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Thoughts From The Commander

August has proved to be an outstanding month for The American Legion. The month began slow and picked up as it moved on. As usual I attended the Steak Night at Post #592 the first part of the month and worked up to an outstanding event. I had the pleasure of meeting with a Post commander by the name of Jim Ne-smith, the Commander of Calvin George Post #37 from Madison, Georgia. He had called a couple of months earlier indicating he had a Certificate or Charter that contained many names of veterans of World War I. The reason he called me was that his Historian had checked the names and determined that most or all of the men had come from Texas, and more specifically Bexar County. After he presented me the document his wife took a couple of photos and we parted ways. After reviewing the document which is titled "Honor Roll" I noticed several names of prominent members of the San Antonio, the most significant being that of the Maverick family with only initials for the first name there were three of them listed and in another column was the name Maury Maverick. There are about 150 plus names on the document. Commander Ne-smith told me that the research also indicated that some of the men "may" have been a member of a Post in Bedford, Texas. At the present I have solicited the help of an individual in the Mayors office to get me contacts in the Maverick family so they can be contacted to get additional information, with the hope that the document can be placed in the appropriate hands. The document is in a frame of about 20 by 26 and it will be displayed during the Fish Fry on September 8th.

Want to report we had a great District meeting at Post #593 last month and thanks go out to Commander Nick Mills and his members. They have accomplished some great work since the "Drive Thru" a month or so back.

Saw some great Comradeship at Post #592 on Friday the 17th as the Squadron of #592 and #828 served up Chicken Fried Steaks. The event was scheduled from 5:30 to 8:00pm but

with all the Sons working they managed to sell out by 8:30pm. Great work guys!

Before it gets forgotten, we all have a date on Tuesday, September 18th at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club beginning at 9:00am for a "Hiring Hero's Career Fair." The Vice Commander is working on a presentation board to promote The American Legion and if you can, understand its a weekday, please come out and help us promote the Legion.

Finally but never last MEMBERSHIP. I never like promoting one Post over another, but as a comment it is refreshing to see "T" Patch Post working membership as hard as they have. Last Legion year the finished dead last in the membership race in the 20th District with 44 members towards a goal of 98 with a percentage of 44.8. Recognize part of the reason for the dismal display was directly related to the manner in which the goal was established, however that was then. As of a few days ago "T" Patch was leading the District with 40 members towards a goal of 45 and stood at 88.8 percent. One of their members boasted that they will achieve 100% by the end of September (actually August but felt a little slack was appropriate) and the Vice Commander and I plan to hold them to that promise. Let me also note that at this writing there are 10 Posts above 50% and all but three above 44%. That is great work. On your backs, at the Department Convention the National Commander presented me, along with 13 other District Commanders a Legion cap indicating that we had achieved 100% in our Districts. Please help me, and if you need me I will help you help me achieve 100% for a second year! We all know it can be done it just takes work, time and some patience.

That's all for now and please don't forget the District Fish Fry at Post #828 on Saturday, September the 8th and the Booze Basket raffle. There are still plenty of tickets available for each event. If your Post Commander does not have tickets, please call me.

Membership 2008—Aug 23th

POST	PAID	GOAL	%
568	40	45	88.9%
539	164	216	75.9%
10	107	141	75.9%
612	221	304	72.7%
579	486	761	63.9%
485	79	127	62.2%
300	297	526	56.5%
375	93	165	56.4%
608	68	124	54.8%
800	54	103	52.4%
592	291	596	48.8%
828	156	320	48.8%
171	108	222	48.6%
593	367	813	45.1%
2	359	1015	35.4%
443	42	120	35.0%
667	132	729	18.1%
399	18	140	12.9%
TOTALS	3395	6482	52.4%

For God And Country

From the Vice-Commander

Membership: By the time you read this news letter all post should be at 55% of the 3 post membership goal for 2008. Those post that are above 55%, THANK YOU for your effort and support of you District. Now is the time for all post to implement it's Recruiting and Member Renewal Program to help meet your post membership goal.

Programs: As Buddy Cooper would say "It's time for each post to meet with your school officials and outline The American Legion Programs".

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

Saturday, 20th October 2007

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

1200 - 1245	ST HEDWIG #539
1330 - 1415	MISSING MAN #667
1440 - 1525	Wm W. RANDOLPH #592
1550 - 1635	SESQUICENTENNIAL #593
1705 - ?	ALAMO # 2

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Chaplin's Thoughts

As we approach the sixth anniversary of 9/11, I have been thinking about what to write for the September newsletter. All of us have different emotions that go through us when we think about this day in history, then I came across this prayer written by a Navy Chaplin one year after 9/11. This prayer expresses some of the feelings I have when I think of September 11th.

Almighty God, the past year will be indelibly inscribed in our memories.

We looked with horror on the terrorist attacks of last September 11th.

But we looked with honor on acts of courage by ordinary people who sacrificed themselves to prevent further death and destruction.

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):

2 September—Post 667 GOLF TOURNAMENT @ Olympia Hills. \$50/player. Food & Fun.

2 September—Post 485—Labor Day Dance 4-10PM

2 September—Post 300—Poppy Sales @ LAFB Commissary

8 September—20th District Fish Fry—Post 828, 11AM-6PM

15 September—#300 Flea Market @LAFB

22 September—#300 Poker Run & Steak Night

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

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

We shed our tears in a common bond of grief for those we loved and lost.

We journeyed through a dark valley, but your light has led us to a place of hope.

You have turned our grief into determination.

We are resolved to do what is good, and right, and just.

Help us to remember what it means to be Americans—a people endowed with abundant blessings.

Help us to cherish the freedoms we enjoy and inspire us to stand

with courage, united as one Nation in the midst of any adversity.

Lord, hear this prayer for our Nation. Amen.

Please take a moment on September 11 and remember.
Irene Lineback, 20th District Chaplain

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



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[SEPTEMBER 2007]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 #399 GM 2:00 PM #667 Golf Tourney	3 LABOR DAY	4	5#2 GM 7:30 PM #399 gm 7:00PM #593 GM 7:30PM	6	7 #592 Steak Night	1 8#592 Breakfast #593 Breakfast #2 Steak Dinner
9 #667 Breakfast #375 GM 2:00PM #539 GM 2:00PM	10 #485 GM 7:00 PM	11 #592 GM 7:30PM FREEDOM WALK @ BRECK- INRIDGE PARK	12 20TH DISTRICT MEETING @579, 7:30PM	13	14 #592 SAL Chicken Fried Steak dinner	15 #593 Darts 7:30 #300 Breakfast
16 #443 GM 1:00PM	17 #667 GM 7:00PM	18 #828 GM 7:00PM Career Day—TBA AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY	19 #568 GM @ Post #2@ 5:00 PM 40/8-Post 2 @ 7PM	20	21	22 #579 Steak Night, 5:30PM #300 Breakfast
23	24 #579 GM 7:00PM #300 GM 7:00PM	25	26	27 #612 GM 6:00 PM DEC—Austin	28 #593 Steak Night DEC—Austin	29 DEC—Austin
30 DEC—Austin						