

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

22ND DISTRICT POST 654

3105 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON TEXAS 77080

AUGUST 8, 2021

Training started at 2:00 pm Protocol presented by Butch Sparks.

Commander Woodstrom called the meeting to order at 2:23 pm.

Commander Woodstrom had the colors posted by Sgt At Arms Bradley.

Introductions of Guests Butch Sparks National NEC, Lynn Sparks past Dept Cdr, Division Cdr, District Cdr, Dan King Past 2nd Division Cdr, Jimmy Mitchell Past District Cdr, and Joseph Thomas Past District Cdr.

Butch Sparks motioned and Jimmy Mitchell seconded to place minutes on the website. Motion passed.

Butch Sparks moved and Ben Edwards seconded the motion to approve appoints of Kenneth Trunnell District Historian, James King District Service Officer, Andy Valadez District Public Relations Officer. Commander Woodstrom installed newly appointed officers.

Butch Sparks moved to set aside Baseball Appointment Joseph Thomas seconded, motion passed. Ben Edwards moved to meet with John Cronin and David Saucillo about Baseball Appointment. Butch Sparks seconded motion passed.

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks gave the finance report. Jimmy Mitchell moved to accept the report and David Saucillo seconded the motion, motion passed.

Chaplain – No report

Historian- No report

Sgt at Arms – 25 in Attendance at the meeting

Service Officer -No Report

Vice Cdr – The District Adjutant has been appointed as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Membership numbers have not been updated by the Dept yet. We have an

Opportunity to get tickets to local Professional sports events through one of our District members Lacy Woods (Post 416) these can be used as membership incentive for our Veterans.

Post 164 Report – Post 164 held their monthly Breakfast with a Veteran where we feed 104. We were also recruiting at this event and signed up a WWII Veteran, 1 Auxiliary member, 2 Junior Auxiliary members, and 2 for the Sons of the American Legion. The Post also participated in a school supply program at Emma Rose Winery on 8.7.21. Children were issued a backpack filled with school supplies and the chance to get a free haircut. The Post also was recruiting at this event.

The Post is conducting a Business After Hours event with the Katy Chamber of Commerce on Aug 26, 2021.

Post 654 Report – 1st Vice Cdr Buck Kronnick has come down with covid 19. Friday Aug 13 the post will be having a live band and Bike/Steak Night. On 9/11 the Post will host a 20th year remembrance ceremony at the post. The Post renovations are progressing as money allows.

Post 490 Report – Every Thursday night is a Poker Tournament, \$10 entry fee. This is conjunction with Post 554 of the 9th District that has a Poker night on Tuesday night. Aug 22nd District Party at post 490. The Theme is Hawaiian luau. Bring your best Hawaiian shirt. There will be District completion in Coconut Bowling. Post 490 hopes that every post from the district is there. Sept 10 – 11 Post 490 cook off (\$150 entry fee and \$170 entry fee for all around includes Best Bloody Mary and Best sandwich). Working with the local schools with the Oratorical contest. The Post will be conducting a POW\MIA ceremony on Sept 17th.

Post 521 Report – Membership is at 47.57% The Post has lost 2 members in the last month Ward Brantley and Howard Johnson.

District Commanders Report – Training is a Priority this year. Training Guides were distributed to all. All posts should be conducting Training at their meetings. Training should be 10 – 20 minutes in length. 2012 – 2022 Post certification reports are due. We are missing Post 77, Post 416, Post 596. Please have these prepared and submitted by August 15th. The district Cdr also had the following items distributed 2021 Adjutant's Manual, 2021 Post Officer's guide, 2121 Trophies, Awards and Ceremonies Manual, 2021 – 2022 Post Administrative Manual, and the current Chaplains handbook. The Post that had older CB&L the Department revoked your CB&L and are currently operating under the Recommended Post CB&L. The Post Affected are Post 77, Post 416, Post 472, Post 596, and Post 654. Post data form needs to be submitted by Aug 15th.

Americanism Report - Our American Legion is an organization dedicated to God and Country, with a membership of Military Veterans who take pride in the U.S. Flag and all it stands for. Over 100 years ago our Legion has been a stalwart champion of patriotic values, morals,

culture, and citizenship. The legions Pillar #3 is Americanism and it embodies our devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, an educated and law abiding citizenship and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances. Pillar #3 is about Americanism. It is about Voter registration and Participation, Flag Protection, Boy Scouts, JROTC, Junior Shooting, Boy's State, and Oratorical Competition.

Boy's State Report – See attached report.

Parliamentarian Report – Remind all Officers and Committee Chairs that Roberts Rules of Order (article IX section 53) require the submission of written reports. As a favor to our Adjutant, I ask that you also e-mail a soft copy of inclusion in the minutes.

Baseball Report – see attached report.

Community Service – Recruiting Opportunity was discussed as the Christus Foundation will be hosting a Veteran Transition Success Coalition on Oct 23rd at their location on Fannin Street.

Hubmaster – Send items to Butch Sparks to be sent over the Hub system

Legislative – The Special Session in Austin was discussed

Membership – Department still has not updated any numbers as of yet. The Recruiting Opportunity was discussed again with the Christus Foundation.

Junior Shooting – Contact Post 164 for any questions

National Security – No report

POW/MIA – No written report

Oratorical – Chairperson in each post, Nov/Dec Post Competition, Dist Mid Dec, Div Mid Jan

School Awards – No Report

Training – Training Chair to send out training schedule for the District.

VA&R – No Report

New Business

Good of The Legion – Vice Commander Bradley discussed the Museum for Houston

Ben Edwards moved to update the Roll Call Joseph Thomas seconded motion passed.

Jimmy Mitchell discussed the Houston Military Affairs Luncheon 2nd Thursday of the month at the Marriot West Chase.

Chaplain said a prayer to close the meeting.

POW/MIA flag was recovered

Flag of our Nation was retired

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm

POST ~~654~~ 654 - DISTRICT MEETING

AUG. 8, 2021

1.	James King	Post# 416	
2	Edward Rubles	52	Finance O.
3.	Roger Rodriguez	52	Adjutant
4	Harry Schorffler	654	CDR
5	Cathy Fawcett	659	Adjunt
6	Maryl Gruda	77	Cmdr
7	WILLIAM KENULSON	164	ADJUTANT
8	Jimmy Mitchell	77	Adj
9	John Sparks	164	JR
10	ROBERT HARVEY	521	CHAPLAIN
11.	WHITE, FELIX M.	654	
12	Lynn Sparks	319	Fin Off.
13.	J. THOMAS	319	Chaplain
14	TERRANCE FORD	416	
15.	Kendrick Bradley	77	1st Vice
16.	Harry New Trumbull	164	2nd Vice Historian Commander
17.	Butch Sparks	319	
18.	HUBERT WINTERS	521	COMMANDER
19.	Leo Kibb	521	ADJUTANT
20	Henry Woodstrom	164	Dist Commander
21	Jim McGuire	164	Dist Adjutant
22	David Saucillo	319	Commander
23	Johnny Lundstrom	490	1st Vice
24	Sham Bradley Sham Bradley	77	DIST. AT ARMS
25	Hector Hernandez	77	Sgt. AT ARMS

DISTRICT 22 VICE COMMANDER REPORT 08/08/2021

The District Adjutant Jim McGuire has been appointed as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Membership numbers have not been updated from last month. We anticipate they will change after National completes its Convention

We have an opportunity to get tickets to local professional sports event through one of our District members Lacy Woods (Post 416) these CAN BE USED AS MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE FOR OUR VETERANS

Our Judge Advocate sent out a great training on How to Grow Post Membership that you will be good to review.

POST 164 MONTHLY REPORT

Post 164 held there monthly Breakfast with a Veteran on 8.7.21 and we feed 104 people Breakfast. We were also recruiting at this event and signed up 1 WWII Veteran and 1 Auxiliary member, 2 Auxiliary Junior members and 2 Sons of the American Legion Members.

The Post also participated in a school supply program at Emma Rose Winery on 8.7.21. Children were issued a backpack with school supplies and had the opportunity to get a free haircut. The Post was also recruiting at this event also and had several interested parties take applications for the Post, Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

Post 164 will be hosting a Business After Hours with the Katy Chamber of Commerce on Aug 26, 2021. At this event we will be educating the local business owners on what The American Legion Does for the Local Community and Veterans.

The Post Membership Committee is starting their first of many Buddy Checks for our members.



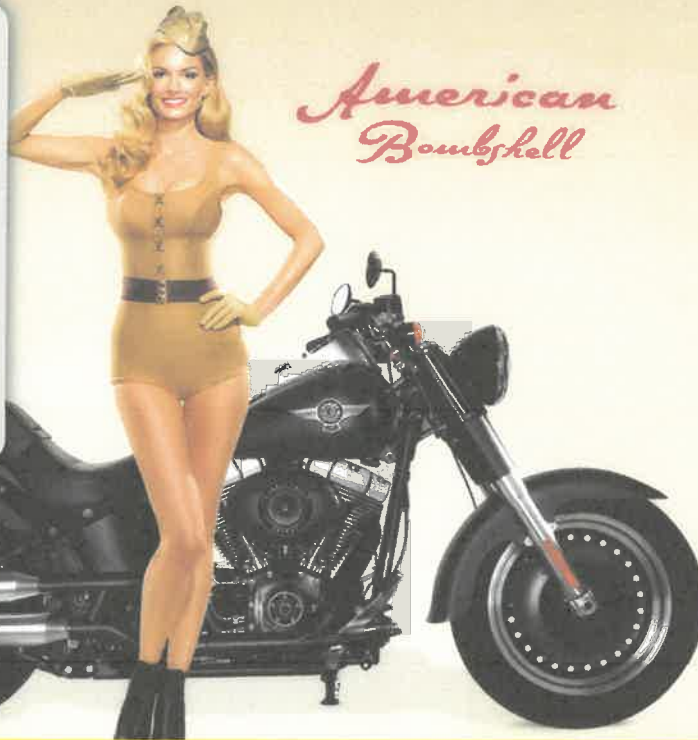
Spring Branch Legion Post 654
3105 Campbell Rd. Houston TX 77080
(713) 462-5290

Post 654 Commanders Report to the August 2021 22nd District DEC

1. Our 1st Vice, Buck Kronnick, has come down with covid after he was fully vaccinated. Please keep him in your prayers.
2. Friday Aug 13th the post is having a live band and will be in conjunction with our Steak/Bike night. All are invited, flyer attached for publishing.
3. On 9/11 this year our post will host a 20th year remembrance ceremony here at the Post. We hope to have a congressman, police & fire command staff and military leaders present. We are requesting a fly by from Ellington. Should have good press coverage and want to invite all Posts, and the community at large.
4. The Post renovations ar progressing as money allows.
5. Membership is going along as planned, so far.

Harold "Harry" Schreffler
Commander
Post 654

*NOTE: Aug 27th (Fri), @ 6AM a bus of WW II Vet members are departing post 654 enroute to the WW II Memorial in New Orleans LA. They will be staying through the weekend.



Bike Night-Steak Night

Fri. Aug 13th, 6p to 12a & every 2nd Friday each Month!

All law-abiding MCs, Riding Clubs, & Independents are welcome.

Spring Branch American Legion Post 654

3105 Campbell Rd., Houston TX 77080 (713)-462-5290

> Rib-eye Steak dinner (steak, baked potato, salad & desert) \$20.00, 6p – 9p.

> **Live Music by TEXAS TNT starting at 7p**



> Outdoor beer garden, Smoking allowed.

> Pool, Cornhole & darts. Vendors invited.

> Domestic Beer Buckets \$14, Import Buckets \$16, Well drinks \$4 & shot specials!

> Prize awarded to the Club with the most patches on-site at 9pm.

> Please come and be our Guest! Veterans, Sons, Daughters and Spouses of Veterans are invited to join The American Legion Family.



*The Post Canteen Club is a Private Club, and the service of alcoholic beverages is restricted to members and guests only.

American Legion Post 490

District 22-Report

August 2021

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Working with schools currently for oratorical.

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The Post will be hosting a POW/MIA Ceremony on the 17th of September.

PAST EVENTS

The Post sponsored one Legion Baseball Team this year. We are working on having two teams for next year.

The Post was honored in the local paper for Dave Witucki earning the American Legion Recruiter of the Year award and the Post earning the Guzman award from Department for community service.

The Post has formed a National Security Committee and is now working with National Headquarters to have all Post to be members of the National Defense Industrial Association. The Committee is working hand and hand with different Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in the Southeast Houston area.

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521 Post

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022
GOAL 305

FROM THE GREEN SHEETS WE HAD
REVIEW BY MAIL, ONLINE OR

DIRFL IS 145, 47.590

WE HAVE LOSE 2 MEMBERS THAT
THE POST KNOWS OF, MR WAZU
BRANTLEY & MR HOWARD
JOHNSON,

WE HAVE 2 REVIEWS THAT CAME IN
SATURDAY MAIL THAT ARE NOT
INCLUDED BUT WILL GIVE US
147 FOR A 48.90

08/08/2021

The American Legion 22nd District Commander's Report

Post Training is a priority this year. The Sergeant At Arms is distributing the Guide to Post Training. In addition to training at the District DEC, it is my expectation that each Post will assign a Training Office and have a Monthly training calendar. Training should be 10 to 20 minutes in length. The Guide to Post Training should help identify resources. If you happen to be one of those posts that know everything, then pick a related topic, perhaps what is happening in your community or what is the local school up to.

2021-2022 Post Certification reports are due. We are missing Post 77, Post 416, Post 472, and Post 596. Please have those prepared and submitted by August 15.

The Sergeant At Arms is distributing USB drives that contain:

The current Department Recommended Post C&BL

2021 Adjutant's Manual

2021 Post Officer's Guide

2021 Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual

2021-2022 Post Administrative Manual

The current Chaplains Handbook

For post that had older C&BL, The Department revoked your C&BL, so you are currently operating under the Recommended Post C&BL. The Posts that are affected by this are Post 77, Post 416, Post 472, Post 596, and Post 654. All other post are advised to review their C&BL during this next year to identify modifications you should make. Please use the recommended Post C&BL as a guide

Post Data Form – Submit by August 15.



Harry Woodstrom
Commander 22nd District

AMERICANISM
AT
District 22

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Pillar 3 is AMERICANISM

It is about:

Voter Registration and Participation

Flag Protection

Boy Scouts

JROTC

Junior Shooting Sports

Boys State

and

Oratorical Competition

My plan is to contact each Post, we currently have ¹²~~13~~ of them, in District 22, and ask who organizes Americanism projects. It might be a 1st Vice Commander or 2nd Vice Commander or a post volunteer. More about this plan at next meeting.

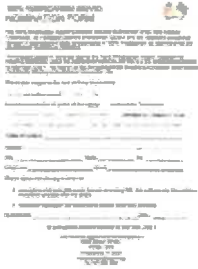
Currently there are 39 publications available at The American Legion web-site on the subject Of Americanism

This is my report, but I am just getting started.

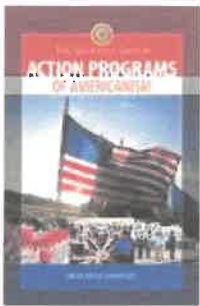
William Kennison, Committee Chairperson
August 8, 2021

Americanism

Note: [Click here](#) for Americanism Reports, Resolutions, Newsletters and eBulletins



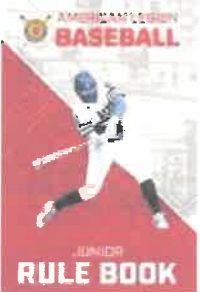
[100% Americanism Award Nomination](#)



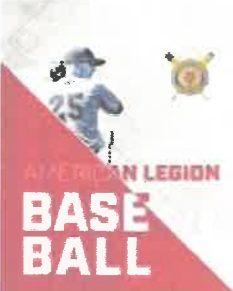
[Action Programs of Americanism](#)



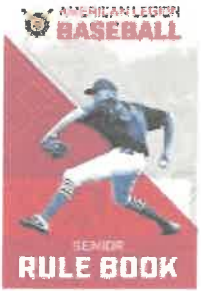
[American Legion Baseball Brochure](#)



[American Legion Baseball Junior Rule Book](#)



[American Legion Baseball Promotional Booklet](#)



American Legion Baseball Senior Rule Book



Boys State Program



Chaplain's Handbook



Chaplain's Prayer Book



Declaration of Independence and Constitution



Education Development Guide



Four Chaplains Day



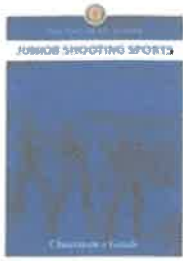
I Pledge Allegiance Comic Book



Junior Shooting Sports - How to Start a Club



Junior Shooting Sports - Join a Club



Junior Shooting Sports Chairman's Guide



Legacy Donor Pamphlet



Legacy Scholarship Pamphlet



Let the People Decide

Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette



Light of Liberty Comic Book



Improvement System
For your Speaking Day

Lou Gehrig Day Speech



Military Commitment Certificate of Commendation



Oratorical Chairman's Guide



Oratorical Contest Promotional Brochure



Oratorical Contest Rules



Our Country's Flag



Our Country's Veterans



Risk Management Guide – Baseball



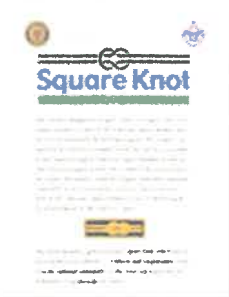
Risk Management Guide – Junior Shooting Sports



Risk Management Guide – Youth Programs



School Award Medal Program



Scouting Square Knot Award Brochure

*Suggested Guidelines
For the Operation of an
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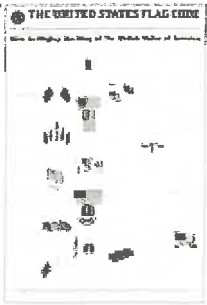
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The American Legion & Scouting



Troop Support Pamphlet



United States Flag Code



Vote, America



World Geography Coloring Book



Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program Brochure

39 TOTAL

22nd District Boy's State Report

The following report is submitted Boys State Chairman, 22nd District.

Jimmy L. Mitchell

August 7, 2021

2021 Texas Boys State Update #5 (as of 2135 hours 29 JULY 2021)

In no particular order:

1. **It's On!** Last Sunday afternoon, about 650 of your youngsters, from all across our great State, reported for duty!
2. Thank you for sending your Statesmen. Things are electric amongst these young leaders as they "learn by doing."
3. Remember you are invited!
 - a. **Legion Night.** Join us!
 - b. This Thursday (1 June). Would love to have as many Legionnaires represent as possible.
 - c. Log-in by 6:45 PM Central time.
 - d. Amongst other things, we will hear from 4-star GEN (Ret) Vince Brooks.
 - e. After you click on the link below, click on the "General Assembly" link, which should take you directly to the session.
 - f. Link: <https://www.texasboysstate.com/2021>
4. The Statesmen are knee-deep in the very special experience, with tonight being the announcement of their primary party election results for the big offices. It is powerful to watch them in action. The collective will soon transition to working to elect their party's candidates for State offices. The Senate and House are already debating bills, amongst a flurry of other activities.
5. A screenshot photo pasted below of Statesmen (all gussied-up in their TXBS shirts) as they listened to Legionnaire John Brieden regarding matters of Flag etiquette. I heard one Statesman actually invoke Mr. Brieden during a speech for office just today, when the young leader was sharing about things bigger than us all as a way to influence votes.
6. MG (Ret) Tony Cucolo shared wisdom during our first evening closing plenary session on Sunday. He provided insights on servant leadership and inspired the young men, on multiple levels, and also fired them up! What he shared was directly reinforced our Legion values. His slides are attached, if you wish to see the topics he covered about being a leader of character.
7. Interestingly, based on the devastating ice/weather issues across our State in February, there has been lots of (well-educated) debate about the nuances of the use of nuclear power in Texas. Amazing what emerges while these young men tackle complicated issues.
8. Here are a few short vids for your enjoyment that will give you additional perspective:
 - a. TXBS Director's Closing Video Synopsizing Day #1 (Sunday) (4:24 long): [Director's Evening Close - Night 1](#)
 - b. From the Statesmen themselves! . . . their Nightly News Video as they get to know each other (Monday) (2:13 long) [Statesmen News Night 2](#)
9. Thank you to the great team at Post 76, for hosting us while we packed all ~675 packets that were sent to all Statesmen a few weeks before the program. Photo below.
10. If you wish to order some TXBS swag, you can do so now . . . the store is open for a few more days! Click here: www.store.texasboysstate.com

Your volunteer staff remains knee-deep in the operation, but we send our many thanks to you for your unending support of this Legion program that changes lives. For real.

Respectfully,

Update #4 for your 2021 TXBS. All prior updates are at the bottom of this chain.

Hope everyone is well.

The below for widest dissemination, please, to the entire Department.

1. **Thank You**. Despite the challenge, your very hard work at the Posts has resulted in just about 700 young leaders from across the State being hand-picked for 2021 TXBS. You all do the real work, and we are so grateful you have yet again selected the very best talent for this experience that is like no other.
2. **General Situation**. If you are not aware, reports are that many states have cancelled their 2021 programs. Some states (reportedly about ½) are proceeding in-person (but some pushing to later in the year), and some are having a virtual experience. Additionally, while our State of Texas has removed COVID restrictions generally, the University of Texas at Austin retained its policy of absolutely no camps this summer, notwithstanding. The University wishes to ensure no risk of any issues when their students report in August in-person, so they remain very restrictive. We could thus not conduct our program live in any event.
3. **The Team**. It is impossible for me to express how grateful I am, personally, and on behalf of us all, for the volunteers that pour themselves into this program year after year (in addition to what you do at the Posts). I am in awe of the executive committee, in particular, that makes all this go no matter what challenge lies before us. It is ultimately about the Statesmen, and that fuels us. And, on top of that, we have about 80 volunteer counselors—gosh, what a crew!
4. **Excited!** I had the joy of joining about 10 Statesmen (and parents) at Post 911 recently. These young men are exceptional, and boy howdy . . . they are stoked for this 2021 experience! It is food-for-the-soul and inspiring to be reminded, by the fire-in-the-eyes of these youngsters, of why we do this program. You build leaders by means of TXBS.
5. **Attached**. Attached is a PDF version of the 2021 TXBS Manual and the Welcome Letter on behalf of the team, should you wish to peruse.
6. **Packets**. This weekend, we will gather in Austin (thank you Post 76) to assemble the packets for the Statesmen. In the next few weeks, each of them will receive in the mail, amongst other things, their ID card, lanyard, a few TXBS shirts, welcome documents, the manual, and a wristband. When we gather the Statesmen for the first time, from all across the state via WebEx (it is quite a sight), they will be properly and excitedly wearing their TXBS shirts. The tone, tenor, and standards of your TXBS remains of the highest order!
7. **Save the Date**. Excitedly, Legion Night is Thursday, 1 July, 7:00 PM. As we did last year, we will send the WebEx link to everyone across the Department in hopes you can attend that special evening from wherever you might be in Texas. That night is electric, with amazing guest speakers, the Talent Show, and other excitement. We hope to see you there!
8. **Some Guests**. Amongst a slate of many dozens of other amazing servant leaders that will share wisdom during the week, the Statesmen will hear in general session from Major General (Retired) Tony Cucolo (at kick off) and General (Retired) Vince Brooks (at Legion Night). Click [here](#) for more on MG Cucolo. Click [here](#) for more on GEN Brooks.
9. **What They Share With You**. We ask that you share with us the goodness and notes and comments that come to you from your sponsored Statesmen after the program. It is our hope to provide you a link where you can share all the comments directly, and with ease, and we will thereafter roll-up in to a master document that we will share with everyone. More to follow, but we are thankful for your sharing what your Statesmen share with you after the experience.

10. Legion National Article. If you have not seen, here's a recent article from National, highlighting your Texas. [Boys State Article - 27 May 2021](#)
11. College Fair. At the moment, and likely to grow even more, we have ~50 schools that will participate in our Friday morning College Fair—wow! Chuck and Rachael Faith, year after year, do amazing and very hard work to assemble so many schools for the Statesmen (and parents) to visit. Nothing short of fantastic!
12. Documentary. If you are not aware, and while not a final winner, the “Boys State” documentary made the “short list” of nominees for Oscar recognition. Quite a huge honor in-and-of-itself. Article [here](#).
13. Info Flow. For the latest, and all sorts of info, you can always check here: <https://www.texasboysstate.com/>

Have a great day!

Warmest Regards,

Casey Z. Thomas
Chairman | American Legion Texas Boys State
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Final (closeout) update for Texas Boys State 2021.

Good day to everyone across our Texas!

Below please find update #6, with items in no particular order. This one is a bit longer, but lots of (hopefully interesting) info for you!

1. Your Good Works. A most enormous thanks to the Posts, that do such heavy-lifting each year, identifying premier talent. Because you find the best youngsters, we are able to execute this program that continues to be one of the most respected in the Nation. THANK YOU.
2. The Crew. It is impossible for me to express how grateful (we all are) for the team that makes this program tick each year. All volunteers. All of whom pour their hearts into this, despite the complexities in their own lives and busy worlds in which they all operate. Year, after year, after year, they give thousands of collective hours to make this thing go because they love this program that builds leaders. So thankful for each of them.
3. The Real Deal. As you well know, your TXBS is about creating servant-leaders by forcing the Statesmen to “learn by doing” as they build a State government from the ground up. It is always an amazing process, by which the Statesmen have to navigate complicated issues, the dynamics of humanity, and determine what matters to them and how to influence others. We are ALWAYS amazed by the caliber of these young men.

- a. Please see the attached 2021 Federalist Party Platform created by the Statesmen in that party.
- b. This particular document was also forwarded to the real Texas Governor and Lt Governor.
- c. Whether or not you agree with all the contentions in the Party’s platform, your TXBS is a program run by the Statesmen, organically, and there is nothing like it on the planet.
- d. We wished to share the degree with which these youngsters engage in hard matters. Even virtually. Profound.
- e. This also gives you some insight into what is on the minds of our young people.

4. General Election Results.

- a. Attached one-pager shows 2021 General Election results.
- b. Getting “the vote out” matters, a lesson learned every year by the Statesmen (sometimes the hard way), so you will also see actual vote totals in the attached.
- c. The ones in color are the winners. The two colors represent the Parties. Blue = Nationalist; Orange = Federalist. The Federalists dominated this year.
- d. And here are the top 8 office winners, and from which Legion Post they hail:

- i. Governor = Desmond Adjei (Post 554)
- ii. Lieutenant Governor = Carson Seiber (Post 159)
- iii. Attorney General = Matthew Cox (Post 315)
- iv. Land Commissioner = Jaden Moody (Post 370)
- v. Comptroller = Rudy Lea (Post 511)
- vi. Agriculture Commissioner = Ethan Klingelberger (Post 76)
- vii. Railroad Commissioner

1. Coleman Cochran (Post 76)
2. Joshua Deardorff (Post 77)
3. Roy Lopez (Post 832)

- viii. Chief Justice Supreme Court = Ryan Carmack (Post 453)

5. Tangible Difference – Please Share. If you received a meaningful thank you from your 2021 sponsored Statesmen that you wish to share, please send to me at chairman@texasboysstate.com, by 5:00 PM Friday 27 August. We desire to roll-up such goodness into a single document, for posterity, and then share further.

6. From The Counselors. Here are a few highlight comment, just for context, on how powerful your program is from the counselor perspective (even in the virtual environment):

- a. "Listening to Statesmen debate professionally within their precinct about the tough issues from our first to our last meeting was so inspiring — made me feel like our generation would make an impact in the long term politically. The amount of knowledge, research, and empathy in those civil discussions was admirable."
- b. Most meaningful for me "was getting to hear from the statesmen on Thursday night when I asked what they have learned from the program. It was heartwarming to hear how the experience impacted them and changed the trajectory of their lives because they found their calling. One of my statesmen even submitted an application to the US Naval Academy because he realized what it meant to be a part of something greater than himself."
- c. "Watching the 'Great Experiment' that is American democracy play out right before my very eyes. It felt at times like I was present for the Texas Convention of 1875; passionate, intelligent men debating the principles and philosophies of democratic governance. And also the City meetings, I never completed one without laughing countless times. The Forman boys created a city flag the first day, a city song the second, and designed a city shirt the third. They plan to incorporate all three when they go on a city field trip to a Mix-and-Mash in Sherman, Texas."

7. 2021 Scholarship Winners.

- a. Samsung = Spencer Jackson Burke (Post 453)
- b. FC McConnell = Jonathan Akinniyi (Post 71)
- c. Senior Counselor Memorial Scholarship
 - i. Grant Norsworthy (Post 554)
 - ii. Abram Booth (Post 305)

8. Your 2022 Texas Boys State.

- a. In-Person! University of Texas at Austin.
- b. **12-17 June 2022**
- c. We hope to increase our outreach, with your help, to have as many Statesmen as possible. We need you, as we currently only touch about 11% of Texas Schools. Our success here will be local, through you.
- d. We hope to keep tuition at \$295. However, we are assessing all current and ever-evolving factors (particularly given it's been 2 years since last UT Austin event). There are many things beyond our control, but we are always sensitive to minimizing expense to the sponsoring Posts.

9. TXBS Store Mojo. While not yet final for the year, we topped \$13,502.38 in online store sales!

10. 2021 Boys Nation Senators.

- a. Because some other States were unable to conduct Boys State this year, National granted us two additional confirmed seats at Boys Nation this year.
- b. We were thus able to send 4 from our Texas for an experience of a lifetime! Officially, two represented Texas, and the other 2 represented Nebraska.
- c. Boys Nation occurred in-person, last week, in D.C. of course.
- d. Our Senators:
 - i. Jonathan Akinniyi (Post 71)
 - ii. Thomas Davies (Post 178)
 - iii. Hayden McCullough (Post 12)
 - iv. Farouk Ramzan (Post 593)
- e. Texas Legionnaire and 12th District Commander Joseph Campbell had the honor of serving as a counselor at Boys Nation this year and shared insights thru the week.

- f. Jonathan became the Fed Party Chair. Thomas the Nat Party Chair. Both very important power positions. Hayden ran for Fed VP. Farouk ran for Nat President (final appointment as Party Assistant Parliamentarian).
 - g. We are immensely proud of all of them.
 - h. See attached photo, if you have not already seen! L→R: Akinniyi, McCullough, Campbell, Ramzan, Davies.
 - i. And, Jonathan again shared his singing ability—this time at National.
 - i. From Joseph on the last day: “This morning, there was a request for someone to sing the National Anthem during the final Senate session opening ceremony. Jonathan more than rose to the occasion. As you recall, he sang ‘Don’t Rain on My Parade’ during the TXBS Talent Show. Jonathan blew the room away as observed by thunderous applause while Past National Commander Dale Barnett jogged through the Senate center aisle to give Jonathan a high-5. Pretty Awesome!”
11. Virtual College Fair. Huge impact. Thanks to the very hard work of Justin & Rachael Faith, over 55 schools were represented at the Friday-morning virtual college fair. Unreal!
12. Graduation Packets. 621 Graduation packets were mailed to the Statesmen last week.
- a. Packets included: (1) Graduation Certificate (cardstock); (2) TXBS Patch; (3) TXBS Lapel Pin; (4) Chairman’s Letter on behalf of the Department (attached to this email); and (5) for band members only, the TXBS Band Patch.
 - b. Our infinite thanks to Dr. Daren Brabham for singlehandedly making this graduation packet mission happen. It appears most Statesmen have already received their sizzle in the mail.
13. Legion Night. It was AMAZING to see so many Legionnaires log-in from all across Texas on Thursday night of the program. To have the Statesmen see the Legion in droves was powerful. 4-star General (Ret) Vince Brooks masterfully tied-up the week and reinforced many leadership lessons, specifically regarding servant-leadership. See photo pasted below.
- a. The Statesmen were also officially sworn-in to their offices on Legion night. See a few photos.
14. “Boys State” Documentary.
- a. Yet more honors! Now the list includes 2 nominations for Television Academy Emmys!
 - i. [Boys State Emmy Nomination](#)
 - b. The documentary, in addition to creating notable awareness to your Texas program globally (and Boys State program in general across America), does tangible good on the local level and creates paths for young leaders, one by one, that otherwise would not have existed.
 - i. “Evan Owen hadn’t heard of Boys State until he saw the critically acclaimed documentary on Apple TV+ about the competition in Texas.”
 - ii. Read More: [Boy Scout Magazine Blog Article \(Virginia Boys State\)](#)
15. Leveraging Technology. Check out these short TXBS Thursday night closing videos we thought you would enjoy.
- a. Nightly News Update from the Statesmen (3 mins, 35 seconds), including what happened in House/Senate that day: [2021 TXBS Nightly News Update \(Thursday\)](#)
 - b. From Director Scott T. Armstrong for his evening close (5 mins, 24 seconds) (1981 President Reagan video really brought things home for the Statesmen): [2021 Thursday DEC](#)
 - c. And, amongst important matters as you saw above in the platform, there was great debate internal to the Statesmen about which cereal was the best (lots of emotional discussion on this matter). Cereal thus took on a life of its own, so we played along!
 - d. Yes, TXBS “hacky sacks” became a “thing” between the Director and all Statesmen . . . so much fun we have! See the last part of the nightly update.

Thank you, once more, and a thousand times over, for your support of this very special Legion program that makes a real, no-kidding difference and reinforces service above self in accordance with our Legion charter. Legion Strong, indeed.

2021.08.08 Parliamentarian Report,

22nd District Executive Committee

I would like to remind all officers and Committee Chairs that Robert's Rules of Order (Article IX Section 53) require the submission of written reports. As a favor to our Adjutant, I ask that you also email a soft copy for inclusion in the minutes.

Ben Edwards

District 22 Parliamentarian

If there are no questions, that is the end of my report.

22nd District Baseball Committee Report

August 2021

The Commander of the 22nd District Commander appointed John J. Cronin from Post 490 Chair of the District 22 Baseball Committee.

Today I request each Post Commander to appoint a Chair for the Post Baseball Committee no later than the 15th of September and forward their name and email address to me.

In the Month of August and September the District Chair will build a committee of at least one member from every post in the 22nd District. A meeting will be held at Post 490 on the 25th of September to establish the goals and regulations of the committee and the Baseball Organization.

Goals of the 22nd District Baseball Committee

- To teach and educate each Post on how to organize a Baseball Team.

- To teach and educate the importance of the Baseball program in the Community.

- To promote good sportsmanship to underprivileged children in the Greater Houston Area.

- To have at least 4 teams from the district.