11 of the 19 Posts in the District that are at or above 75%, so keep up the good work.

Those of you that did not, for one reason or another, attend the 20<sup>th</sup> District Fall Leadership Conference missed a great event. On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> we had Past National Commander John A. Brieden, III as our Instructor and did he instruct. We began at 9:00am in the meeting hall of William A. Randolph Post #593 and stopped at 3:30pm. It is stated stopped because Commander Brieden had about another two hours of information that he was willing to cover but with folk having other commitments, it was agreed he was at a good stopping point. Talk to some of those that attended, each of us came away with a much more enlightened view of The American Legion. Commander Brieden left with us his interpretation of the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution and the

Pledge of Allegiance. If you did not receive one get with me on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Post #300, I'll bring copies. Need to offer my thanks again to the Officers and members of Post #593 for the hospitality in hosting this event.

My thanks go out to the Officers members and staff at Post 667 for hosting a great 20<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Everything was outstanding and with the winners of Post 593 not participating in the event, the members of Post 667 ran away with the Traveling Trophy. It will be presented to them at their General membership meeting on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Also a very special thanks go out to our hole sponsors for this years Tournament, Hanson Brick, Wilshire Homes and Grande Ford. There will be a full financial report on the Tournament at our meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> but, as of now with the hole sponsors and funds from participation, we will be able to support at least three boys to Boys State. Thanks again to everyone.

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> Joe Duarte, Ron Cherry and I visited a Disabled American Veterans group that meets on West Commerce. The purpose of the visit was to cover the benefits of the group establishing an American Legion Post in that area. Most of the members are graduates from the Edgewood School District and have a desire to give back to the community that has given so much to them. If they apply for a Charter, they will be identified as Post 551. Almost to a man they all seemed very interested about establishing a Post. They asked very intelligent questions about the Legion, our programs and costs. More to come on this which I am sure will be positive.

#### Membership Status-10/20/06

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
608	79	68	116.2%
171	125	124	100.8%
612	249	280	88.9%
336	14	17	82.4%
539	185	226	81.9%
579	568	703	80.8%
828	223	277	80.5%
800	66	85	77.6%
443	61	79	77.2%
399	100	130	76.9%
667	466	617	75.5%
592	436	596	73.2%
2	784	1108	70.8%
300	256	421	60.8%
485	88	147	59.9%
10	107	181	59.1%
375	100	173	57.8%
593	512	886	57.8%
568	42	98	42.9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4461</b>	<b>6216</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

# For God And Country

## HONORING A FALLEN HERO!!!

SSG Ray Rangel, a 1994 graduate of South San Antonio High School, became the first SSAISD casualty of Operation Iraqi Freedom on February 13, 2005. The Air Force firefighter died while trying to rescue soldiers from a military vehicle that rolled into a canal near Balad, 50 miles north of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Join Post 399 as they rename their Post The Ray Rangel Post, 399.

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 4, 2006

**WHERE:** American Legion Post 399  
2628 Southcross Blvd

**TIME:** 10:00 AM to Midnight

**POC:** Henry Ximenez, Commander @ 724-7017  
LaFonda Ximenez, Adjutant @ 724-7025  
Post Home @ 922-4103

### The American Legion Extension Course

Karen Paris, 20th District Adjutant and Nick Mills, Commander, Post 593 are willing to come to your Post and present this informative class.

The course is 4 hours, books and test are included. Cost is \$10 (Includes the books). We need 2-3 weeks notice (more if possible).

For more information call Karen Paris @ 659-4003 or kparis@stic.net.

## From the Vice Commander

Well, here we are in the last few days of October 2006 and I'm looking at the 20th District 5 Oct 06 membership report from Department. I see Post 608 and 171 have gone over 100%. Congratulations. 7 Posts are at 75% or above. Good Work! There are 10 Posts that are below 75% of their goal. Of these Posts we have some that are from 8 to 190 members short of their 75% goal. Please continue to give it all you can to renew members and recruit new members. Legionnaires, keep up the good work and help your Post reach their membership goal.

ITEM OF INTEREST: During the 20th District golf tourney, held 15 Oct at Olympia Hills, a particular golfer hit his golf ball and I am told that the golf club went farther that the golf ball. I wonder who he or she is???

### VETERAN'S FORUM

Veterans' Forum to be held on **November 9, 2006**, Thursday, from 6PM to 9PM at the VFW Post 9186, 650 VFW Blvd, San Antonio, Texas 78214. We want to have this forum this day as it is 2 days before Veterans Day. The purpose of the Forum is to allow veterans or family members an opportunity to let us know of any suggestions or issues in order to enhance veterans and their family member wellness and benefits.

The Bexar County Veterans Committee is taking the lead in organizing this event and will be one of the sponsors. There are other organizations being invited to co-sponsor this event. State Representative Carlos Uresti has agreed to be a co-sponsor of this event and is assisting us with the event organization. Also, VA Post 9186 is a co-sponsor. Larry Romo, Chairman, Bexar County Veteran's Committee, can be reached at 210-219-1905 or llromo@sbcglobal.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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## ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER AND BEYOND

Nov 4 Renaming of Post 399  
Nov 9 Veteran's Forum, 6-9PM, VFW Post 9186, 650 VFW Blvd, SA  
Nov 18 Homecoming for Robbie Rupert, Post 593  
Dec 8 20th District Christmas Party@Post 828, 7PM

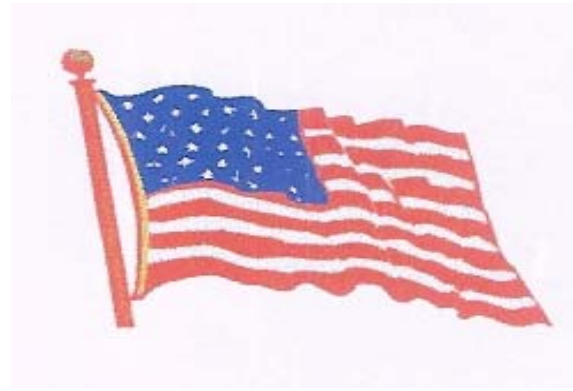
### ***Homecoming for Robbie!!! 2006-2007 Department of Texas ALA President***

**WHEN:** November 18, 2006  
5:30 PM Social Hour  
6:30 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM Program

**WHERE:** Post 593, Converse

**COST:** \$15.00 Per person

**WHO:** See Sue Mills, 657-1920



**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.

Contacts: Brad Pierce, Director  
brad.pierce62@sbcglobal.net (210)391-3151 or Debi Aguirre, Membership, debiaguirre@yahoo.com

### **NEED CANES OR WALKERS???**

Buddy Cooper, Post #612 has a member that has about eight brand new items such as canes and walkers that he would like to get to individuals that can use them. Please contact Buddy at (210) 656 3426.

### **Social Security and You !**

Oscar Garcia, feature writer for the San Antonio Express News and a Public Affairs Specialist at the Social Security Administration Office will be at Post 592, Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 4:30 pm. to answer any related social security questions.

Open to all Legion members', spouses, Auxiliary members, S.A.L. members and VFW Posts.

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## [ NOVEMBER 2006 ]

19 SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 #2 GM 7:30 PM #399 GM 7:00 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	2	3	4
5	6 #800 GM 7:30PM	7	8	9	10 US Marine BIRTHDAY	11 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast FSH Veteran's Day Ceremony 0900
12 #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM #667 Breakfast	13 #485 GM 7:00 PM	14 #592 GM 7:30PM	15 #568 GM @ Post #579 4:00 PM	16	17	18 #593 Darts 7:30 Robbie Ruppert's Homecoming, #593,
19 #443 GM 1:00PM	20 #667 GM 7:00PM	21 #828 GM 7:00PM	22	23 THANSIVING	24 #593 Steak Night 1800	25 #300 Breakfast 8-11 #579 Steak Night- 5:30 PM
26	37 #300 GM 7:00PM #579 GM 7:00PM	28	29	30		