

22nd District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 16, 2025

The 22nd District Executive Committee Meeting was held on February 16, 2025, at American Legion Post 521 in Pasadena Texas.

District Commander Terry Contella called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted in due form.

Commander Contella then acknowledged Past NECman Butch Sparks, Past Division & 22nd District Commander Jimmy Mitchell, Past District Commanders, Jim McGuire, and Joseph Thomas, Past District Commander, and current SAL Commander for the 2nd Division.

Roll Call of Officers and Posts

All District Officers were present except the District Finance Officer, District Chaplain, and the District Webmaster who were excused. The district still has vacancies for a Service Officer and Public Relations Officer. All posts were represented except Posts 416, 472, 596, and 654. According to Judge Advocate Jimmy Mitchell we had a quorum.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Butch Sparks stated that he had sent each post a copy of the November Executive Committee minutes and asked our District webmaster to post them on our District website. J.T. Thomas moved to accept the report as presented. Jim McGuire 2nd. Motion carried.

Finance Officer: Butch Sparks, District Adjutant read the District Finance Report (Attch 1) as prepared by Lynn Sparks. Motion by Butch Sparks to accept the report, second by J. T. Thomas. Motion carried.

Judge Advocate: Jimmy Mitchell had no report.

Chaplain: Excused No Report

Historian Hector Hernandez reported on History of Post 319. (Attch 2)

Sergeant -At-Arms J. T. Thomas said there were nineteen members in attendance. (Attch 3)

Vice Commander Robert Harvey provided an update on the District Membership. (Attch 4)

Commander: Terry Contella informed the body that he will be visiting posts and that he will just drop in. (Attch 5)

Post Reports:

Post 52 – Report Attached (Attch 6)

Post 77- Report Attached. (Attch 7)

Post 164- Report Attached (Attch 8)

Post 319- Report Attached (Attch 9)

Post 391 – Report Attached (Attch 10)

Post 416 – Absent – No report

Post 472 – Absent – No report

Post 490 – Report Attached (Attch 11)

Post 521 – Report Attached (Attch 12)

Post 596 – Absent – No report

Post 654 – Absent – No report

Committee Reports:

American Legion Riders: Report Attached (Attch 13)

Boys State; Oratorical; Webmaster – Chairman Excused. No Report available but there was a discussion on bus availability for transportation of our boys to Boys State this year. Adjutant Sparks said he would check with Juan Torres and Harry Woodstrom to see if we are going to have free buses this year.

Americanism/School Awards – Report Attached (Attch 14)

Advisor to the S.A.L. – J.T. Thomas gave an oral report stating that the District S.A.L. is doing okay but a few squadrons need to turn in some members.

POW/MIA – Report Attached (Attch 15)

National Security- Chairman absent- No Report

Community Service – Report Attached (Attch 16)

Scouting – Chairman J.T. Thomas informed the body of the available 2nd Division Scholarship for \$1000 that is given out to a Scout each year. Asked the body to contact him for more details. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2025.

Disaster Preparedness – Chairman J. T. Thomas stated that we should be doing more to help our veterans during disasters such as the Hurricane which hit our area last month. He stated that additional training will be available in September and that we need to initiate fund raising for this important program.

Membership Report – Report Attached (Attch 17). Jim McGuire, 22nd District Membership Chair stated that the district is doing terrible as a whole on membership. He highlighted those posts that were doing good and those that were not doing good.

Unfinished Business

J.T. Thomas discussed the proposed Coffee Tour for the 22nd District. (Attch 18) He asked the posts to send Harry Woodstrom suggested dates for tour.

New Business

Butch Sparks moved that the district conduct a review of Post 654 operations. 2nd by Jim McGuire. Discussion: According to Jim McGuire he has attempted to assist the post and during his last visit he was informed they have several problems which require solutions. Butch stated if this motion is approved that a letter and instructions be sent to the Post Commander at Post 654. Motion carried.

Butch Sparks moved that the district inform Post 596 that they have 30 days in which to address their membership issues and if not accomplished the district will initiate cancellation of their charter. 2nd by Jim McGuire. Discussion: Jim McGuire and others have reached out to assist this post with no positive results to date. Butch stated if the motion is approved a letter notifying the Commander of Post 596 the actions of this meeting. Motion carried.

Butch Sparks moved that the Posts that consistently do not attend the District Executive Committee meetings be sent a letter explaining they are

violating the District Constitution and By-Laws and their continued absences may result in district actions. 2nd by J.T. Thomas. Motion carried

Butch Sparks informed the attendees that he had provided a copy of our draft C&BLs to each post asking for them to provide Jimmy Mitchell, District Judge Advocate and him any suggested changes. Our hope is that we can get the revised C&BLs approved at our District Convention in April for submission to the Department for approval.

Jim McGuire moved to approve an expenditure of \$450 to sponsor three events in our area by the Regional Houston Veterans Chamber of Commerce. 2nd Sandy Krum. Discussion: Jim McGuire stated that these events have a lot of potential members and in fact the one attended in Katy resulted in 7 new members for Katy Post. He suggested that Post 319, 490 and 521 be invited to the events and hopefully gain new members in the process. Motion carried.

J.T. Thomas moved to approve \$500 to the Thom Skelly campaign for National Commander, Sons of The American Legion for the year 2026-2027. Second by Sherry Thomas. Discussion: None. Motion carried.

Good of The Legion:

Commander Contella said our next meeting will be on April 12, 2025, at our District convention at Post 164 in Katy.

Butch Sparks gave a brief explanation of membership and how memberships are handled after February 28, 2025. Members lose their membership status and must be reinstated by the General Membership beginning on March 1, 2025. After this date, members who have not renewed can be declined membership, however the rule is that all members falling in this category must be addressed using this procedure.

Closing Ceremonies were held in due form.

Butch Sparks

22nd District Adjutant

Enclosures

AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
22ND DISTRICT
FINANCE REPORT
February 16, 2025

CHASE BANK CHECKING

	Credits	Debits	Balances
Previous Balance November 17, 2024			\$ 34,839.09

DEPOSITS:

11/19/24 Fines	\$ 5.00		
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TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 5.00		
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CHECKS WRITTEN:

Stop Payment Ck # 1127 funds moved to Scouting		\$ (100.00)	
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TOTAL DEBITS		\$ (100.00)	
			\$ 34,944.09
Less Outstanding Oratorical Awards			\$ (4,000.00)
Available Funds			\$ 30,944.09

DEDICATED FUNDS

	Balance Fwd	Credits	Debits	Balance
General Fund	\$ 7,923.03	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,928.03
Baseball	\$ 4,048.83			\$ 4,048.83
Boys State	\$ 3,012.43			\$ 3,012.43
ERF	\$ 6,927.01			\$ 6,927.01
JSSP	\$ 0.69			\$ 0.69
Nursing	\$ 8,814.75			\$ 8,814.75
Oratorical	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
S.A.L.	\$ 12.00			\$ 12.00
Scouting	\$ 1,100.35	\$ 100.00		\$ 1,200.35
	\$ 34,839.09	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 34,944.09

Less Outstanding Oratorical Awards of \$4,000.00			\$ 30,944.09
	\$ 34,944.09		

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Ellen Sparks
22nd Dist. Finance Officer

(ATTCH 1)

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30,944.09	Available Funds
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CORTEZ / NORRIS POST 319

Deer Park, Tx

Post 319 was established in 2001 and then received its charter May 24, 2002. It was known as Deer Park Post 319 up until its name change, October 15, 2022. Between that time, Post 428 out of La Porte, Tx had been merged with the Post. 428 had originally been chartered in the 1920's.

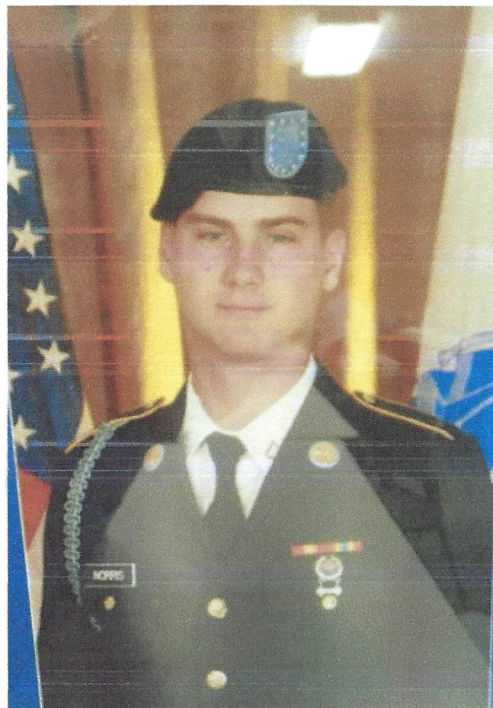
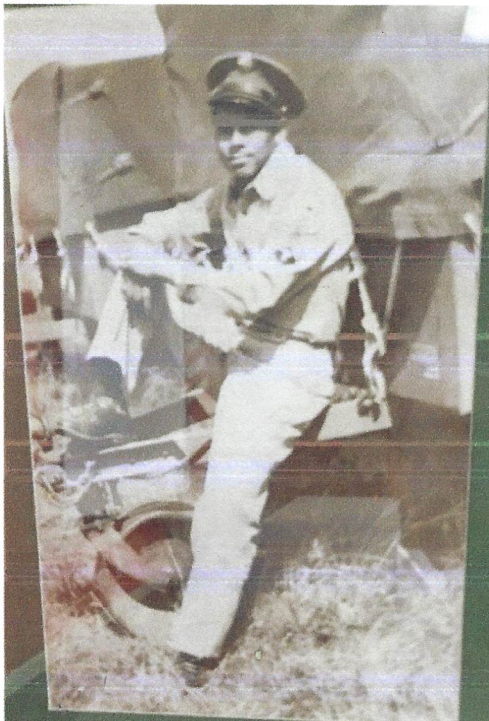
The first commander of the Post was Danny Davis. Danny was a postal carrier in the city of Deer Park up until his retirement. He currently lives in Abilene, Tx, but has maintained his membership with Post 319.

Bill Hutson was the second commander of the Post up until his passing in June of 2014.

One half of the current name of the Post is named after Celestino Cortez of Deer Park, Tx. Celestino was a graduate of Deer Park High School, Class of 1937. He was a two-sport athlete.

Celestino served in the European Theater where he was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge while serving in the United States Army.

Cody Norris of La Porte, Tx was a 2010 graduate of La Porte High School where he participated in the JROTC program. Cody was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in 2011, while serving with the 1st Infantry, United States Army.



David W. Saucillo - Commander

(ATTCH 2)

22nd Dist. DEC

2/16/25

Name	Post	Position
David Sautelb	319	Cmdr
ROBERT HARVEY	521	Comdr
Timothy Mitchell	77	Judge Advocate
Eshward V. Rutherford	52	Finance Officer
Don Quintero	52	Adjutant
DENNIS WELLS	164	1st VICE
SANDY KRAM	164	COMMANDER
BILL KENNISON	164	ADJ
Rene Sanchez	490	Cmdr
David Berman	485	Sec's Exco
Jim McGuire	164	Dist Membership ^{Chair}
Terry Cowell	490	Dst. Commander
Graziele Gonzales	391	command
JUSTE MARTINEZ	490	ADJUTANT
Sherry Thomas	319	Adjutant
J. T. THOMAS	319	CHAPLAIN
Hector Hernandez	77	CMOR
ERIC FULLER	77	SAC

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(ATTCH 3)

22nd District's Vice Commander's Report 2/16/25

February 12th was the deadline to be at 85% target date for membership. As of Friday, our District was at 78.02%.

The following posts have reached the goal of 85% as of February 14.

0416 94.78%

0077 93.61%

0164 89.60%

0319 87.72%

0521 86.70%

These posts are slightly below our goal.

0472 81.59%

0052 80.00%

0391 80.00%

Lastly, these posts need to get busy.

0490 72.77%

0654 58.55%

0596 11.54%

(ATTCH 4)

District Commanders Report February 2025

Constitution & Bylaws – 4 posts in district have not completed.

Legislative Commission – Meeting will be held March 11-12 in Austin. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Post Surveys need to be completed.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

- November 2024 – 1.7%
- Remains at 3.4% or below for last 12 months.
- Homeless Veterans had had a dramatic rise across the country to 770,000

Membership – Jim McGuire, Membership Chairman, has reported that we are seeing a decline since 2024.

Parliamentary Protocol – All need to become familiar with this.

- Stand: State Your Name – Post – Office
- State: “I Move To” (not “I make a motion to”)
- See Officers Guide Page 98 – Parliamentary Procedures.

(ATTCH 5)

Post 52 Report

From Don Quintero <don.quintero@att.net>

Date Sun 2/16/2025 12:55 PM

To Butch Sparks <butchsparks@outlook.com>

Post 52 last met on Saturday 2/1/25.

We currently have 5 statesmen candidates for TBS, interviews will be held in March for final submission by TBS deadline.

Membership currently just below 85% February goal but that equates to 15 member renewals shy of 100%. Current efforts underway to reach out to delinquent members to have them renew without burdening the post. Be sure that by 100% deadline, Post 52 will meet the goal.

At last meeting, resolution passed to divest 50% of current annuity position and invest in a managed advisory shares position. This move will assure money assets to likely grow to meet the budget demands of a renewed post membership. Next steps to taken by financial officer and execute the transfer.

Respectfully,
Don Quintero
Post 52 Adjutant

(ATTCH 6)

American Legion
22nd District DEC Report (POST 77 REPORT)

February 16, 2025

Good afternoon, Legionnaires, Post 77 Commander Hernandez reports that the post has been busy working the American Legion programs. This school year in October we had our Post 77 Oratorical Contest that was held at Sharpstown High School. Legionnaires Woods, Mitchell and Hernandez assisted Sharpstown High School. The winner of our contest was Miss Rollins a sophomore at North Forest High School. Due to timing and scheduling, she was unable to compete at the district level. Post 77 did attend the 22nd District Oratorical and Division 2 Oratorical.

Post 77 along with Auxiliary Unit 77 have been busy interviewing boys and girls that are Juniors in High School to prepare them for the summer programs in Austin and Seguin. We are excited to see the amounts of applicants that we hope to send to these programs.

On February 7th Post 77 were in attendance for the 5th Anniversary of the Richard Anderson Community Home. Post 77 has been out in the community and is working with T-Mobile to help Veterans by providing cellular phones and giving them, literally, a way of communication. Legionnaire Woods has been actively preparing a Mardi Gras Ball at the Intercontinental Houston Hotel, for more information please contact Linda Lacy Woods.

We also have been active fundraising through our partnership with Kendra Scott in which on designated Sundays we have members of the Post show up to assigned stores and explain to shoppers what the American Legion is about and for every purchase they make a small percentage goes to support Post 77. This has been successful in raising funds for our post.

In closing Post 77 membership is currently at 93.61% as of today February 16th, 2024, the goal for this month is to be at 85%. I would like the district to know how grateful I am to Legionnaires Jimmy Mitchell, Sharon Bradley, and Linda Lacy Woods. These three along with the rest of the members have helped the Post attain our percentage of 93.61%

This concludes my report.

(ATTCH 7)



The American Legion
Jonathan D. Rozier Post No. 164

22125 Kingsland Blvd.
Katy, Texas 77450

Post 164 Commanders Report

February 16th, 2025

Post 164 has been very busy since our last meeting.

We have been a part of our community in a big way. The post was instrumental in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Katy Magnolia Cemetery. We were able to place 575 wreaths. Department Commander Tom Marty was our keynote speaker. State Representative Mike Schofield and Katy Mayor Dusty Theil along with other local dignitaries were there as well. Several post members then went to the Soldiers Rest ceremony at Fairlawn Cemetery to be a part of placing 87 wreaths there.

Our Honor Guard has been very busy conducting honors for veterans' funerals, flag raisings, and community events. They continue to work with area schools to train their flag patrols in the proper way to fold, raise and lower the flags.

The Post has started to collaborate with Katy Christian Ministries and the VFW here in Katy to help our veterans in need of financial or food assistance, so we can get them the services needed.

The post continues to hold our monthly "Breakfast with a Veteran" event.

Currently our membership stands at 89.60%. 20 of our new members are from the 345 rosters.

We Hosted the fall 22nd District Executive Committee Meeting.

5 members attended the Department Mid-Winter Conference.

We hosted the Oratorical Contest for the post, 22nd District and 2nd Division.

Boys State interviews are underway.



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We will be hosting an American Legion 106th Birthday Party at the post.

We will be hosting the upcoming 22nd District Convention.

Post 164 sponsored our 4th 4 Chaplains Ceremony at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Katy.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Krum

Commander

Post 164

22nd District

2nd Division

Department of Texas



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COMMANDERS REPORT

Membership

As of February 2025, membership for the Post is 87.72%.

December 2023 – Post ~~will~~ Participated with Wreathes Across America at Grandview Cemeteries with the help of Deer Park JROTC and South Houston JROTC as the Honor Guards.

Held the 1st Annual Christmas of Caring – Provided meals for 15 families across the city of La Porte.

January 2024 – Performed Colors Presentation with members from Post 164 for United Rentals at their Annual Global Manger's Conference being held at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

- We have JROTC award banquets coming up for Deer Park HS, La Porte HS, and South Houston HS Organizations.
- Bake sale (March 28/30), 2025
- 7 Blood Drive - March 9, 2025
- > Boys State - 2 boys from Deer Park HS

David W Saucillo
Commander
American Legion
Cortez/Norris Post 319

(ATTCH 9)

POST 391 THEODORE ROOSEVELT

1). MEMBERSHIP

(a). HAD ~~TO~~ (2) MEMBERS PAY THEIR DUES

(b) STILL WORKING TO GET NEW MEMBERS

2). WE CONTINUE TO HELP FISHER HOUSE

(a) FISHERS HOUSE HAS NEW MANAGEMENT, OUR VICE

COMMANDER IN TALKS WITH THEM ON WHAT

THEY NEED.

(b) WE ARE STILL HELPING THE SEASCOOTS

3). WE HAVE BEEN DOING BINGO AT HE VA.

HAD ~~OUR~~ LAST BINGO ON THE 15TH SATURDAY.

WE DONATED DOLLAR BILLS FOR THE WINNERS

OF BINGO

(4). TALKED ABOUT UP COMING ELECTIONS

ALL MEMBERS WE ENCOURE TO PUT IN FOR A

POSITION

(ATTCH 10)

South Houston Post 490 – Commander's Report

District 22 Executive Committee

February 16, 2025

- Continued Post Contributions to Siegmund Foundations.
- Chaplain Thomas Collins - did an excellent job with veterans and their families during his tenure.
- Appointed Mike Phillips as Chaplain
- December 21st – Great Christmas Party at Post 521- hosted by ALA Unit 490

Community Outreach

- January 11th – Chili Cookoff – Post 490 Riders – excellent community turnout
- January 20th – South Houston Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Luncheon
- December 7th – participated in Friendswood's Community Flap Jack 5K
- December 11th - Holiday Giving Campaign -American Legion Post 490 Family has partnered with *Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Senior Meals Program*.
- Advertising Nursing Scholarships in a Weekly newsletter
- Advertising Post 490 Scholarship on Weekly newsletter

Upcoming Events

- February 20th - Post 490 members will go on Cruise
- March 15th – Fundraiser – Gold Bar Raffle at Post 521 during American Legion Birthday Celebration
- Planning April Event at our Post Parking Lot
- Baseball – Manager Jesse Martinez has started working on

Membership

- Post 490 has 932 members (73%).
 - 75 new members
- Weekly renewals emails, letters and phone calls to members.

Enhance and Improve Communication Methods

- Weekly Post 490 Email Blast - Fantastic job by **Richard Hughes and Wendell Denney** on keeping American Legion members updated and engaged.
- Weekly Membership Newsletter – continues to keep membership engaged.

(ATTACH 11)

- Legion Times Articles – November (1 article), December (2 articles), January (2 articles) and February (1 article)

Building

- The Board of Trustees continues to maintain post property. Excellent job by Board of Trustees (**Earl McLearen (Chair), Rickie Smith, Terry Contella, Jesse Martinez**)

Finance/Budget

- Monthly Finance Committee Meetings – Great job budgeting and fiscal management.

Edward H. White II Post 521 Report 2/16/25

Saturday, Saturday 12/8/25, we participated in the City of Pasadena Lighting Parade.

Sunday, 12/15/24, Post 521 held our traditional Christmas luncheon. At this time we also hosted Anthony Terrazas, a professional dog trainer. He has a non-profit that serves service dogs. He handed over one of the first dogs to a Vietnam veteran. It was very inspiring and he offering veteran discounts for regular training. He is also looking forward to handing more trained dogs to veterans in need.

Saturday, 2/8/25 The Auxiliary hosted their annual Cancer Research Dinner. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but heard it was very successful.

Thursday, 2/20/25, we will be participating with the Houston Veterans Chamber of Commerce at a meet and greet at Bubba's 33.

Also during this time period we were making numerous repairs to our building, bringing it up to date for our insurance company.

The DAV have continued to use our facilities for their meetings.

I want to take this opportunity to let those of you that know Legionnaire Greg Smith. He has been given bad news concerning his cancer. Greg has been a member of the Legion for 6 years. Prior to that he was and still is a SAL member for 21 years. Post 521 is doing something different for Greg. On Wednesday, February 19th, at 1830 hours, we are having a Celebration of Life for him. We can say our goodbyes and thank him for all the work he has done to help the post. If you know and care about him as we do, please come join us as he prepares for his transfer to Post Everlasting.

(ATTCH 12)

Riders Activities

- Assisted cooking burgers for a senior citizen center day at a city park.
- Riders donate every month to the Shriners burn hospital in Galveston TX
- Riders hosted a Chili Cook off in January, 15 teams participated and we had a good turnout.
- Riders sent \$1000 to post 43 riders in Los Angeles to help the people of the fires that happened out there.
- Assisted the Legion and in a POW MIA program senior citizens center for veterans' appreciation day.
- 490 riders. at the invitation of post 554 rode to a high school football game for veteran's appreciation night, where we were able to ride our bikes behind the endzone.
- 490 riders hosted bingo night for the senior citizen subdivision Bella Vita.
- Participated in a Frozen Bun run on January 1st to benefit a cancer patient.
- 490 riders as they have done since Post 490 approved the riders' group in 2006 took on the task of parking cars during the Wings over Houston. *we are across Ellington with good view*
- Participated in Veterans appreciation day dinner at Post 521.
- Presented a POW MIA program to a senior home and visited with veterans seniors in the home.
- As some of you may not know, our post burned down three and a half years ago , but our Legion family is still out in the community upholding the four pillars of the American Legion.
- That is my report, Commander.

(ATTCH 13)

INTRODUCTION: One of the "Four Pillars of Service", Americanism, is possibly the broadest area of service with which the Sons of The American Legion are involved and activities are seemingly endless. To obtain a better sense of what Americanism is and the programs involved, we have compiled some basic material pertaining to Americanism. For a more detailed description of Americanism and the programs that are associated with the Americanism pillar of service visit The American Legion website at www.legion.org, click on Media, then publications, then scroll to Americanism. The American Legion Americanism manual is available as a free download along with various other Americanism program brochures. The information contained herein is offered as a supplement to The American Legion materials.

Principles of Americanism: The characteristic that distinguishes our form of government from others is the recognition of the truth that the inherent and fundamental rights of men are derived from God and not from governments, dictators, or majorities. The unalienable rights, which are the gifts of man from his Creator are: freedom of worship; freedom of speech and press; freedom of assemblage; freedom to work in such occupation as the experience, training and qualifications of man may enable him to secure and hold; freedom to enjoy the fruits of his work, which means the protection of property rights; and the right to pursue his happiness so long as he does not harm others in the pursuit of this happiness. Upon these basic principles, the structure of our form of government was established.

Americanism Defined: Americanism is the love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity, and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic. It is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free men in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institutions and our thinking. It is not a word; it is a cause, a way of life – the best way of life ever known – a challenge and a hope in this world. Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a fathomless love for the principles that led our forefathers to found this country. It is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for our nation and for our posterity

*Det. Judge Kenneth
Jimmy Mitchell*

(ATTCH 14)

22nd District DEC

February 16th, 2025

POW-MIA Report

The Houston National Cemetery Council of Greater Houston meets every first Monday of the month is currently asking for the Posts of American Legion District 22 to provide a rep for each

Posts. Membership dues are an initial \$50.00 dollars and annual renewals are \$25.00. The mission of the Council is to provide support to the Houston National Cemetery for events like the Vietnam Memorial Service in March and Memorial Day Service on the last Monday of May.

We are currently raising money to purchase new flags, flagpoles and markers for the avenue of

Flags that line along the road when entering the cemetery. For more information, please contact Hector Hernandez or Carmen Gonzalez. One last thing there has been so many

Federal cutbacks that this year's ceremonies are in risk of not being held at the Houston National Cemetery.

On a National Level the POW-MIA that belongs to the DPAA of the military continues making efforts to repatriate those missing or killed in action. The laboratories in Nebraska and Hawaii continues to do unbelievable work that in 2024 they returned the remains of 172 service members

(ATTCH 15)



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Post Activity by hours and event.

November

Breakfast with a Veteran 24hrs

Veterans Bingo at No Label Brewery 10hrs

VA Stakeholders meeting 2hrs

Camp Hope Visit and donation 5hrs

Veterans Day events 60hrs

PTSD/ Veterans Support Group 10hrs

Buddy Checks 20hrs

JSSP 40hrs

Honor Guard 260hrs

December

Breakfast with a Veteran 24hrs

VA Stakeholders 2hrs

First Responders Awards and Recognition Dinner 100hrs

Wreaths Across America 80hrs

Soldiers Rest Wreaths 8hrs

Veterans Support Group 10hrs

Honor Guard 150hrs



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January

Breakfast with a Veteran 24hrs

VA Stakeholders 2hrs

Wreaths Pickup at Cemetery 16hrs

Veteran Support Group 10hrs

Honor Guard 140hrs

District Oratorical 10hrs

Department Mid-Winter 128hrs

February (to date)

Breakfast with a Veteran 24hrs

VA Stakeholders 2hrs

Division Oratorical 10hrs

Veterans Support 5hrs

Katy Rodeo Parade 24hrs

4 Chaplains Ceremony 16hrs

Honor Guard 90hrs

22ND DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 16 FEB 2025

COMMANDER AND FELLOW LEGIONARRIES,

My report to you today is not a very good one. Although we have several Posts in the District who have reached the 85% target date as of 12 Feb 2025. The district did not reach the 85% target date. We are currently at 77.84% and sit in 22nd place in the Department membership standings.

We did have the following Posts meet the 85% target date:

Post 77 93.61%

Post 164 89.60%

Post 319 87.72 %

Post 416 94.78%

Post 521 86.70%

We currently have over half of the District Posts who did not make the 85% target date. They are as follows:

Post 52 80.00%

Post 391 80.00%

Post 472 81.59%

Post 490 72.69%

Post 596 11.54%

(ATTCH 17)

Post 654 58.12%

Commander, Post membership needs to be addressed every day to achieve the goals we have been given. It is quite clear to me that all the Posts who have not met the target date need to do a lot of work with their membership numbers.

I believe that if your post has 200 members you should be working to get to 100% by the end of December. That should be easy to accomplish if the Post officers and the Membership Committees are doing their work. Every Post should have a Membership Committee with the 1st Vice Commander as the Chairperson. This committee should work together to get the renewals into the Post and submitted to the Department. Many hands working together will make light work of these tasks. I do not believe many Posts are using the process.

Post Commanders are responsible to ensure that their Officers under them are getting their work done. This is not being done. Commander, I have either spoke to or visited most of the Posts who did not meet the 85% target date. Some are working on their issues and some of them are not making any effort to help themselves so that the district can help them. Assistance has been offered to all the Posts.

Each Post in the District has been provided lists of members who have not renewed for 2025 and a listing of Post 345 members in their area. Posts should communicate with the members who have not renewed, explain the importance of their membership to veterans and the Legion and get them on board. Posts should also contact Post 345 members in their area and encourage them to join the local post.

The following Posts have not transferred any members this year:

Post 319

Post 391

Post 416

Post 472

Post 596

Commander the Department of Texas has been asking all Posts to recruit at least 1 new member into their Post. The following are the Posts who have not accomplished this task:

Post 391

Post 416

Post 596

This task can be accomplished very easily if the Posts get involved in their community. Veterans are out there and many of them will join if you tell them what the Legion does for them as veterans.

Houston and the surrounding area now have the largest concentration of Veterans than any other city with over 400,000 veterans. They are out there, and we just need to speak with them and encourage them to join our great organization.

The 90% Target date is March 12, 2025, and the District needs 338 members to get there. With hard work and dedication of our Post leadership, I think we can get there.

Respectively submitted,

Jim McGuire, 22nd District Membership Chair

22nd District Coffee Tour

Introduction

An American Legion Coffee Tour is an event where members of the American Legion gather to share coffee and discuss the activities and progress of their posts. A guided tour of the Posts in the District will bring a deeper understanding of each Post's mission.

As we know, all activities in the American legion are a part of the four pillars:

- 1) Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
- 2) National Security
- 3) Americanism
- 4) Children and Youth

Our Coffee Tour supports all of them by learning the varied approaches taken by each Post to engage in the four pillars. Understanding different methods can only enrich our membership activities and promote cross post sharing of ideas and resources.

A secondary function of the 22nd District Coffee Tour is to raise funds for the District Oratorical Scholarship fund.

Proposed Program

The 22nd District of the American Legion Department of Texas will schedule one day each year for the conduct of a District wide Coffee Tour. All posts will be expected to participate. Those Posts with a home meeting place will provide space for Posts without a home meeting place to share their programs, activities, successes and problems.

The stops on the tour will include Post 521, Post 472, Post 654 and Post 164. Posts 52, 77, 319, 391 and 490 will arrange with one of the stopping locations to share their home for a Coffee Tour presentation.

Once the tour starts at the first Post, the time spent will include refreshments, a presentation from each Post at the stop and a fund-raising activity for the District Oratorical Scholarship fund. Each Post will be expected to provide a ten minute presentation on their post. It may include Post history, events, activities, accomplishments and projects. The fund-raising activity can be a collaborative effort by all of the Posts presenting at each stop. Post stops should last no longer than one hour with thirty minute travel time scheduled between stops.

The District will select the Coffee Tour event date. Each Post will coordinate refreshments, Post presentations and the fund-raising event.

Fund-raising activity ideas:

- Cake Walk
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 drawing
- Poker Run
- Raffles
- Sell Branded Swag
- Run a casino
- Do an ice bucket challenge