

# DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT SEPTEMBER

POST 521 2221 PRESTON AVE

PASADENA, TEXAS 77503

Training on National Emergency Fund conducted by Butch Sparks.

2:25 Meeting called to order by Commander Woodstrom.

National Colors posted by Sgt at Arms Bradley and Assistant Sgt at Arms Golden.

POW/MIA Flag posted by Sgt at Arms Bradley

Introductions of guests Butch Sparks NEC, Past Dept Cdr, Lynn Sparks Past Dept Cdr, Division Cdr, District Cdr, Juan Torres Past District Commander.

Roll Call Conducted by the Adjutant.

Previous meeting minutes Adjutant motioned to suspend reading of the minutes as they were posted on the web site. Motion seconded by Butch Sparks, Motion passed.

Finance report was given by Lynn Sparks. Butch sparks motioned to accept the report. Ben Edwards seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Judge Advocate reported that there was no National Judge Advocate at this time.

Hubmaster reported that the roster has been updated.

CB&L see attached report

Training – see attached report

Vice Commander- see attached report

Post 521 No written report

Post 490 – see attached report

Post 472 No written report

Post 164 no written report

District Commander report- see attached report

Americanism- see attached report

Baseball- No written report

Children & Youth – Absent no report

Junior Shooting – No written report

Membership – No report

National Security – No Report

Parliamentarian – No report

Oratorical – see attached report

S.A.L – See attached report – No Location for Meetings

Scouting – Absent no report

VA&R – Open Position

Chaplain – No Report

Sgt at Arms – 20 members present

Commander Woodstrom installed Assistant Sgt at Arms Christina Golden and Public Relations Officer Andy Valadez

Baseball Appointment of John Cronin motion by Ben Edwards and seconded by Juan Torres, motion passed.

Adjutant read a Resolution from Roger Folmar who is running for Department Commander and one from the American Veterans Museum.

Motion by Andy Valadez for the 22<sup>nd</sup> District to join the Texas Media Directory at a cost of \$260.00 for 6 months. Motion was seconded by James King, and the motion Passed.

Chaplain provided the closing Prayer.

Sgt at Arms retired the POW/MIA Flag.

Sgt at Arms retired the Colors of our Nation.

Commander Woodstrom adjourned the meeting.



22<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Committee

Report for September 12, 2021

Judge Advocate:

Nothing to report.

C&BL's:

Time for Posts to take a look at their C&BL's and make necessary changes to bring them up to date and submit them to Department for review and approval. There were changes made to the Department C&BL's that may affect your Post C&BL's. Suggest you download a copy of them for use at your Post.

The District C&BL's are current as of May 2021. We will continually review them to make sure they are up to date.

Hubmaster:

I have updated the email listing of Post contacts. If you are not receiving communications from this system, please let me know at [butchsparks@comcast.net](mailto:butchsparks@comcast.net). Also if you have information you would like to share with the District, please send it to me and I will distribute it.

Training:

Attached is the 2021-2022 training schedule for the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Committee meetings and our spring convention. I appreciate the members who have volunteered to conduct this training, however we still need facilitators for the January 2022 meeting (Membership Awards); the April 2022 meeting (Post Awards); and the June 12 meeting (Americanism). If you are interested in presenting these topics, please let me know.

Respectively submitted

Butch Sparks

Enclosure: 22<sup>nd</sup> District Training Schedule 2021-2022

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## Post 490 report

### The Commander

Over the last month the trustees have painted the outdoors of the post and has place a 15-ton air condition system to the post. The officers have been working on in building a better attitude with the members and with the community. We are collecting clothes for the 28 families that have lost everything in the Pasadena Apartment Fire. The Post is also donating a truck load of supplies to Post 31 in Homa La. Thank you post 521 for your check.

Fist Vice Commander: The post 490 is currently to 40% we think, but we do not know because National is not up and running the numbers. Each month we have a Breakfast for all the new monthly members. Here they can learn about the post and the major activities.

Second Vice Commander: On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September we will be having a POW/MIA ceremony.

Adjutant: Is currently working on getting the post officers to complete the AEI. The adjutant is also working on getting 100% on phone numbers and emails. The post is currently working on the buddy check.

### Committees

BBQ committee has completed the 12<sup>th</sup> annual, and all process are going to V&AR.

Jr. Shooter- The Post has 6 rifles and will be start instructing in the month of Oct.

Baseball Committee- is working with the high school in the clear lake area for a second team.

Oratorical Committee has reached out to four schools at this time.

Awards Committee will be giving out to three Jr. ROTC.

Public Relations- The post has been in the South Belt Leader 3 times in the last month. The Post was mentioned on Fox Morning news for helping the USO with supplies to the military families in New Orleans.

# The American Legion

22<sup>nd</sup> District Sign In Date Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Post # 521

NAME	POST#	POSITION
1. <u>JUNO TORRES</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>JA</u>
2. <u>James King</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>416</u>
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NAME	POST#	POSITION
1. Sharon Bradley	77	SGT AT ARMS
2. Andy Valadez	164	PR OFFICER
3. Tim McGuire	164	DIST ADJ
4. BILL KENNISON	164	POST ADJUTANT
5. Hank King	521	POST ADJUTANT
6. ROGER RODRIGUEZ	52	ADJUTANT
7. Edward V. Ruben	52	Finance Officer
8. David Sarrillo	319	cindr.dpai319@gmail.com
9. Lynn Sparks	319	Adjutant
10. Alonzo McQueen	319	Service Officer
11. Samy Woodson	164	DIST Commander
12. ROBERT HAWK	521	CHAPLAIN
13. HUBERT WINTERS	521	COMMANDER
14. Christine Golden	490	Asst Sgt A.M
15. Manty Gonzalez	77	Commander
16. Ben Edwards	490	Judge Advocate
17. Beth Sparks	164	Judge Adv. Dist
18. <del>Isabella Sierra</del>	<del>521</del>	<del>Chaplain</del>
Kermye Jones	416	S.F.



09/12/2021

The American Legion 22<sup>nd</sup> District Commander's Report

Post Training Is a priority this year. We are still short volunteers for January 2022, Membership awards, April 2022, Post Awards and June 2022, Americanism. Is anyone ready to fill one of those spots?

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For post that had older C&BL, The Department revoked you 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

Membership reports from National and Department are missing. Adjutants, please keep accurate records.

The Department Commander has a new retention plan designed to bring Legionnaires who last renewed their membership in 2020 current with the payment of 2022 dues. Please refer to the letter from the Department Commander



Harry Woodstrom  
Commander 22<sup>nd</sup> District

## Harry Woodstrom

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**From:** BRET WATSON <alphametalsystems@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 5:54 PM  
**To:** Gary Towers; Ricardo Hankerson; BJ Seider; Peter Eekhoff; Lewis Field; Harry Woodstrom; Jim Lilley; John Hafner; WS Big T Turner; Jay Jernigan; Jeanete Merritt; Joseph Campbell; Jason Castleberry; Darrell Hartley; Jose Tony Lopez; Richard Huntley; Jerome Iltis; Richard Voorhies; George McHorse; Tilford Thorkveen; Dan Robertson; David Crozier  
**Cc:** Gene Toohey  
**Subject:** Incentive letter revised  
**Attachments:** Post Adjutants.docx

Commanders: The attached Incentive letter is the one that will be mailed to all Post Adjutants. You will need to contact the Posts and let them know that they need to start working this program. National has bought into the program and is getting every Department to work the renewals. I just got back from Austin where we were trying to get the budget fixed for next year. The budget is based on membership dues received and let me tell you it was tough.

I will look forward to seeing each of you next week at the Fall DEC.

Reminder: I still need you to work on the forms and start getting dates put together for your training in the Districts. I will be looking for updates at DEC.

Bret Watson  
State Commander  
The American Legion, Dept of Texas  
Legion Strong

**AMERICANISM**  
**AT**  
**District 22**

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.

AMERICANISM is about;

**Voter Registration and Participation**

Legion Posts through the country offer their services and facilities to stimulate registration and turnout at the polls.

**Flag Protection**

Our programs increase awareness of proper flag display, dignified disposal and instills patriotism with honor in all Americans.

**Boy Scouts**

Annually, an Eagle Scout is recognized as The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year and is awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship. Scholarships of \$2,500 each are awarded to three runners-up.

**Junior Shooting Sports**

This program is one of the premier shooting programs in our country, teaching students under 18 years old about gun safety and marksmanship while fostering healthy competition.

**Boys State**

American Legion Posts select participants to attend our Texas Boys State program after receiving their recommendation from school officials.

**Oratorical Competition**

This Program helps High School students develop a better knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Constitution, teaches the importance of Leadership, and provides participants with an understanding of the Duties, Responsibilities, Rights and Privileges of American Citizenship. Each contest has 2 phases: an 8 to 10 minute oration and a 3 to 5 minute assigned topic presentation.

This is my report on some of the Americanism Programs.

**William Kennison, Committee Chairperson**  
August 8, 2021

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### Oratorical Report

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Anyone needing Oratorical training, Please, contact me at [Commander@LegionDist22.com](mailto:Commander@LegionDist22.com)



Harry Woodstrom

Oratorical Chair, 22<sup>nd</sup> District, Department of Texas

Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, District 22  
T.A.L. District 22 D.E.C Report  
09/12/2021

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## **District 22 School Awards Report**

**September 11, 2021**

The School Awards Program of the American Legion is to instill character and help perpetuate the ideals of Americanism among our Youth.

Our (District 22) objectives are to develop active citizenship (Boys State/Girls State), Courage Patriotism, Honor, Scholarship (Oratorical), Leadership, and Service to our Communities. We do these things to further develop and engage our youth to promote Citizenship. And provide recognition for those students deemed most dedicated to the high qualities of citizenship and true Americanism.

We do this to accomplish and show a genuine interest in our Youth, with emphasis on civics, history, humanity, develop active citizens in our local students, show our (American Legion) visibility in our local schools, and present at school awards ceremonies American Legion Medals to worthy students.

These are our (Posts) duties and responsibilities to our Nation's Youth.

I am here to serve and assist in our efforts to achieve these objectives in District 22.

School Awards Chairman

Jimmy I. Mitchell



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Webmaster Report

The Web site address is LegionDist22.com.

The Facebook site is LegionDistrict22Texas


Video conferencing tutorial links are on the home page.

The site contains directories of Officers, Posts and District Committee Chairs. District committee chairs. When was the last time you contacted your counter parts at the post? When was the last time you provide training to the post? You have a district responsibility. If you are a committee chair, that means you are in charge of that program for the district, not just your post. Post information, Share post activities.

The Web Calendar now contains every post meeting date and location for posts that have regularly scheduled meetings.

If you have had elections, please check the District Web Site Post directory for correctness. If changes are required, please forward them to: [Webmaster@LegionDist22.com](mailto:Webmaster@LegionDist22.com)

Any ideas on how to improve the web site usage will be welcome input.



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## AMERICAN VETERANS MUSEUM

**WHEREAS** the Texas Veterans Museum was established as an oversight Board of Advisors to the American Veterans Museum; and

**WHEREAS** the museum complex will provide office space and administrative facilities for the American Legion, VFW, and VA; and

**WHEREAS** the American Veterans Museum will be a monumental structure honoring our Nation's veterans consistent with the chartering principles of the American Legion by Congress in 1919; and

**WHEREAS** as members of the American Legion it is our duty to recognize and honor Veterans of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have valiantly defended these values throughout our Nation's history; and

**WHEREAS** America has called her men and women in uniform to protect national security, to advance our interests and preserve our rights and freedoms; and

**WHEREAS** the selected initial design concept includes up to 10,000 parking spaces, over 540,000 square feet of exhibit area, maximum grounds and facilities utilization, condominiums for lifestyle seekers in the city and international residents: and

**WHEREAS** the veterans' museums honors those who served in the nation's military, and showcases the history of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and allies of the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the facility will be filled with displays of honor, courage, sacrifice and commitment by veterans to our great nation by focusing on veterans telling their stories; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the American Legion Department of Texas at our Department Convention meeting to be held on 11 Jul 2021, unanimously endorse in the historical tradition of the United States and proclaim its support for The American Veteran Museum in recognition of all veterans and the men and women that in the past or currently serving as our Armed Forces around the world.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the American Legion Department of Texas establish a special fund-raising project to accommodate raising funds at the Post, District, Division, and Department level to support the building of the American Veterans Museum. The American Legion Department of Texas will seed this fund with an initial contribution of \$50,000.00 and submit a resolution to the American Legion National Headquarters to establish a fund in kind at its Headquarters.

**FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** for the above mentioned support by the American Legion Department of Texas, the American Legion Department of Texas will be granted a permanent seat on the Board of Directors for the American Veterans Museum and a permanent space and exhibit within the American Veterans Museum, adopted this the 11th day of July 2021.

**Attest: /s/ Octavio Gonzalez, Post Commander, Jimmy Mitchell, Adjutant**  
**Endorsement by Post**

**Endorsed by Post, 77, 22<sup>nd</sup> District of the Department of Texas at our Post Meeting held on the**  
**20th day of May, 2021.**

**Attest: Post Commander, Octavio Gonzalez**



**Adjutant Jimmy Mitchell /s/ Jimmy Mitchell**



Paso Del Norte Post 58

**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT FOR ROGER M. FOLMAR,  
FOR STATE COMMANDER 2022-2023**

**WHEREAS**, The American Legion, Department of Texas, seeks qualified and dedicated leadership in order to optimize the fulfillment of its purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Paso Del Norte Post 58, El Paso Texas, has such leadership in the person of Roger M. Folmar, a Paid Up For Life Legionnaire who has consistently demonstrated his devotion, work ethic, and commitment to The American Legion during his many years of outstanding service to his community, state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger Folmar is eligible for membership in The American Legion by virtue of his nearly 30-year active duty career in the United States Army, retiring as a command sergeant major; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger M. Folmar has demonstrated his capabilities as a leader throughout his service to his country, and to his fellow veterans and their families through the American Legion; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger has successfully held many leadership roles at the Post, District and Division levels to include Post Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Commander, and District Adjutant, Finance Officer, Vice Commander and Commander, and 4th Division Commander; and

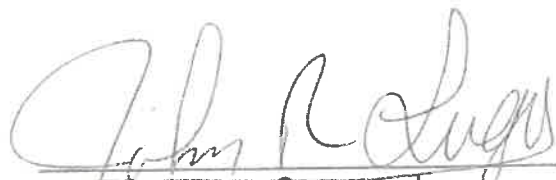
**WHEREAS**, Roger M. Folmar served as the Department of Texas Vice Commander for 2019-2021 where he worked through the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure membership and Buddy Checks remained a priority and top focus area for the State of Texas; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the membership of Paso Del Norte Post 58 at its general membership meeting assembled in El Paso, Texas, on June 16, 2021, that we go on record as unanimously endorsing Roger M. Folmar for the office of State Commander, The American Legion, Department of Texas, for the term beginning in 2022 to lead the Department in the service of God and Country; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each Post in the Department of Texas soliciting their support for this resolution.

Attest

  
Charles Moore, Adjutant  
Paso Del Norte Post 58

  
Jose Ontiveros, Commander  
Paso Del Norte Post 58

For