

Fred Brock American Legion Post 828

January 2017 Newsletter

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Commander's Briefing



A note from Commander Landy:

Happy New Year to everyone in our Fred Brock Post Legion Family. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are eager to help us have another great year here at American Legion Post 828. As 2017 begins, we have made great strides in our journey toward post stability and sound management. The Executive Committee has been working hard to implement programs. Today as I was thinking how blessed we are to live in this Great country. On November 11 we celebrated Veterans Day for all that have served this country, and so thankful to be a part of great organization called the American Legion. On Black Friday we had another landmark social event for our members with Entertainment by Walter Waiters – cousin to the famous Mel Waiters. We raised monies to support our Veterans and assist with finding shelter for homeless Vets. Fred Brock American Legion Post #828 look forward to a productive and joyful year growing our membership.



Chuck Landy
Commander
Post 828

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- Live DJ Music
 - Dancing
 - Free Food
 - Start Time: 7:00 pm
 - End Time: 1:00 am
 - Bring 5 new members –
- Win a FB Post Logo Shirt**



Join us for the Post
828 Monthly Birthday
Celebration – 2nd
Friday every month.
Next Party – Feb. 10th

Sponsored by Fred Brock
Unit 828 American Legion
Auxiliary

Importance of Membership



Al Alford
20th District Commander
Post 828 1st Vice Commander

The Post Commander has overriding responsibility for the Post's membership program. However, the 1st Vice Commander is the Point of Contact for working the Membership Program. With the assistance of the Membership Committee, the 1st Vice Commander is responsible for: (1) obtaining, retaining and increasing the membership of the Post; (2) renewals, enrollment of new members, transfers and reinstatements; and (3)

Newcomer Orientation Program. However, make no mistake membership is everyone's responsibility!!

Why Is Membership So Important?

Talking about membership recruiting can be boring? You might hear about it at the Post meetings. The American Legion may be sending you literature! Or You see the commercials on TV. There is a good reason for all of the redundancy.

Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!

We are facing many critical issues in our nation these days. We have all of the following issues to deal with these days:

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| ➤ National Security Issues?? | Numbers? |
| ➤ Downsizing of the Military? | ➤ Disconnect between younger active |
| ➤ Erosion of your VA benefits? | duty/Reserve/Guard and experienced |
| ➤ Generation Gaps? | retired/separated members of the American |
| ➤ Downward trend in American Legion | Legion |

By our constitution and by-laws and due to "nonprofit" status as a 501(c)18, we are chartered to support the Four Pillars of the American Legion by providing community services and programs supporting (1) Veterans & Veterans Rehabilitation, (2) Children & Youth, (3) National Security and (4) Americanism. ***How can we support the four pillars of the American Legion without support from a large contingent of members.*** Post 828 will running full throttle throughout the fall. If we fail to grow...it is only a matter of time before we cease to exist. ***Simply put...membership is our lifeblood.***

Who's Going To Speak for Veterans?? The American Legion speaks for veterans before Congress, the public & media, and before policymakers. We need high member numbers to maintain a dynamic voice in Washington that will continue to protect the interest of all veterans, service members and their families

What Can You Do? Renew you membership before December 31 every year. It could help the post get additional funds from National Headquarters. Come to the post and support the activities at the post. 2017 dues were due on December 31. Dues are \$41. **HAVE YOU RENEWED??** Volunteer for one programs at the Post. Give what time you can – only if it is just a little once a month.

For God and Country,

Al Alford

Auxiliary Perspectives



Membership, membership, membership. We are all focused on increasing our membership in 2017. In 2016 Unit 828 was the recipient of several awards for 90%, 100%, 102% membership and a cash award. Our meetings are held on the second Monday at 6:00 PM at the Post.

Our Unit is active in sponsoring young ladies at Sam Houston H.S. to Girls State at Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, learning the working of our government. They stay in the dorms on campus for a week and get a chance to run for government positions and to visit the Texas Capitol and observe the proceedings. All expenses are provided the Unit and donors, to include tuition and personal items. On Veteran's Day we provide a meal for all veterans. We are also active in volunteering at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, donating food, toys and school supplies to needy families, and to Nursing Homes clothing for residents in our community.

On the Second Friday of the month, we celebrate birthdays for the Post members. The Party starts at 8:00 PM, Potluck Dinner and music by T-Willie.

We would like to welcome our new members: (see new member page) .

For God and Country.
Jo Ann Flint, President

S.A.L. Perspectives



Hello Post 828!

2016 was good year for the S.A.L. We supported numerous major Post events including Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Post Christmas Party, District 20 Christmas Party, and 20th District meetings.

Thanks to all members of the S.A.L. for their active support of Post activities.

With the money we raised during the year, we were able to provide donations to American Legion Programs such as Boys State, Post 828 programs and events. This is truly a team effort. We will be attending the District 20 Convention in April which is always a good time and a great learning experience. Anyone who would like to attend please contact me, you will enjoy it. We are at ____ % of our membership goal. Thank you all for renewing.

Thomas "Bubba" Tyler
S.A.L. Commander

Post Leadership



AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP

<i>Chuck Landy</i> Commander	<i>Al Alford</i> 1st Vice Commander	<i>Glenn Robinson</i> 2nd Vice Commander	<i>Calvin Bateman</i> Adjutant	<i>Jerry Farmer</i> Finance Officer
<i>Pat Wimberly</i> Chaplain	<i>Bill Merrill</i> Judge Advocate	<i>Fernando Rover</i> Sgt-at-Arms	<i>Jerome Harris</i> Historian	<i>Ike Reid</i> Placement 1
<i>Bill Ellis</i> Placement 2				

Board of Trustees: John Rogers (**Chair**); Otto Usher (**Yr 2**); Ron Adams (**Yr 3**)



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 828 LEADERSHIP

<i>JoAnn Flint</i> President	<i>Ethel Washington</i> 1st Vice President	<i>Tonya Spells</i> 2nd Vice President	<i>Reba Bennett</i> Recording Secretary
<i>Lois Oliver</i> Corresponding	<i>Pamela Money</i> Treasurer	<i>Janet Butler</i> Historian	<i>Faye Braggs</i> Chaplain
<i>Vanessa Landy</i> Sgt-at-Arms			

Ladies at Large: Jamesetta Grant, Cora Clay, Tammy Calton



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP SQUADRON 828

<i>Thomas "Bubba" Tyler</i> Commander	<i>Rodney Autry</i> 1st Vice Commander	<i>Joe Brown</i> 2nd Vice Commander	<i>Ricard Glover</i> Adjutant
<i>Scott Tyler</i> Treasury	<i>Ed Glover</i> Historian	<i>Leroy Cunningham</i> Chaplain	<i>James McCoy</i> Sgt-at-Arms
<i>Jerome Harris</i> Squadron Advisor			



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ALR 828

<i>Bill Merrill</i> Director	<i>Thomas Tyler</i> Assistant Director	<i>Tonya Spells</i> Secretary	<i>Rodney Artry</i> Sgt-at-Arms	<i>Ricardo Allen</i> Road Captain
<i>Roderick "Rodney" Bluefer</i> Safety Officer				

Visit the Post website at it www.fbpost828.com .

Newcomers' Report

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN POST 828 ACTIVITIES:

With so many new members this year (43 new or transferred), we want to share ways you can get involved in the Post. Pick something that interests you and provides you the most enrichment in your life.

- **Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee** : This committee assists veterans in pursuing claims, understanding their rights and obtaining their benefits. Committee members also visit comrades who are sick or disabled, and provide comfort to members' families in illness and bereavement. To assist veterans in obtaining needed hospitalization, to visit comrades who are sick or disabled; to visit and comfort members of their families when sick or bereaved. *Visit nursing homes or VA hospitals: The Auxiliary frequently visits these facilities and Legionnaires are always welcome to attend. It will certainly enrich your life!*
- **Fund-raising events**: *For example, the Post participates in an annual fundraiser golf tournament named after former District Commander from Post 828 – Al Saunders, to raise money for the Boys State program; we hosted post fundraisers such as fish fries, raffles, dinners, donations, etc. In addition, our Legion Riders hold "Boot Drives" periodically and need volunteers to raise lots of money. This is a great way to demonstrate the caliber of our Post members and the pride we take, not only in our Post, but in our community.*
- **Americanism Committee**: *Inspire patriotic and good citizenship through patriotic observances, patriotic and civic instruction in schools, Americanization of aliens, information on anti-American propaganda, youth activities such as Boys State, Scouts, Oratorical Contest, School Award Medals, baseball, flag etiquette, and other similar community services, as well as provide a listing of available scholarships through the "Need A Lift?" booklet.*
- **Welcoming Committee**: *Please feel free to sign up to "meet and greet" every attendee at the General Meetings. It's a great way to get to know other members and have some great conversations. Also, Sgt- At-Arms sometimes gets overwhelmed with signing people in and doesn't have a chance to give newcomers the attention they deserve and may expect.*
- **Membership Committee**: *Obtain, retain and increase the membership of the Post with specific responsibilities for renewals, enrollment of new members, transfers and reinstatements. The Committee is responsible for all aspects of Post membership and creation of the written Membership Plan. 1st Vice Commander chairs and makes a report at all meetings.*
- **House Committee**: *Supervises the operation of physical facilities of a post such as a clubroom, American Legion center, meeting room, etc. Supervision includes administration, responsibility for equipment, hiring and direction of employees, as authorized by Post Executive Committee, and general rules applicable to the conduct of members while on the premises of the post.*
- **Service Committee**: *Responsibilities filing claims, securing hospitalization, etc.; concerned with jobs, with veteran contact, with visits to ailing comrades, with on-the-job training, and with pensions; responsible for maintaining contact with any members of the armed forces from the community served by the post.*

Membership Renewals

Membership in The American Legion is by the calendar-year from January 1st to December 31st. The renewal process begins in July for the upcoming membership year. Renewal notices are sent out in July, October, January, March, and May. If dues are paid directly to the local post, it takes longer for National to be notified about the renewal and you may receive another renewal notice. Dues for 2017 is \$41.

In accordance to American Legion Constitution and By-Laws; ARTICLE IV - DISCIPLINE OF POST AND POST MEMBERS, Section 4: A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth of such year, his membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

♦ **Renew Online**

To renew online, just go to www.legion.org/membership/renewals and you'll be prompted to enter your Membership ID # and your last name.

- ♦ Payment is virtually immediate, you can pay by credit card if you want, and your Membership card will arrive sooner.
- ♦ Paying online saves Post 828 money for postage, printing, and time.

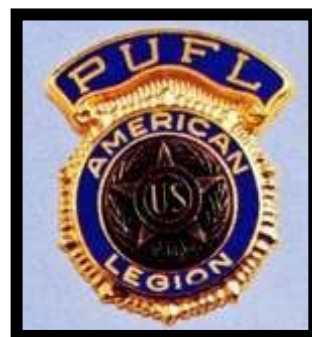
♦ **PUFL - Paid Up For Life**

Why not avoid the hassle of renewing your membership each year and a PUFL – Paid Up For Life? Just go to <http://www.legion.org/join/pufl> and you'll be guided through the easy steps. You have a choice of paying online or you can print an application and mail it.

- ♦ Pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments.
- ♦ Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion.

♦ **Membership Status: (As of 20 Jan 2017)**

- ♦ **2017 Goal:** 300
- ♦ **2017 Members:** 230 (83%)
- ♦ **National/Department of Texas Goal as of 19 Jan 2017:** 80%
- ♦ **Number Required to Meet Goal:** 72
- ♦ **Place in District:** 10th (As of 13 Jan 17); (17 Posts)



Why Join the American Legion

When Someone asks – who is The American Legion and what do they do?

The American Legion is the nation's largest veteran's organization. All posts join and work in partnership with the community to increase community services in our area. We invite all wartime-era veterans in the area to join us in providing service to all veterans and their families in the community.

The post will focus on community service and assistance to veterans, in keeping with the over-100-year tradition of The American Legion. The scope and nature of the post's community service is determined by its members and inputs from local civic and community officials weigh heavily on their decision. Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been an outspoken advocate for veterans' benefits, children & youth, patriotic American values, a strong national defense and quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

The organization, which spearheaded the original GI Bill, has been advocating reform of the veteran's health care system under its GI Bill of Health. Creation of the federal forerunner of the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the agency's ascent to cabinet-level status is due in part to The American Legion's advocacy. The American Legion also was instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Home Loan, veterans hiring preference and just compensation to veterans suffering from illnesses related to their military service, including those whose ailments stem from exposure to Agent Orange and mysterious Persian Gulf origins.

Equally aggressive are The American Legion's efforts to instill values in young people through numerous programs, including American Legion Boys State, American Legion Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, the National High School Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball, Teenage Suicide Prevention, Child Health and a McGruff Safe Kids Program. The American Legion has supported Scouting since 1919. Many American Legion posts also support Junior ROTC high school units, fund-raising for handicapped children, the Children's Miracle Network and partnerships with other nonprofit organizations such as Special Olympics.

The American Legion works every day on behalf of all U.S. servicemen and women. It is recognized as a national leader in transition assistance from military to civilian life, providing resources for careers, education opportunities, child care and more.

DID YOU KNOW?

The American Legion offers a free smartphone app that helps service officers and veterans get through the VA!!

- **COMBATING THE CLAIMS BACKLOG:** VA and The American Legion are working side by side to reverse a massive backlog of unresolved benefits claims. Through its Regional Office Action Review (ROAR) initiative, the Legion travels the nation to pin-point problems and identifies best practices in VA claims management. www.legion.org/veteransbenefits. The Department of Texas have two Veteran Service Officers co-located at both Texas Regional Offices in Houston TX and Waco Texas.
- **NATIONAL SECURITY:** At three U.S. military installations across the country to include Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, Legion staff members help troops work through the medical discharge process and provide representation before medical examination boards to reconcile disability ratings..

Welcome New Members!!

New American Legion Members:

- George Alford
- Jeffery Anderson
- Toni Armstead
- Johnnie Barnes
- Anthony Boone
- James Bracy
- George Brown
- Willie Brown
- Trance Byrd
- Nate Dodd
- Bobby Dyas
- Eric Ferguson
- William Fogle
- Stacie Foushee
- Thomas Hadley
- Anthony Hargrove
- Otis Hasan
- Warren Huel
- Donnovan Jackson
- Desmond James
- Frank Jones
- Gerold McGraw
- Donald Moody
- Vincent Myers
- Terry Patton
- Allen Pete
- Henry Pete
- James Pleasant
- Manuel Robinson
- Derek Scott
- Bobby Sledge
- Alexander Sullivan
- Yoshida Sullivan
- Lawrence Tucker
- Siris Washington
- Wesley Westbrook
- Elijah Wicks
- Edward Wright Jr.



New American Legion Auxiliary Members:

- Aledia Allen
- Wauneen Joiner
- Pamela Moore
- Laddine Sutton
- Damita Hammitt
- Sherry Bailey
- Theresa Citizen-Thomas
- Mertha Dorsey
- Jean Brown
- Arlene Guillory
- Christopher Kemp
- Theresa Newman
- Lavern Robinson



New Sons of the American Legion Members:

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New American Legion Members Riders:

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“Information” - We all Need to Know

New Member Orientation: WWW.FBPOST828.COM:

New to the Post or American Legion? Post 828 will have a new members orientation and welcoming reception on February 18, 2017 @ 9:00 am. During the session we will introduce you to key staff, assign a mentor, go over the history of the American Legion and Fred Brock Post 828. We will discuss officers and committees responsibilities in effort to help new members find a place they may want to volunteer. Until you have completed Newcomer Orientation:

- New members should go to Post 828 Website and review the “New Member Orientation” briefing to help them understand what it means to be a Legionnaire.
- Watch for an orientation class to be scheduled based on the number of available “new members”
- Contact the 1st Vice Commander or Post Historian for more information and updates

Member Email Addresses:

- ♦ We recommend all members of the FB Post 828 Family provide their email addresses to the Post Adjutant or Hubmaster. A tremendous amount of beneficial information is provided to Posts for timely distribution to our members. The best way to provide that information is to email it, to include this newsletter. Information include meeting dates, changes to benefits, Post new items, memorials, special events, Post parties, fundraisers, new members, etc. The list goes on and on. Email you addresses to alford@alfotech.net

“Post Cleanup” - Feb 9, 2017:

- ♦ Post 828 is responsible to its members for maintaining the cleanliness of the Post. Saturday, Feb 11, 2017, ~ 8:00 to 11:00 am. Volunteers needed for our “Post Clean-up”. Come help us and show your pride in the Post! Do what you can, When you can - This is Our House!!
- ♦ *If you have any questions call Jerry Farmer at [210.316.5341](tel:210.316.5341).*



Donate to the Post 828 Building Fund - \$25 - \$50 - \$100

Prior to constructing our new Event Center many individuals pledged donations to the Building Fund to help pay for the new building. While we have spent well over \$60K on the building mortgage, our goal is to eliminate the mortgage as soon as possible. The building has become a tremendous community assets hosting Post events, community town hall meetings, birthday parties, socials, etc. We need your help to accomplish paying off the building soonest. Would you consider donating \$25 - \$50 - \$100 - ???, to help us achieve our goal? We thank you in advance for your support! Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to help payoff our mortgage. You can either donate at Post, call us at [phone number], or send a check to Post 828 Building Fund, 3415 Martin Luther King, San Antonio TX 78220.

National Commander Membership Incentive Pin

The National Commander has established a new pen for Legionnaires who recruit three (3) new members into the American Legion. A new member is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2017 membership year who was not a member of the American Legion during the 2016 membership year. This same program will be in effect for the 2018 membership year. Please Note: (1) documentation include full name, Department, Post, membership ID number and (2) each member listed on the form must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. See adjutant or 1st Vice Commander for more information.

Member Spot Light

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: TONY GRADNEY



Fred Brock American Legion Post 828 has Tony Gradney to thank for many generous contributions of funds, Beer, Wine, and support for our various events. As a seven year resident of the city of San Antonio, Legionnaire Gradney, literally “hit the ground running” as a consummate businessman, with a sense of giving back to his community – including the American Legion. Tony Gradney began his career as a police officer with the city of Houston after serving in the military. He retired from the Houston Police department as a detective after 10 years of service.

He branched out to the hospitality industry in 1999 as Director of Operations for the Girls and Boys Preparatory Academy in Houston. Staying in the Houston area as the Founding Partner for Starr School Caterers, he established and built a catering business that grossed \$7 million in annual revenue reaching as far out as Florida and five cities in Texas. Five years later he went on to sell Starr School Caterers to a national firm after its tremendous ascension. He was recruited by and joined The RK Group in San Antonio in 2008. The RK Group is a full service catering company covering South Texas. There he lead and was accountable for concessions, inventory control and full-service bars. During his time with the RK Group, Tony identified ways to improve the Alamo Dome Club Level concessions experience. Instead of the basic menu items that you would find at a neighborhood ballpark, he saw an opportunity to take it to the next level of quality by creating a menu of high-end gourmet food.

He branched out once again in May 2010 as President and owner of Chelsea’s Catering And Bar Service, LLC located at 217 Cactus. Through his company he has employed numerous citizens in the neighborhood. Legionnaire Gradney has also purchased several dilapidated houses on the Eastside and rehabilitates them, so families can have aff ordable and descent homes. This effort has assisted many low-income families and simultaneously put these properties back on the tax roll as needed for the area schools.

He has purchased commercial properties on the Eastside and rehabilitated them as well, thus employing many individuals in the construction trades in the process. This effort has led to beautification initiatives in the long neglected Denver Heights Neighborhood, which has led to other businesses and residents joining the revitalization efforts. This makes our community more attractive to new businesses and families. Tony has purchased and is in the process of restoring a historic mansion in the Dignowity Hills section of North Pine Street. This property is listed on the Historic Design Review Commission's registry of historically significant property and will be his permanent residence upon completion. This will add tremendous value to this community and stimulate additional improvements in this area of the city.

He isn't all business; he also gives his time and resources to local community charities and not-for-profit organizations such as; Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce, Eva’s Heroes, and etc. Thus giving those organizations a stronger platform to advocate for the small companies and underserved populations in our community.

He believes that the more you give and make a difference in the community, the more it strengthens and grows the community to be the best place to live and raise his daughter. He instills these core beliefs with his employees and the people who work with him by being a mentor and someone they can look up to for personal and professional growth. He takes an interest in you and empowers the people around him to do their best.

Member Spot Light

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: JOE EARL LINSON



Fred Brock American Legion Post 828 Joe Linson not only has contributed to the welfare and well-being of Post 828. He has given his time and remains very visible at all of our major events.



Joe is a native of San Antonio TX. He is the vice president and direct operations and business development for a food service firm, Chelsea's Catering and Bar Services, which is part of the exclusive catering team at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Alamodome in San Antonio. Additionally, He is the founder of JEL and Associates, a management consulting firm focusing on community outreach and governmental advocacy.

He has a BA Degree in Political Science with a Minor - Criminal Justice from UT Dallas. Joe is a graduate of Leadership San Antonio, past chairman of the Food Bank of San Antonio and South Texas and the Valero Texas Open golf tournament, and recipient of the North Chamber of Commerce career achievement award. Prior to attending UT Dallas, he was in the U.S. Army's 1st Calvary Division and received my associate's degree from Mountain View College. While at Mountain View, I was a member of the National Honor Society of Junior Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa

Joe attributes his success to a group of really caring professors, counselors and administrative staff at UT Dallas. They all took a personal responsibility in his well-being. Joe's motto - ***"Winners never quit and quitters never win."***

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: JAMESETTA GRANT



American Legion Auxiliary Unit #828 Lady-at-Large Jamesetta Grant has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 17 years, serving as President and other leadership positions. Jamesetta was born in San Antonio and attended the local schools before graduating from Phillis Wheatley High School in 1959. She began a career in the Insurance business in 1962 until retirement in 2002. For more 38 years she has been an active member of Progressive Baptist Church. Jamesetta is also a member of Electa Chapter, Order of the Eastern Stars (OES). She is very proud of her 4 children, 11 grand-children, and 7 great grandchildren.



"Information" - We all Need to Know

Line Dancing Lesson – Every Thursday:

As part of its Wellness Program for the Post, we are offering Line Dancing Lessons every Thursday , 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Event Center. Come on out and support the program, get some exercise, and learn some of those line dances.

Announcements:

♦ Post Hours of Operations:

- Mon – Wed – Th: 4 pm – 12 am
- Fri – Sat: 4 pm – 1:00 am
- Sun: 5 pm – 12 am

♦ Post Elections:

Post elections will take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**. All officers, Executive Board Placements 1 and 2 are up for elections annually at that time. Volunteers and nominations for officers to run for election will take place on **Tuesday, April 18 2017** at the Regular Post Meeting. Member must be present at the meeting to accept a nomination.

♦ Play Darts?? Join Our Dart League!!



We are looking for someone to make up a team of 6 players, forming a 2nd Dart team. The team will play against the other Post team every Wednesday. Ultimately the Post will have a traveling team to play other Posts (just like the pool team). For more information contact Post Historian Jerome Harris (email - hjerome15@yahoo.com).

♦ Super Bowl Party:

Post 828 will be hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5, 2017 – 4 pm – 12 am. We are opening the facility early – come on in and enjoy the great atmosphere, 150” projection TV, and good food.



Fred Brock Post 828 Super Bowl Party!!

**150”
Projection TV!!**



- 50/50 Raffle
- Cantina Bar
- Bring a member/guests
- Prizes

Sunday - February 5, 2017

4:00 pm – 12:00 am

Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, BBQ, and more!!

Donations: \$10 at door

"Information" - We all Need to Know

American Legion Members Portal: myLegion.org

www.myLegion.org is a FREE website designed to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department leadership. myLegion includes a site at each level of the organization:

Create a FREE myLegion site:
Members Click Here Available for Legion members only.
Departments Click Here Available for department staff only.
Posts/Districts/Counties Click Here Available for American Legion Posts, Districts and Counties only. Prior to creating a Post/District/County account, an Authorization Form must be completed and submitted to National Headquarters for processing.

- **Post Members** – Registering and using myLegion.org allows members to view information on file at National Headquarters, view messages and events published through the Department and Post myLegion sites, and network with other myLegion members using networking tools.
- **Posts/Districts/Counties** - provides Legion and SAL information for all members in their post. Allows post to submit member data change forms and Consolidated Post Reports electronically. Upload post image, newsletter, message, and calendar. Create membership listings, view members renewing online, search for members who have expired or are members of the department headquarters post, and chat with other officers discussing veterans issues and sharing membership ideas.

Boys State Information

Boys State Program began registration on Jan 2, 2017. The program will again be held at the UT Campus in Austin from Sunday June 11 through Friday June 16th.

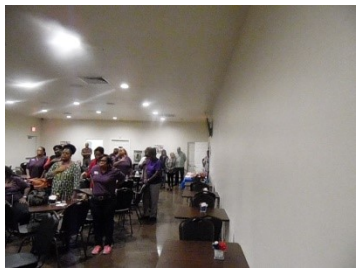
- The annual mandatory orientation for each selected candidate and at least one parent/guardian will be held at Post 2 on Wednesday May 10th starting at 6:00 p.m
- All candidates are required to return to Post 2 by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday June 11th for departure by bus to Austin

Complete information regarding the Boys State Program can be found at the texasboysstate.com website. Please contact Calvin Bateman if you have any questions.

Girls State Information

The 2017 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Girls State will be held at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas from June 11-June 17, 2017.

Events Scrapbook





**Blues
Singer
Walter
Waiters
entertain
the
members
of Post 828
every Black
Friday**



Recent Events

Martin Luther King Day Parade

Post 828 has been located at the head of the annual Martin Luther King Day parade since its inception on January 19, 1987 by the Commission and the City of San Antonio. Each year, a variety of educational, non-profit, inspirational and celebratory events honor one of the nation's most revered civil rights leader. Post 828 held its annual event including a "Soul Food" dinner on Monday, January 19, 2017. San Antonio hosted the largest march in the nation, with approximately 300,000 participants with large and small groups marching together. Our Post was visited by Masonic groups, fraternities, and many interested individuals. The event was successful on several fronts, raising funds for our Programs and bringing in over 20 new members.



20th District Christmas Party

District Commander Al Alford and Post 828 hosted the annual 20th District Christmas Party in our event center on December 3, 2016. Opening remarks were provided by District 2 Councilman Alan Warrick II provided opening remarks. Turnout was little low due to inclement weather and conflicts with other parties. However, we had a great time with raffles, prize auctions, and entertainment by Jerry Farmer. Post 593 had the highest number of attendees. We raised money for the District and really enjoyed some good eating. The American Legion Unit 828 Auxiliary served the guests – Thanks to the Auxiliary for great support!!! The Party was attended by Department Treasurer Dave Paris, Department SAL Detachment Commander Henry Creech, 20th District Auxiliary President Cheryl Huguley, Commander Danny Muth, etc.

Black Friday w/ Walter Waiters

On November 25, 2016, Walter Waiters provided an outstanding concert to the members of Fred Brock Post 828. Walter has established an annual tradition of entertaining veterans at the Post. Born in San Antonio, Texas, this Blues man is the cousin of Southern Soul Recording Artist, Mel Waiters. He has committed to visiting Post 828 every year on Black Friday to support his home area. In 2001, he released his independent debut CD titled "Don't Scratch My Back," which included his first hit single, "Don't Scratch My Back". The event raised several hundred dollars for Post 828 while entertaining the veterans of San Antonio!!!

Post 828 Christmas Party

On Saturday, 12 December 2017, the legionnaires of Post 828 presented an excellent Christmas Party in honor of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. Special thanks go out to the volunteers who prepared the food for the party. The spirit of the holidays came alive in our own backyard! We enjoyed the twinkling lights choreographed to joyful holiday sounds. It was a great evening of fun, fellowship, dancing, and prize giveaways. The Auxiliary had a very strong showing among its members. The challenge has been extended for more Legionnaires to participate in the event in the future.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans. In 1954, after the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Our keynote speaker was John Hince. He is the immediate past Department of Texas Vice Commander and lead candidate for Department of Texas Commander -- John Hince. Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood addressed the audience as well as District 2 Councilman Alan Warwick.

Post Revitalization

District Commander Al Alford hosted a District Wide Revitalization on November 18-20, 2016 at Post 828 and Post 2. *The Volunteer turnout at both locations was very good. 203 members transferred from headquarters and DMS to active membership at local posts. . Only 4 members committed to transfer to Post 828. In addition, we 10 new members from the 2015 expired listings. The 20th District Commander has complete lists of current and expired members (2015 and 2014). All Posts are encouraged to continue using these lists to do their own post revitalization. We plan to target the Post membership committee to contact more 2014/15 members.*

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Chaplain's Corner

With sincere regret, we announce that the Supreme Commander has called to the Post Everlasting the following Legionnaires from Post 828 for Calendar Year 2016:

Thomas "T New" New - US Air Force - Feb 2016

CW Bankston – May 2016

Herman Rosser – June 2016 (Korea)

Ernest Humphreys - US Army - July 2016 (Korea)

Otis Cooks – July 2016

Charles Johnson- US Army

Clifton Wallace Sr. – US Army -

We offer "TAPS" to honor these Legionnaires and their families for their tireless service to our veterans:

Day is done, Gone the Sun
from the lakes, from the hills,
from the sky All is well, Safely
rest, God is nigh.

We wish a speedy recovery to those legionnaires and their families who are ill.

Upcoming Events

Meeting & Conventions:

- ***Post Meetings: Every 3rd Tuesday***
- ***Dept. of Texas Mid-Winter Conference (Jan 26-29 2017)***
Omni Austin Southpark Hotel
4140 Governor's Row
Austin, TX. 78744
- ***20th District Meeting (Feb 8, 2017)***
John F. Kennedy Post 485
431Kendalia Avenue
San Antonio TX 78214
- ***20th District Spring Convention (April 15, 2017 – 8:00 am)***
Alamo Post 2
3518 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78201

Meeting & Conventions:

- ***20th District Meeting June 14, 2017 (7:30 pm)***
Gene Ramirez Post 443
20295 Somerset Rd
Somerset TX 78214
- ***Department of Texas Convention (Jul 12 – 16, 2017)***
Shilo Inn Hotel
3701 S. WS Young Dr.
Killeen TX

Upcoming Events (cont.)

Membership Appreciation Night!!

Featuring Floyd "Down Home Blues" Haywood (24 February 2017 – 7 pm -1 am)



- ✚ Special R& B Show!!
- ✚ Certificate of Recognitions: Special "member of month" recognition of Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and S.A.L.
- ✚ Prizes
- ✚ 50/50 Raffle

Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino Day Trip

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 Returning: Leave Casino @ 5:00 pm

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 (must have a valid State or Federal issued I.D.)
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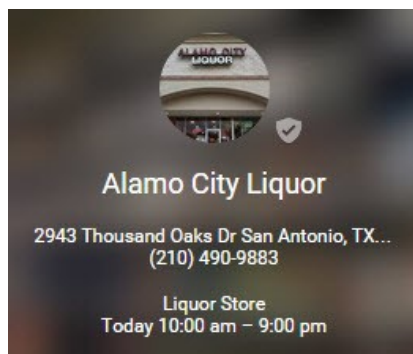
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San Antonio Zulu Association



**Special Appreciations to Mr. George Gervin for his special
donations and support!!**



**NEW!!!! Post Happy Hour
Every Friday!!
4 pm to 8 pm**



Reduced Price Drinks & Food by volunteers

Sponsored by Post 828 Entertainment and Membership Committees

Event Center Rental Rate Change



Event Center Rental

Our Event Center is available for rental on a reserved basis. Funds raised by these rental supports the Post American Legion programs and the operations of Post 828 – a non-profit organization. The Post recently voted to increase the rental rate.

New Rates for 2017:

Member: \$300

Non-Member: \$500

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