#### 22<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2025

The 22<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Committee Meeting was held on October 12, 2025, at American Legion Post 654 in Spring Branch, TX.

District Commander Robert Harvey called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted in due form.

#### Roll Call of Officers and Posts

All current District Officers except the Judge Advocate and Assistant Sgt-At-Arms (excused) were in attendance. The district still has vacancies for a Service Officer and Public Relations Officer. All posts except 416 & 596 (absent) were represented. There was a quorum.

#### Officer Reports:

<u>Finance Officer</u> Lynn Sparks read the District Finance Report (ATTCH1). Motion by Lynn to accept the report, second by J. T. Thomas. Motion accepted.

<u>Chaplain</u> J.T. Thomas informed the body that Post 654 Commander Hector Giron had been in a fall that required surgery. He also stated that the Assistant Sgt-At-Arms was ill at home, and that he wanted the members to keep Dan King (Past District and Division Commander) in their prayers as he continues to have major health issues.

<u>Historian</u> Hector Hernandez reported that he is still working with posts to get information on their history so he can work on the District Yearbook. He gave a verbal report on his recent activities to include a brief overview of the history of Post 654 in Spring Branch. (ATTCH 2)

<u>Sergeant -At-Arms</u> Rene Sanchez said there were twenty members in attendance. (ATTCH 3)

<u>Vice Commander</u> Jim McGujire provided information on the districts membership goals and actions needed by the Posts to get our membership numbers back on top. (ATTCH 4)

<u>Commander</u>: Commander Harvey stressed the importance of membership and the availability of assistance to posts. All they have to do is ask.

#### Post Reports:

Post 52 – (ATTCH 5)

Post 77-. (ATTCH 6)

Post 164- (ATTCH 7)

Post 319- (ATTCH 8)

Post 391 – (ATTCH 9)

Post 416 – No Report

Post 472 – (ATTCH 10)

Post 490 – (ATTCH 11)

Post 521 – (ATTCH 12)

Post 596 – No Report - Absent

Post 654 – Vice Commander Joe Ortega gave a verbal report of Post Activities

Committee Reports by Chairs that were at the meeting:

ALR - No report. Chair absent last 3 meetings

Americanism/School Awards - (ATTCH 13)

Baseball – No report. Chair absent.

Boys State; Oratorical; Webmaster – (ATTCH 14)

Community Service - No Report - Chair Excused due to Illness

Constitution and By-Laws: Stated that we still don't have a Department approved copy of our District C&BL's approved at our April Spring Convention and sent in to Department. In conversation with our previous Judge Advocate Langley, he assured me that the C&BL's were approved. Emailed our current Department Judge Advocate in September asking for a signed copy. Still waiting.

Hubmaster –(ATTCH 15)

Junior Shooting – (ATTCH 16)

Legislative – (ATTCH 17)

National Security – (ATTCH 18)

POW/MIA – (ATTCH 19)

S. A. L. Advisor - (ATTCH 20)

Scouting – Chairman J.T. Thomas informed the body that Posts 164 and 319 are sponsoring Scouting programs and are involved with Eagle Scout projects.

School Awards – No Report. Chair Jimmy Mitchell excused.

#### <u>Unfinished Business - None</u>

#### **New Business**

Butch Sparks moved that the next District Executive Committee Meeting be held at Post 164 on January 11, 2026 at 11 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Sparks. Discussion: The normal date would be in December but due to a lot of Holiday activities during December it is best not to have a D.E.C. scheduled. The January date is in conjunction with the District Oratorical Contest scheduled for 2 p.m. on January 11, 2025 at Post 164. Will be a great opportunity to see the contestants vie for these awards. Motion Carried.

Commander Harvey stated that there will be a Zoom planning meeting to address the Spring Convention, scheduled to be held at Post 521 on April 11, 2025, sometime after the beginning of 2026.

Commander Harvey stated that visits to Posts will continue.

#### Good of The Legion:

There was discussion of holding another Legion College in the Spring of 2026. One location was Post 472. Another location that was presented was a Houston Community College campus. Further discussion will be held in the following months.

Closing Ceremonies were held in due form. The meeting was adjourned at 15:49 hours.

Butch Sparks 22<sup>nd</sup> District Adjutant

**Enclosures** 

## Post Commander Report for American Legion Post 654 DEC Meeting, Aug. 17 in Pasadena, TX.

- \*Held a WWII veterans birthday and obtained a proclamation from the Mayor of the city of Houston office to present to Mr. David Loedro, a WWII Army, silver star and purple heart recipient.
- \*Have issued out more than 3k Houston Astros tickets for military veteran and their families to enjoy a free game at Daikin Park.
- \* Have nominated over 30 active duty personnel, wounded warriors, members of our greatest generation/the forgotten war for on the field military recognition at astros game since our last DEC meeting.
- \* Hosted 20+ military veterans in club level area of NRG for ALL Houston Livestock show and rodeo concert during RODEOHOUSTON.
- \* Donated \$500 towards a Miss Teen Houston Latina
- \* Donated \$300 towards the Texas Brigade Baseball league
- \*Donated \$150 towards the Houston Wardogs veterans baseball team
- \*Donated \$500 towards the Vietnam Veterans Reflection Day
- \*Found a veteran to be issued a brand new smoker. Had a donor looking to help someone obtain a new pit to help them feed their family or expand business.
- \*Hosted a veterans casino night at the post which drew in a bunch of people. We made some good funds and our canteen had a great evening.
- \*submitted 12 veterans to participate in the "battle of the branches" fishing tournament. NAVY won!
- \*Had the privilege to fill in 2 golf foursomes for the annual W.W RED EMMONS memorial golf tournament.
- \*submitted 12 military veterans to participate in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) annual clay shoot tournament at Westheimer Shooting Centers.
- \*Myself and 4 veterans from our post volunteered to be chaperones for a childrens field trip with Farney Elementary school in Cypress. We visited the Houston Interactive Aquarium and animal preserve.
- \*A Texa's VFW Past State Commander asked me to fill in 25 slots for military veterans to attend the WURTH 400 RACE part of the NASCAR series cup at the Texas Motor Speedway in Ft. Worth. Collaborating with other organizations to help us grow.

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- \*Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Friday we host steak night are our post and its continuously growing. We are doing anywhere from 100-150 steaks bi weekly and our canteen is doing well on those nights.
- \*Found 4 military families to have their bedrooms fully furnished by a donor (wanted to stay ananomously) but he it really blessed those families.
- \* in Parnership with the Houston Dynamo FC soccer team ive given out over 750 tickets for military veterans and their family to enjoy a match at Shell energy stadium.

I have the privilege to nominate the HEROES OF THE MATCH for most of the games played here as well

- \*Teamed up with Oasis Of Love and VAST to help get close 100 homeless residing at Cloudbreak/Tunnels for Towers.
- \*Hosted HIVES FOR HEROES at no cost at the Post as they wanted to display how bee keeping and harvesting honey can help vets dealing with PTSD.

Hosted a commemorative event marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean war at the post with the Korean War Veterans Association.

- \*Submitted a few veterans to sing the National Anthem at Daikin Park before the start of an astros game. 4 times since our last DEC they have chosen my nominee
- \*In partnership with VFW Post 8790 we helped distribute and raise funds to help the victims of the recent floods in kerville.
- \* The Houston Texans gave me tickets for all their training day practices so I put them in use by sending our military veterans to enjoy.
- \* A fishing charter out of Galveston (Navy veteran operated) offered to take me and some of my leadership team fishing at no cost. We wanted to show us appreciation for what he sees we do on social media.

# JUNIOR SHOOTING 22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT DEC OCTOBER 12, 2025

The 22<sup>nd</sup> District has only 1 Post conducting a Junior Shooting Program currently. That Post is 164.

They are conducting training right now on a class of instruction with 5 students. They are going over basic marksmanship training and doing practice firing. The course started September 13<sup>th</sup> and will end November 1.

The Post is looking to have a Postal Match with Post 324 from the 8th District on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was supposed to be a meeting at Post 159 on September 27 with the Department of Texas Junior Shooting Chair. The meeting was postponed until March 2026.

(ATTCH 16)

#### 2025 LEGISLATIVE POINT PAPERS

Providing this information to members who question the importance of ongoing support for the Legion is highly significant. It highlights the Legion's active role in advocating for policies and legislative actions that directly impact veterans' lives. Sharing these legislative priorities demonstrates that the Legion's value extends far beyond a physical location; its influence and effectiveness are rooted in its commitment to policy advocacy and improving conditions for all veterans.

#### IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF VA C&P EXAMS:

Congress should hold a hearing on VA Medical Disability Examination Office's transparency and accountability in managing the VA vendor program.

#### IMPROVING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CARE (rural communities)

Congress should hold the Office of Community Care accountable for the continuity of veterans' care by increasing oversight to ensure training requirements and guidelines followed.

#### **ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS (especially female veterans)**

Congress should allocate additional funding for programming that addresses veteran homelessness among women veterans.

#### IMPROVING THE LETHALITY OF OUR ARMED FORCES

Congress should continue the modernization of the armed forces which is essential for maintaining military superiority and ensuring national security

#### MODERNIZING THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

Congress should, in partnership with interagency partners, community resource groups, and Veteran Service Organizations, modernize TAP delivery by integrating new technologies (AI)

#### WINNING THE WAR WITHIN - VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION

Congress should enact evidence-based strategies to combat veteran suicide and ensure VA's data is timely, effective, and standardized...

Link to these point papers: <a href="https://www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative/legislative-agenda-point-papers">https://www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative/legislative-agenda-point-papers</a>

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#### National Security

From the Department of Justice: "Today, our nation faces a wide range of complex and evolving threats – including international and domestic terrorism, nation-state sponsored lethal targeting of American civilians and officials, transnational repression of dissidents, foreign malign influence, national security cyber threats, and the illicit procurement of sensitive American data and technology."

I would add that with the current government shut down, this is hampering our abilities to protect ourselves. We also must make certain that at some point in the near future our government approves a bill that will allow service members to be paid when government shutdowns occur. Per several sources, as of yesterday, President Trump has directed the Pentagon to use "all available funds" to ensure troops are paid despite the shutdown. These funds are anticipated to come from the Pentagon's research and development funds. It is unknown if this will also apply to the Coast Guard.

(ATTCH 18)

#### **POW-MIA Committee Report**

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> District DEC

Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Good afternoon, Legionnaires of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District. I start this report with information from DPAA, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, this is the federal agency who is responsible in searching, finding and accounting for those servicemen who have been missing in action during conflicts. In this calendar year over 158 POW-MIA servicemen have been accounted for return back home. These servicemen have been found throughout the world from countries of Japan, Poland, France and Vietnam, jut to name a few.

I would like to highlight PFC Nicholas Hartman who entered the US Army from Houston Texas and served with the 500 Medical Collecting company and the 60<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 he was aboard the USS LCI(L) -92 of the US Coast Guard. On board were 25 crew members and 200 soldiers ready to land for the D-Day invasion at Normandy, France. While offshore, the vessel was hit by enemy fire. Many on board lost their lives, four days later in the compartment of the vessel, the burnt remains of servicemen were recovered. These remain were interred in the United States Military Cemetery St Laurent sur-Mer. On August 2021 they exhumed the remains and through anthropological and circumstantial evidence they confirmed the remains of PFC Nicholas Hartman. DPAA gave a final and accounting confirmation on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 10:30am at Klein Funeral Home and interment at the Houston National Cemetery. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and full accounting of those missing.

In closing I would like to mention that the Houston National Cemetery will be observing its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it was first established on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1965. It has been stated that it was the only government cemetery constructed in the Unites States during the 1960's. I hope to be providing more information on this anniversary next month.

This concludes the POW-MIA Committee Report given by the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Committee Chairman Hector Hernandez.

(ATTCH 19)

#### Sons of the American Legion

Currently, our district is at 26.94%, second in the Division. Squadrons 77, 472 and 521 shows 0%, but I'm sure that will be corrected soon. Squadrons 164 and 319 are over 50%, with Squadron 490 getting close. Squadron 654 is struggling, but I'm sure will be showing major improvement soon. Please let me know if you need assistance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Jimmy Mitchell by Joseph Thomas.

(ATTCH 20)

## AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS 22ND DISTRICT FINANCE REPORT

October 12, 2025

#### **CHASE BANK CHECKING**

	Credits	De	bits		Balances
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Respectfully submitted by Lynn Ellen Sparks 22nd Dist. Finance Officer

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#### How we treat third-party endorsed check deposits is changing

A third-party endorsed check is a check that was originally payable to another person/entity that you attempt to deposit or cash. Beginning September 1, 2025, we may not accept a third-party check for deposit or to cash or we may require verification of endorsements. If we refuse a deposit, we may return the check or provide a substitute check to you.

You can find this update in Section III. A. Our rights and responsibilities for deposits, within the Deposit Account Agreement at chase.com/Business/Disclosures.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by calling the number on this statement.

#### CHECKING SUMMARY

Chase Platinum Business Checking

	INSTANCES	AMOUNT
, Beginning Balance		\$34,310.24
ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals	2	-36.45
Ending Balance	2	\$34,273.79

Your Chase Platinum Business Checking account provides:

- No transaction fees for unlimited electronic deposits (including ACH, ATM, wire, Chase Quick Deposit)
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#### ATM & DEBIT CARD WITHDRAWALS

DATE	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
08/19	Card Purchase	08/18 M&D Ace Partners-Beame Houston TX Card 2312	\$15.60
08/20	Card Purchase	08/19 Wal-Mart Check Printn 866-925-2432 TX Card 2312	20.85
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#### **ATM & DEBIT CARD SUMMARY**

Lynn Ellen Sparks Card 2312

Total ATM Withdrawals & Debits Total Card Purchases Total Card Deposits & Credits

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ATM & Debit Card Totals

Total ATM Withdrawals & Debits

\$0.00

Total Card Purchases

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Total Card Deposits & Credits

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#### DAILY ENDING BALANCE

DATE

**AMOUNT** 

08/19

\$34,294.64

08/20

34,273.79

#### SERVICE CHARGE SUMMARY

Monthly Service Fee Other Service Charges **Total Service Charges**  \$0.00

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Your name and account number; A description of the error or the transaction you are unsure about, and why you think it is an error or want more information; and The amount of the suspected error.

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#### Important Update: We are extending the processing time of ACH payment claims for Chase business accounts beginning December 1, 2025

Effective December 1, claims for ACH payments on business accounts may require up to 75 days to finalize or reverse your provisional credit.

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#### IMPORTANT UPDATE: Some fees are changing on business account(s) effective January 1, 2026

Beginning January 1, applicable fees will change on your account, and will be reflected on your statement for January.

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  - Monthly Service Fee will increase from \$30 to \$40. To learn more about ways to waive this fee please review the Additional Banking Services and Fees for Business Accounts Deposit Account Agreement at chase.com/Business/Disclosures.
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#### Historian Report

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> District DEC

#### Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Good afternoon, Legionnaires of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District. Today's Historian Report will be on American Legion Post 654, which is located at 3105 Campbell Rd, which is near the corner of Campbell Road and Kempwood Drive. This post is located on the northwest side of Houston in the Spring Branch area. For nearly 80 years, Post 654 has been serving veterans and the community of Spring Branch. The post was founded in 1948 and during the 20<sup>th</sup> century Post 654 kept its membership and service to the community. Around 2021, American Legion Post 654 membership total had dropped and their influence in the community had become smaller and their canteen was one of the few things that was still active.

In 2021 the incoming Commander and his staff of officers revitalized the post and membership increased. Post 654 is known to have a good rapport with Houston's sports franchises that the post usually takes Veterans to Astros, Dynamo, Rockets and Texans games.

As you entered the building this afternoon, you may have noticed the most recently painted mural that has given the post building quite an uplift making sure their members and the Spring Branch community know that Post 654 is alive and well. Great job Post 654.

This concludes the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Historian's Report.

(ATTCH2)

	22nc District Execut	tive Committee	Sign in <b>10-12-202</b> 5	]
	Name	Post	Title	
1	SANDY KRUM	164	CommANDER	
2		164	ADJUTANT	
3	Harry Woodstrom	104	Finance	
4	Robert CourchFiELD	164	Chaplain	
5	Jue Ortega	U5-1	Vice Commander Vice Comman Len	
6	Jim McGuine	164	Vice Comman Sen	
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9	LYNN E. SPARKS	319	F. O.	
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14	JUNN TORRES	472	181 Vice	
15	Juan P. De Leon	472	COMMANDER	,
16	Edward V. Ruhabey,	52	FINANCE	
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18	Gordon D. Reed	521	Commander	
19	Dan Sunter	52	An water t	, ,
20	Day Woods	77	Vice Commander	
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## 22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT DEC 10 OCTOBER 2025

#### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### COMMANDER,

The 22<sup>nd</sup> District as of 12 October 2025 is still sitting in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Department of Texas with 71.15% and a retention rate of 67.52%. Now the Goal is to stay there. You have several Posts doing very well and several who have stopped working membership. The following Posts have met the 75% target:

Post 416	101.79%	last transmittal 9 days ago
Post 490	77.92%	last transmittal 1 day ago
Post 596	96.00%	last transmittal 25 days ago

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Post 391	65.00%	last transmittal 32 days ago
Post 472	63.93%	last transmittal 3 days ago
Post 521	57.85%	last transmittal 19 days ago
Post 654	58.25%	last transmittal 11 days ago

(ATTCH4)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT DEC 10 OCTOBER 2025

#### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Post 654	58.25%	last transmittal 11 days ago

(ATTCH4)

In the past week I visited Post 521 and Post 654. I spoke with both Commanders about where their Posts are on Membership and was expecting some improvement but, none has shown up yet.

All of the Post who have not met the 75% target date need to have a plan as to how and when they will get to the 75% target date.

I have been asking questions on my reports to the Post leadership and seem to be getting little to no response. Commanders this is not how we should be communicating. If questions are asked you should respond with what actions you are taking to get your Membership back on track.

I have spoken with several Commanders and Adjutants and offered assistance with MyLegion but have had no takers as of yet. So I am to assume that everyone knows how to use MyLegion and just are not working Membership the way it needs to be accomplished.

Jim McGuire

22<sup>nd</sup> District Vice Commander

22nd District Membership Stats as of: OCTOBER 12, 2025

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	Dist 22	2026	20%	75%	Retention	Current	Current	Needed	Needed	∞ర	to 90%	Needed
Post	Location	Goal	Of Goal	Of Goal	Of Goal	Members	%	to 50%	to 75%	PUFL's	Retention	to goal
52	HOUSTON	62	31	47	56	33	53.23%	-2	14	33	23	29
27	HOUSTON	224	112	168	202	127	56.70%	-15	41	127	75	97
164	KATY	381	191	286	343	280	73.49%	06-	9	259	84	101
319	DEER PARK	61	31	46	55	38	62.30%	8-	89	36	19	23
391	HOUSTON	20	9	15	18	13	65.00%	ဗ-	2	13	5	7
416	HOUSTON	112	56	84	101	114	101.79%	-58	-30	114	-13	-2
472	HOUSTON	183	92	137	165	117	63.93%	-26	20	117	94	99
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521	PASADENA	223	112	167	201	129	57.85%	-18	38	126	75	94
596	HOUSTON	25	13	19	23	24	%00.96	-12	-5	24	-2	_
654	HOUSTON	206	103	155	185	120	58.25%	-17	35	118	67	86
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22	2,534	1,647	1,901	2,281	1,796	70.88%	-149	105	1,711	220	67.52%	738
8	1,533	966	1,150	1,380	926	63.67%	20	174	916	464	29.75%	557
19	1,407	915	1,055	1,266	884	62.83%	31	171	864	402	61.41%	523
23	092	494	029	684	475	62.50%	19	92	443	241	58.29%	285
21	2,053	1,334	1,540	1,848	1,276	62.15%	58	264	1,207	641	28.79%	777
14	2,184	1,420	1,638	1,966	1,341	61.40%	79	297	1,275	691	58.38%	843
7	1,579	1,026	1,184	1,421	096	%08.09	99	224	888	533	56.24%	619
20	5,942	3,862	4,457	5,348	3,568	%50.09	294	889	3,326	2,022	25.97%	2,374
18	1,242	807	932	1,118	744	29.90%	63	188	715	403	27.57%	498
4	3,730	2,425	2,798	3,357	2,227	59.71%	198	571	2,110	1,247	26.57%	1,503
2	1,341	872	1,006	1,207	800	29.66%	72	206	781	426	58.24%	541
3	1,161	755	871	1,045	989	29.09%	69	185	099	385	26.85%	475
16	2,272	1,477	1,704	2,045	1,339	58.93%	138	365	1,223	822	53.83%	933
13	1,178	992	884	1,060	694	58.91%	72	190	650	410	55.18%	484
10	3,128	2,033	2,346	2,815	1,796	57.42%	237	550	1,711	1,104	54.70%	1,332
6	1,738	1,130	1,304	1,564	994	57.19%	136	310	951	613	54.72%	744
11	3,041	1,977	2,281	2,737	1,671	54.95%	306	610	1,532	1,205	20.38%	1,370
12	3,458	2,248	2,594	3,112	1,896	54.83%	352	869	1,782	1,330	51.53%	1,562
5	1,776	1,154	1,332	1,598	970	54.62%	184	783	920	829	21.80%	908
17	1,086	206	815	977	587	54.05%	119	509	571	406	52.58%	499
15	1,464	952	1,098	1,318	779	53.21%	173	319	746	572	20.96%	685
_	1,180	767	885	1,062	626	53.05%	141	259	594	468	50.34%	554
9	2,091	1,359	1,568	1,882	1,054	50.41%	305	514	1,025	857	49.02%	1,037
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#### Post 52 Report

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

Date Sat 10/11/2025 8:37 PM

To Butch Sparks <butchsparks@outlook.com>

Cc Ed Ruhnke <evrjr@att.net>

- >> Post 52 last met on Saturday 9/27/25
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- >> 3 TBS statesman came and gave a report on their experiences.
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- >> Increased Membership Efforts will occur prior to our next meeting.

This year's budget was presented and approved by membership.

Post 52 will participate in Veterans Day parade and Christmas wreath program.

- > Our next post meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 1, 2025 1pm.
- >> Respectfully,
- >> Don Quintero
- >> Post 52 Adjutant

(ATTCH5)

#### American Legion Post 77 Report

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> District DEC

#### Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Good afternoon, District Commander Robert Harvey and Legionnaires of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District. American Legion Post 77 is currently at about 57% membership and we recognize that we did not meet the 22<sup>nd</sup> District goal of 75%. The Post 77 Officers are fully aware of their responsibility to membership and making sure that present members renew and to continue recruit new members to make sure the American Legion grows. Our First Vice Commander is leading our Post 77 membership and she has a current roster that we will use to contact members by phone, text and email. We hope to have our membership numbers reflecting on a positive trend.

This past year of 2025, Post 77 made it a point to make sure they represented the post at every convention. Post 77 was present at these following conventions:

Dept of Texas Mid-Winter in January 2025 Austin, Texas

22<sup>nd</sup> District Convention in April 2025 Katy, Texas

2<sup>nd</sup> Division Convention in May 2025 Beaumont, Texas

Dept of Texas Summer Convention in July 2025, Austin, Texas

Dept of Texas Fall Convention in September 2025, Austin, Texas

Along with conventions, Post 77 was active with the Oratorical Program at 3 levels, starting from the Post, the 22<sup>nd</sup> District and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. As for Boys State, Post 77 sent over 30 students to Austin to participate in the Bos State Program. As for Auxiliary Unit 77 they sent over 30 girls to Seguin, Texas to participate in Girls State. Just yesterday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we held our Boys/Girls State luncheon, where the Post gets to hear the experience that each student had at the programs.

Some other events that Post members have participated throughout the year are as follows:

Annual Memorial Day Service at the Houston National Cemetery

Meet the Command Staff of the (LOCAL) Armed Forces at City Hall

Service Day at the Houston National Cemetery (9/11)

Monthly Roll Call at the Houston National Cemetery

(ATTCH6)

Presented Colors at the Tunnel for Towers

Attended Breakfasts at Post 164

Attended Luncheons for HMAC

Attended 9/11 Memorial Service at City Hall (Dr Jones).

As one can see, Post 77 has continued to work with Veterans and the communities in the Greater Houston area. The Post is very proud of the work they have done and is always looking to make an impact in the community.

This concludes Post 77 Commander's report.

#### Post 319 Commander's Report

Post 319 participated in the Fall Department Executive Committee meetings in September. We also participated in the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo parade, as judges and chair for the JROTC portion.

We are hosting our annual first responder's banquet in the month of October, along with participating in a trunk or treat event at one of our local first aid clinics.

We are currently just below 60% in membership for the 2026 year, I believe that this is a direct reflection on myself and am committed to bringing the membership percentage up over the next two months.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Thomas, Commander

(ATTCH8)

### AMERICAN LEGION

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT POST 391

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5. WENDERS HAVE been TALKING TO VETS TO COT
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(ATTCH9)

District Meeting Regart Oct 12, 2025 From Conds. Juan P. De Lear Port 472 Things done for Sept and actober O Irag and afgensten veteror lunch Sept 13, 2025 for veterars from Irag and quest specker clipping sent to legion state magazine. DOct 26, S.A. L. Truck and treat for children, sponen will H. P. D. 3 Oct 14, - Life Deresing event at the legion Movely Dork Sour Tournomet posting of closs by Honor Busil 3 Nov 5, Fleet Week, posting colors and ruising plat on Novigation St downtown Edot - community. army, Marino, and Novy. D Nov! Veteras Dag Celebrator, Breakfost Simil. Thomas Thomas New Mes perlies. Sending letter to non acteur membre who have not paid due. (MICHIO)

#### South Houston Post 490 - Commander's Report

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

#### October 12, 2025

- Continued Post Contributions to Siegmund Foundations.
- Continued Monthly Post Contributions to St. Jude Children Research Hospital
- Continued Monthly Post Contribution to Shriner Hospital Burn Center
- David Witucki received a donation of school supplies from Soldiers & Family Assistance Center at Ellington Airfield. Supplies Donated to Sarah's House (Women' Shelter)
- Post Everlasting Billy Brown, David Wilson, Otto Thornhill
- Commander graduated from American Legion College September 26-28

#### Community Outreach

- Post 490 a "spotlight table" at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of Cuisine at the Lone Star Flight Museum on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Published article in Legion Times
- Labor Day Event Family fun day with kid games, music, food on September 1st
  - Published article in Legion Times
- Post 490 participated by riding on the ship "Observer" at Texian Navy Boat Parade in Galveston.
  - Writing article for Legion Times
- Donated \$750 to Friendswood Senior Center for Christmas Dinners at Luby's
- Purchased refrigerator for Vietnam veteran and Post member who lost his home in a fire.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Our Meeting are now being Held at South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce 10500 Scarsdale, Houston Tx
- Airshow Viewing Event on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Post 490 Parking lot across from Ellington Airfield
- Post 490 Invited to attend various outreach activities on 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Service and First Responders on November 7-9<sup>th</sup>.
- Nick Hughes Service Officer coordinating Fleet Week Nov. 5-12 potential volunteer activities

(ATTCHII)

#### Membership

- Post 490 has 807 members (77.8%) as of 9:30 10-11-2025
- Weekly renewals emails, letters, texts 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.
- Bi-Weekly Commander's Membership Newsletter continues to keep membership engaged.
- SMS (Texting) Program continually integrating its marketing capabilities
- New Facebook page improvement ongoing

#### Building

- The Board of Trustees continues to maintain post property. Excellent job by Board of Trustees (Earl McLearen (Chair), Terry Contella, Jesse Martinez)
- Initiated Billboard renewal research for Negotiations on Contract renewal

#### Finance/Budget

- Monthly Finance Committee Meetings Continues to do a great budgeting and fiscal management. Budget for 2025-2026 finalized and approved.
- Budget funds for 2026 American Legion Baseball Team



American Legion Post 521 2221 Preston Ave. Pasadena, Texas 77504

#### Post 521 Report

Post 521 membership, as of October 11, 2025, is at 57.85%. 1st Vice Commander Randy Vacek has returned after eye surgery and has started contacting members by emails and calling concerning their 2026 renewals.

On September 27, 2025, we sponsored a Veterans Legal Aid Workshop with a group of Houston Veteran Lawyers.

On September 13, 2025 our Post and Auxiliary held a reception for the participants of Boys and Girls State. Had a great turn out with parents, City of Pasadena new Mayor, Thomas Schoenbein, Representatives from Commissioner Adrain Garcia's office and from State Representative Mary Anne Perez.

On October 11, 2025 the Post and Auxiliary held our annual Fall Festival and Vendor Market. Great turnout and fun for everyone.

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, starting at 1500hrs, we will be having a LIT AEP Medicare event.

The post has been having Wednesday Dances and have been having good turnout.

Our Friday Meals are turning into a great suggest and we are having many return folks who enjoy not having to cook at least once a week.

(ATTCH12)

#### **Upcoming Events:**

October 31, 2025- Trunk or Treat with the Pasadena Police-6 to 8PM November 6, 2025-Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Taste of the Town. November 8, 2025-Post Veteran Dinner-5 to 8 PM

This completes my Post report. Submitted by;

Gordon D. Reed Post 521 Commander

#### **AMERICANISM**

Americanism is a Legion initiative directed towards the continuous educating the youth of our Nation in the ways that have brought this Nation to the greatness that it exemplifies today. We are to do this by conducting classes, sessions and attending events that promote the values, concepts, and moral precepts that made this Nation a formidable foe for any society on the globe. It is vital, critical, and absolutely urgent that the Legion continues its approach to this endeavor with focus, resilience and aggressively. Educating the immigrants, inculcating the ideals of Americanism, spreading the real nature and principles of the American governmental processes, are tantamount to us being successful in our quest to achieve our goal. Fostering these objectives in our schools, at all levels, is the most effective method of combating anti-American teachings, activities, and propaganda.

Americanism, like Democracy, will survive as long as the citizens desire it, work for it and fight to keep it as its objective!

#### SCHOOL AWARDS

School Awards programs are an excellent opportunity to for the Legion to represent it recognition merit program. As students receive school awards, they can also receive awards from Legion organizations and have them presented by Veterans wearing Legion uniforms, (the cap). The participation, at the very least, puts the Legion in the minds of our youth! We also use this opportunity to emphasize the development of our six core qualities, active citizenship, courage, patriotism, honor, scholarship and serving! By being proactive in this manner we demonstrate our first core value, active citizenship!!

This an excellent method with personal gratification to influence and impact our most valuable asset (our Nation's youth) to pick up the torch!!

Jimmy Mitchell

Americanism & School Awards Chairman

(ATTCH 13)

## 22 District Reports 10-12-2025

#### **Boys State**

The 2025 Boys State program is starting up for 2026. Information is starting to become available for the new season. The budget at Department has been submitted and accepted. The tuition will remain at \$400 per boy for the 2026 season. Clifton Guillory is the Boys State chair at Department level for 2025-2026.

#### **Oratorical**

The 2026 Oratorical contest has started. Here is the directed calendar from the Department of Texas:

- Local School (If Held) and Post contests must begin after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and be completed by December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> District contest may be held on January 11, 2026, 2pm at Post 1`64 in Katy, Texas. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Contest will be on January 18, 2pm at the Jersey Village Civic Center, 16327 Lakeview Dr. Jersey Village, TX 77040
- The Department of Texas contest will be held February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (February 23<sup>rd</sup> alternate) in Lubbock, TX. At the MCM Elegante Hotel
- If post Oratorical chairs need information or help with the post program, please contact Harry Woodstrom at 281 615-3320. Email: <a href="mailto:financeofficer@legionpost164katytx.org">financeofficer@legionpost164katytx.org</a>.

#### Web Master

The District web site continues to be undated. The address is <a href="https://legiondist22.com">https://legiondist22.com</a>.

All post commanders should check the post directory pages and all committee chairs should check the committee pages for content that is missing or out of date.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Woodstrom

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(ATTCH 14)

To: The Executive Committee, 22<sup>nd</sup> District, Department of Texas, The American Legion.

From: Robert A. Crutchfield, District Hubmaster Subject: Bi-monthly report for October Meeting

I currently have the district email list setup in two parts. The first part consists of post officers and committee chairmen. The second is the post contact list consisting of post commanders and hubmasters. This arrangement allows me to forward messages to the district leadership, or the posts or both. Being specific about who you want a message sent out to when submitting it to me makes it easier for me to serve you well.

I will be updating both lists in the next week or ten days. That makes this an opportune time to send me any additions or deletions you wish me to make among your post contacts etc. Tese can be sent to <a href="mailto:crutchfieldcooks@gmail.com">crutchfieldcooks@gmail.com</a>.

Respectfully Submitted

(ATTCH15)