



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander

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Welcome to November! This will probably take a lot of the Vice Commanders thunder but have to start this article by talking about membership. On Saturday, October 20th and Sunday, October 21st the Mighty 20th District held one of its most successful Coffee Tours in recent history. For one thing there were no current elected Department Officials in attendance due to prior commitments to support other Districts, all of which we are sure welcomed and needed the help. We did have the National Executive Committeeman, Ron Cherry and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Conrad Roberson (Odessa, Texas), the leading Candidate for Department Commander for 2008-2009, James McNair (El Paso, Texas) and the Candidate for Department Vice Commander, Bob Roberts (Denison, Texas). They were able to join us on the visits to Post #579 and #300 before departing for Seguin for the 14th Districts Convention. They returned and met the tour at Post #828 later that afternoon. But, back to the turn-in. When we made the final count on turn-ins on Saturday we had 110 cards. Oh, did I mention that we began the tour with the Mighty 20th in First Place? On Sunday we began at Post #667 and had Connie Jo Purchis (Floresville, Texas) the Department Sergeant-At-Arms join us. As things will happen upon arriving at Post #593 in Converse I had a flat and after receiving an outstanding turn-in of 32 members, left the gathering to help the AAA person get the flat changed. Upon arriving at Post #592 several of the tour travelers let me know that Connie Jo had been commenting that the 14th District had gathered 356 memberships during their Convention and would surely be in First Place in the State on Monday. There was no way to hold me back given all the hard work our Posts had been and were still doing but to let Connie Jo know that no matter what Post #592 and Post #2 turned in the Mighty 20th District would still be in First Place given that the 14th District had started the weekend in 7th place. She was also told that with the great turn-in of 356 members that would put the 14th at 71.2 percent, but with the turn-ins from #667 and 593 the Mighty 20th was at 71.4 percent, and climbing. All in all we collected a

total of 317 memberships, with 53 lost in the mail and a promise of 22 more memberships to be mailed to Department by Wednesday, October 24th. Thanks to all the Posts for their continued effort to make the District worthy of the title The Mighty 20th.

Now what is on the horizon for the Mighty 20th in November. As mentioned above there will be a visit by a National Team to visit four locations beginning on Monday, November 12th and continuing until Thursday, November 15th to exalt the efforts of The American Legion to provide the highest level of service to our Veterans. On Monday the 12th the Team will be at Post #667 from 5:00-6:00pm for a Town Hall Meeting. On Tuesday the 13th the Team will be at Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital from 5:00-7:00pm. On Wednesday the 13th the Team will be at Brooke Army Medical Center from 6:00-8:00pm and on Thursday there will be a Town Hall meeting at Post #579 from 5:00-7:00pm. If you noted that on Wednesday we will be at BAMC, it would make it very difficult to be at Post #485 on the same day and almost the same time, therefore the 20th District Executive Committee meeting that was scheduled at Post #485 has been cancelled and moved up to Friday, November 9th at Post #592. An e-mail has been sent to all 20th District members with this information and each Commander will be called to confirm this date change.

As to events going on around the District during November here are a few to consider supporting. On the 10th there will be a Turkey Shoot at Post #300, the third year anniversary of the renaming of Somerset Post #443 to Gene Ramirez Post #443 which will include a Fallen Soldiers Plaque presentation to the Family of Gene Ramirez. Still on the 10th, The Greater Randolph Veterans Association will be holding a Veterans Day Parade in Universal City with all sorts of festivities following the parade at Post #667. Also, the 10th is the US Marine Corps Birthday. On the 11th Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery will be holding the Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony beginning at 9:00am.

Membership 2008—Oct 26th

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
568	56	45	124.4%
485	133	127	104.7%
539	185	216	85.6%
612	254	304	83.6%
10	113	141	80.1%
579	596	761	78.3%
171	172	222	77.5%
375	124	165	75.2%
2	747	1015	73.6%
300	377	526	71.7%
592	415	596	69.6%
593	565	813	69.5%
800	70	103	68.0%
828	215	320	67.2%
667	476	729	65.3%
443	71	120	59.2%
608	68	124	54.8%
399	76	140	54.3%
TOTALS	4801	6482	74.1%

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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):

On 2 November 2007 Randolph Air Force Base will have a military only Air Show and Concert for all Armed Forces Service members and their families. Cross Canadian Ragweed will be the headliner for the concert. The timeline for Friday night is as follows: **1830 - 1930** = Dusk show air show (only open to DoD and military personnel/expecting 10,000 to 30,000 in attendance) **1945 - 2145** = Cross Canadian Ragweed Concert in honor of America's Armed Forces

9 November—20th District Meeting @ 592 (moved due to National's Visit)

10 November—#443, 3rd anniversary of the renaming of the Post to Gene Ramirez. A Fallen Heroes Plaque will be presented to his family.

10 November—US Veteran's Day Parade

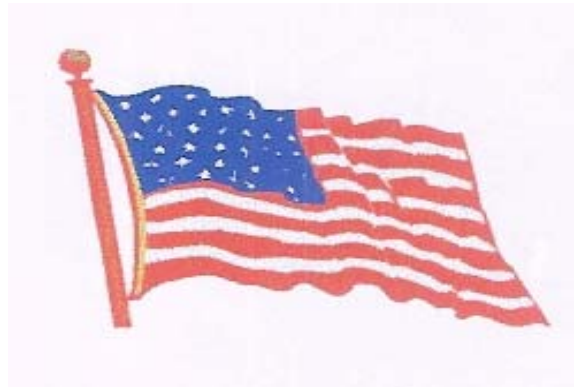
10 November—USMC Ball—At the Tropicana

10 November—#667 Thanksgiving Dinner

11 November—Veteran's Day

17 November—#485 Community Dinner, 11-4PM

22 November—Thanksgiving



NATIONAL IS COMING!!!!

12 Nov (Mon) - Post 667—5-6 PM a Town Hall Meeting

13 Nov (Tues) - Audie Murphy VA Hosp—5-7PM

14 Nov (Wed) - BAMC—6-8PM

15 Nov (Thur) - Post 579—5-7PM a Town Hall Meeting

Invite Neighbors, Friends, Family!!!!!!



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 #592 Steak Night	3
4 #399 GM 2:00 PM	5 #800 GM 7:30	6	7 #2 GM 7:30 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	8	9 20TH DISTRICT MEETING #592, 7:30PM	10 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast #2 Steak Dinner USMC Birthday
11 #667 Breakfast #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM FSH Ceremony 0900	12 #485 GM 7:00 PM National @#667	13 #592 GM 7:30PM National @ VA	14 National @BAMC	15 National @ #579	16 #485 SAL Turkey Raffle	17 #593 Darts 7:30PM
18 #443 GM 1:00PM	19 #667 GM 7:00PM	20 #828 GM 7:00PM	21 #568 GM @ Post #2@ 5:00 PM 40/8-Post 2 @ 7PM	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24 #579 Steak Night, 5:30PM
25	26 #579 GM 7:00PM #300 GM 7:00PM	27	28	29	30 #593 Steak Nigh	