



THE MIGHTY 20th DISTRICT

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Thoughts From The Commander

Hello everyone. I want to break from tradition and begin this article by discussing membership and the outstanding effort that is being displayed by the Posts of the District. As of this writing the District stands at 4,070 members signed up against a goal of 6,482 or 62.7 percent of goal. We are a little behind the numbers we had last year at this same time but in relation to the other 22 Districts in the State we are and approximately the same position, 2nd. We have another week to reach the desired percentage of 65, which will require the turn-in of at least 144 members. Currently there is one Post, above 100 percent and there are eight Posts at are above 65 percent. Speaking of membership, please remember the Coffee Tour on Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st. We will have Vice Commander J.G. "Lupe" Garza, Immediate Past Vice Commander James McNair and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Conrad Roberson with us on the tour for Saturday only. Lupe will be traveling to Victoria when we finish on Saturday to attend the 9th Districts Convention and James and Conrad will be going to Seguin to attend the 14th Districts Convention.

mately grew from six bottles to nine, with the winner coming from tickets sold at Post #579. We sold 320 dinners, 120 of which were walk-up. It was a great event and the support from the Posts in the District was phenomenal. On Tuesday, September 18th the Vice Commander and I put up a recruiting table at the Sam Houston Club in support of the Hiring Hero's Job Fair. Our table was probably the only one in the ballroom of about 85 that was not offering employment but we had a lot of soldiers stop and talk with us and pick-up some of our brochures. Hope everyone is aware that several of the District Officers will be in Austin for Department Executive Committee meetings from Thursday the 27th until Sunday the 30th.

On Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at Alamo Post #2 we will be holding our first of many Fallen Hero Ceremonies. There will be families representing four of the 30 plus soldiers and Marines that have lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq. At this event we will be remembering Pvt. Robert L. Frantz, Capt. Ernesto M. Blanco, SSgt Roland L. Castro and Lance Cpl Lance T. Graham. The plan is to have a Proclamation or Resolution from the Mayor of San Antonio's Office that will probably be presented by the Mayor Pro Tem; a Resolution presented by Mr. Tommy Atkinson on behalf of Commissioners Court. Following them Alamo Post #2 will present a Resolution to the Wife or Mother honoring the Fallen Hero and then they will present a Marble Plaque to the Wife, Mother and if divorced also the Father. I witnessed this ceremony in Irving this past June during the Department Convention and it is quite impressive

Well what happened last month? The month started off great with the Annual Missing Man Post #667 Golf Tournament on the first Sunday. The team that was saddled with me finished in seventh out of nine. But it was a great day. While speaking about Golf, please don't forget the Mighty 20th District Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Olympia Hill Golf and Conference Center in Universal City. Much more about that at the District meeting on the 10th at Alamo Post #2. On the 7th a few of us managed to visit Cajon over at Post #592 and enjoy one of his perfect steaks. Plan to spread the wealth and take advantage of the other Posts that host a steak night and stop only visiting #592. This next item needs to be proceeded with thanks, thanks, thanks, to all the workers, ticket sellers, set-up and clean-up crew, cooks, heck everyone that had any involvement. The Mighty 20th District Fish Fry on Saturday, September 8th was a huge success. The Auxiliary made money on their raffles, and thanks again to those Posts that donated toward their Booze Basket. That thing ulti-

Membership 2008—Sept 22nd

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
568	48	45	106.7%
10	113	141	80.1%
539	167	216	77.3%
612	233	304	76.6%
485	89	127	70.1%
579	524	761	68.9%
2	670	1015	66.0%
667	476	729	65.3%
375	106	165	64.2%
300	325	526	61.8%
593	485	813	59.7%
171	125	222	56.3%
592	328	596	55.0%
608	68	124	54.8%
828	173	320	54.1%
800	54	103	52.4%
443	55	120	45.8%
399	18	140	12.9%
TOTALS	4070	6482	62.8%

For God And Country

From the Vice-Commander

I am looking at the 20 Sep 07 Department Membership Post Ranking and I see we have 10 Posts that have reached their assigned goal for September. Good Work! The rest of the district posts keep up your effort in reaching your goals. Remember 100% of goal by 1 December 07 and the post will get back \$1.00 per member. I notice that a few post are having problems get their membership off the ground. I will be contacting these Commanders and Legionnaires to get to the bottom of the situation and provide assistance.

Coffee Tour: 20th District Fall Coffee Tour is noted below.

Saturday, 20th October 2007 (No Changes)

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. KENNEY #485
1455 - 1540	GEORGE W. CARVER #800
1600 - ?	

Sunday, 21 October 2007 (Note changes)

1200—1245	MISSING MAN #667
1305—1350	Wm W. RANDOLPH #593
1420—1505	SESQUICENTENNIAL #592
1535—?	ALAMO # 2

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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):

3 October — #2 Three fallen hero soldiers will be honoring @ 7:30pm.

Plaques to be presented.

19 October—#300 Golf Tournament

25 October—#300 Fisher House Dinner @LAFB

27 October—#300 Flea Market @ Post 300

27 October—#667 Halloween Party

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



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!!***



AMERICAN LEGION 20th DISTRICT Golf Tournament

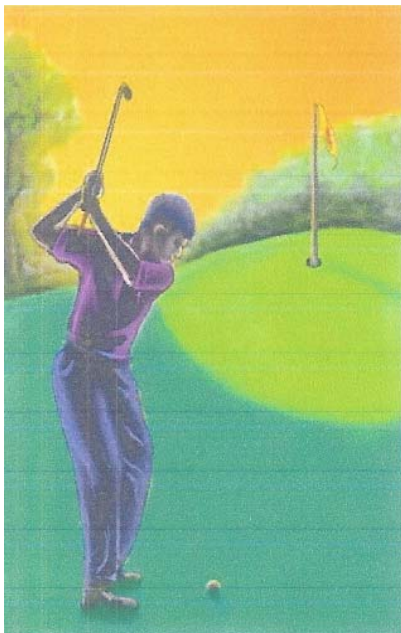
Sunday, October 28, 2007

Olympia Hills Golf Club

8:00 Shotgun Start

TACOS
6:30am
POST #667

- ❖ Absolutely NO personal coolers or beverages allowed on course
- ❖ \$50.00 per Player
- ❖ Sign-up at any 20th District Legion Post or at Post #667 after Sept 4th
- ❖ Pay at sign-up (if not paid by October 22nd, you're not signed up)
- ❖ Sign-up cut-off: October 22nd
- ❖ Limited to 96 players
- ❖ A & B Flights potentially a C Flight



- ❖ Minimum Handicap: 60 per team
- ❖ Mulligans available at \$5.00 each, maximum of 2
- ❖ Lunch, Raffle and Awards at Post #667

Points of Contact

Al B. Saunders at 380-9737
 Joe Duarte at 862-3629
 Tom Sibley at 410-9138
 bers to compete.

There will be a separate Traveling Trophy for American Legion Posts. Your team must consist of at least **TWO Legion** mem-



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 #800 GM 7:30	2	3 #2 GM 7:30 PM #593 GM 7:30PM	4	5 #592 Steak Night	6 #485 Enchilada Dinner 11-3
7 #399 GM 2:00 PM #399 GM 7:00 PM	8 #485 GM 7:00 PM COLUMBUS DAY	9 #592 GM 7:30PM	10 20TH DISTRICT MEETING @2, 7:30PM	11	12 #592 SAL Chicken Fried Steak dinner	13 #592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast #2 Steak Dinner NAVY BIRTHDAY
14 #667 Breakfast #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM	15 #667 GM 7:00PM	16 #828 GM 7:00PM	17 #568 GM @ Post #2@ 5:00 PM 40/8-Post 2 @ 7PM	18	19	20 #593 Darts7:30 #300 Breakfast COFFEE TOUR
21 #443 GM 1:00PM Golf Cut off Coffee Tour	22 #300 GM 7:00PM	23	24	25 #612 GM 6:00 PM	26 #593 Steak Nigh	27 #579 Steak Night, 5:30PM #300 Breakfast
28 GOLF TOURNA- MENT	29 #579 GM 7:00PM	30	31 HALLOWEEN			



**AMERICAN LEGION 20th
DISTRICT
Golf Tournament**

Sunday, October 28, 2007

Gigantic Raffle

First Prize – 2 Rounds of Golf at La Cantera

**Second Prize – 2 Rounds of Golf at
The Hill Country**

**Third Prize – 4 Rounds of Golf at Olympia
Hills**

Fourth Prize – 4 Rounds of Golf at Woodlake

**The following prizes will be furnished by
Joyce of Hair & Skin Care Salons**

Fifth Prize – Complete Pedicure

Sixth Prize – Complete Pedicure

Seventh Prize – Complete Manicure

Eight Prize – Complete Manicure

TICKETS

ONE FOR \$1.00

SIX FOR \$5.00