

# Fred Brock American Legion Post 828

## March-April 2017 Newsletter

Editor: Al Alford



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### Commander's Briefing



#### A note from Commander Landy:

I am coming to the end of my tenure and I am leaving the office of Commander with a wealth of knowledge. It has been a fantastic experience and I am thankful for the awareness I've acquired. I've experienced great ideas, suggestions, criticism, and compliments. I've tried to be open-minded, to value other people's opinions and to consider other ideas along with mine, to end up with a great final result. Being part of Fred Brock Post 828 American Legion family afforded me opportunities to work with many on you on a personal level and we are in a better place than they were, thanks to some of the things we have accomplished together. The American Legion family is about sharing credit, compromise; at times lead, follow, and more often than not, meet in the middle. It's been a pleasure commanding this Post and I look forward to other opportunities to support our future programs while working diligently for the Post. We have accomplished a lot together. Thank you for all of your support over the last two years!! Good luck to the next commander and his team of officers.



**Chuck Landy**  
**Commander**  
**Post 828**

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**Join us for the Post 828**  
**Monthly Birthday**  
**Celebration - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**  
**every month.**  
**Next Party - April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Sponsored by Fred**  
**Brock Unit 828**  
**American Legion**  
**Auxiliary**

## Membership Report

Al Alford  
20<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Post 828 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander/Hubmaster



Post828 had one of the most successful member years in the last few years. We exceeded last year's membership by nine members and we aren't done yet!! To meet our all time high, we need everyone's help! I thank you all for your efforts to bring in new members and get others to renew. **DON'T FORGET: The events we are now hosting at the Post have been instrumental in attracting new members to the Post. We have experienced an unprecedented growth in new members!!!** But we still have work to do. Come to events, support the Post and be a part of getting members to return and encouraging others to join.

### ♦ Membership Status: (As of 18 April 2017)

- ♦ **2017 Goal:** 300
- ♦ **2017 Members:** 304
- ♦ **National/Department of Texas Goal:** 101.33%
- ♦ **Number Required to Meet Member Retention Goal(90%):** 19
  - **Post Retention Award** – In order to qualify for Post Retention Award we need to retain 90% of previous 2016 membership. That requires renewal of approximately 278 members. As of 18 April our renewals were at 257. We need 19 more of our members to renew. Please help identify members to target for renewals.
- ♦ **Number Required to Meet All Time High Goal:** 32
- ♦ **New Members:** 55 (Recruitment Goal – 30)
- ♦ **Place in District:** 2nd out of 17 Posts – previously 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- ♦ **Qualified for Post Recruitment Award** - With 51 new members the post now qualifies for National Post Recruitment Award.

Membership is Everybody's  
**RESPONSIBILITY**



### ♦ What Can You Do?

The Post Commander has overriding responsibility for the Post's membership program. However, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander is the Point of Contact for working the Membership Program. Renew your 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*

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:



Our Unit had five members that attended the 20th District Spring Convention, April 15th, Unit 375, 9608 S. Presa, Thelma Harris, Bertha Bain, Faye Braggs, Cassandra Small and me. Our Guest Speaker was Mrs. Mary Ann Paul, The Department of Texas President. It was a very informative meeting with each President presenting their Unit's report. A delicious lunch of Bill Miller's Bar-B-Que and plenty of deserts being served.

Our membership has increased to 107 members. Many Thanks go out to all who has been such a big help in the increase.

### NEW MEMBERS:

Adison Grant (Y)	Kimorah Grant (Y)
Dalila A'Giza (D)	Patricia Wimberley (D)
Cassandra Small (A)	Jacqueline Baker (A)
Sherise Payne-Robinson (A)	Theresa Walker (A)

**CHURCH CALL:** April 23rd, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 2157 Burnet Street, 10:30 AM, Pastor Garry Roberts. Pictures to be taken. White Attire. Lunch TBA

**GIRLS STATE FUNDRAISER:** The Auxiliary will hold a Liquor Basket Raffle starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The drawing will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Post Birthday Party. Tickets - \$5.00 for one ticket and \$10.00 for three tickets. Please see any Auxiliary member. The fundraiser will help defray the cost of sending deserving young ladies to Girls State.

### COMING EVENTS:

- **May 8th: Election of Officers for 2017-2018**
- **May 12th: May Birthday Party, Potluck, Music by T-Willie**

For God and Country.  
Jo Ann Flint, President

## ***S.A.L. Perspective***



### **Hello Post 828!**

The Sons of the American Legion as a patriotic service organization has been in existence since September 12–15, 1932. The S.A.L. is made up of male descendants of people who served in the United States Armed Forces during times specified by the American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion's mission to serve veterans, the military and their families is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters. This upcoming election year will set a new standard for involvement by the Sons in Post activities. We have had a successful membership year so far; we need to keep building on what we have accomplished. Elections are coming up – remember to vote and volunteer to hold offices to help manage S.A.L. functions. Get involved!!

Thomas “Bubba” Tyler  
S.A.L. Commander

## ***American Legion Riders Perspective***



The first year of Our Chapter of the American Legion Riders (ALR) founded in June 2016 as a program under the Fred Brock Post 828. The ALR are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Post 828 Riders have participated in Post programs while attracting members from other Posts to include Post 375.

William “Bill” Merrill  
Director

## ***"Information" We All Need To Know***

**LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is available for children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active duty on or after 9/11, as well as post 9/11 veterans with a combined 50% or higher VA disability rating. To qualify and apply for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship, you must be able to answer YES to the following 3 questions.

1. Are you currently a high school senior and/or accepted at or attending an institution of higher education?
2. Is your institution of higher education a nonprofit and regionally-accredited institution? (If you are unsure, contact your institution's admission office. Regional accreditation applies to the whole school not a program.)
3. Does at least one of the following statements apply to you?
  - a. A legal parent of mine died while serving on active duty, U.S. military service on or after September 11, 2001. (Does not have to be a death out-of-country or in combat.)
  - b. A legal parent of mine is a Post-9/11 veteran of the U.S. military, who has been given a disability rating of 50% or higher by the Veterans Administration.

If a student can answer **YES** to the previous 3 questions, they may fill out the online application @:

<https://www.legion.org/legacy-scholarship-application/eligibility>

### **♦ 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](mailto:alford@alfotech.net)

## ***"Information" - We all Need to Know***

### **Announcements:**

#### **♦ Boys State Information:**

Boys State 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.
- **May 15** – Texas Boys State registration ends and "wait-list" begins. Registrations are complete when applications are received in Austin with tuition payment. Registrations are running far ahead of previous years.

#### **♦ Important Dates:**

- **April – Month of the Military Child:** Military children are a treasured resource and they sacrifice and serve in their own way. To honor their service, in 1968 Casper Weinberger declared April as the month of the Military Child
- **April 4 – Gold Star Wives Day** – founded prior to the end of WWII to provide support for the spouses and children of those who lost their lives while serving the Armed Forces of the United States.
- **April 5** – 95% Membership Target Date
- **April 14** – Air Force Reserve Birthday – 69 years ago the Army Air Corps Reserve officially became the Air Force Reserve.
- **April 20** - Legacy Scholarship Applications due – the application is [HERE](#)
- **April 23** – Army Reserve Birthday – founded 109 years ago when Congress established a Medical Reserve Corps the predecessor of the Army Reserve
- **May 3** – 100% Membership Target Date
- **May 15** – TEXALPA Awards Due (Website, History Book, and Newsletter)
- **May 20** – Black & White Scholarship Dinner and Dance



## ***"Information" - We all Need to Know***

### ♦ **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.

### ♦ **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. The following slate of candidates have been designated as indicated:

- Commander - Al Alford (unopposed)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - John Rogers (unopposed)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Glenn Robinson (unopposed)
- Adjutant - Calvin Bateman (unopposed)
- Finance Officer - Jerry Farmer (unopposed)
- Service Officer - Willie Watson (unopposed)
- Chaplain - Pat Wimberly (unopposed)
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Fernando Rover (unopposed)
- Historian - Jerome Harris (unopposed)
- Placement 1 - Two Candidates: Ike Reid (Incumbent) and Dalila "Dee" A'Giza
- Placement 2 - Bill Ellis (unopposed)

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

We continue to 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 pay off 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.

## ***Welcome New Members!!***



### **New American Legion Members:**

- Dalila A'Giza
- George Alford
- Jeffery Anderson
- Toni Armstead
- James Baldwin
- Johnnie Barnes
- Anthony Boone
- James Bracy
- George Brown
- Willie Brown
- Donnie Butler
- Trancle Byrd
- Nate Dodd
- Willie Duhon
- Benjamin Dunn
- Bobby Dyas
- Eric Ferguson
- William Fogle
- Stacie Foushee
- Alma Francois
- Tavarus Glover
- Dorrell Godley
- Jermaine Goodman
- Thomas Hadley
- Anthony Hargrove
- Otis Hasan
- Kevin Huber
- Warren Huel
- Daniel Izzi
- Donnovan Jackson
- Desmond James
- Owen Johnson
- Frank Jones
- Maria Kelly
- Gerold McGraw
- Tylerchyski McMillan
- Johnny Mendez

### **New American Legion Members (Cont.):**

- Johnny Mendez
- Donald Moody
- Vincent Myers
- Robert Oliver
- Terry Patton
- Allen Pete
- Henry Pete
- James Pleasant
- Manuel Robinson
- Frenchy Santiny
- Derek Scott
- William Shaw
- Johnnie Sheppard
- Bobby Sledge
- Joe Smith
- Ronald Southall
- Alexander Sullivan
- Yoshida Sullivan
- Sydney Thompson
- Lawrence Tucker
- Siris Washington
- Wesley Westbrooks
- Elijah Wilks
- Clarence Williams



### **New Sons of the American Legion Members:**

- Trey Buckley
- Andrew Bluefer
- Arman Stanley V
- Kinston Amir Franklin
- Al Alford (Dual)
- Alexander Brown



### **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
- Adison Grant (Youth)
- Kimorah Grant (Youth)
- Dalila A'Giza (Dual)
- Patricia Wimberly (Dual)



### **New American Legion Members Riders:**

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## Member Spotlight

### AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER OF THE MONTH (FEBRUARY 2017): WILLIE WATSON



During this award period, Willie Watson volunteered numerous hours to visiting sick and hospitalized veterans, managed post security and parking during events, donating food, serving veterans, and provide Post flags to events as required. Willie Watson Fred Brock Post #828 Service Officer is Legionnaire Willie F. Watson, Sr. Willie is a native of Harrison County, Marshall, Texas. He attended Carver High School in Karnack, Texas. He furthered his education by attending Wiley College from 1953 to 1957, majoring in Physical



Education. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 1957. He had overseas tours in Germany, Korea, and Vietnam. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1987 with 30 years of service retiring as a Sergeant Major. After retiring he was employed at Highlands High School in San Antonio for 13 years as an instructor for the R.O.T.C. program. He is married to Vera and has one son, one daughter and one granddaughter. He is a people person, with his hobbies including fishing, gardening, sports of all types and dominoes.

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER OF THE MONTH (FEBRUARY 2017): BUBBA TYLER



Squadron Commander Tyler has a long history of volunteering numerous hours in support of Post 828 programs. Thomas "Bubba" Tyler is the son of Thomas Lee Tyler. His father was a SP4 in the US Army. He also served on Vietnam. Bubba Tyler has been a member of S.A.L. since 2009. He became the SAL commander in 2012. He is also a member of the American Legion Riders where he serves as Assistant Director. He is an active Deacon at the Greater Good News Baptist Church. He is a proud father of three and grandfather of eight.



### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE MONTH (FEBRUARY 2017): ETHEL WASHINGTON



Ethel was born in Crystal City, Texas and is the oldest of 10 children; mother of two daughters. She is an active member of Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church and she is a lead singer in the choir. Ethel is also an active member of the Leslie Foster Community Choir and sings with the City Wide Revival Choir. Ethel has served as a board member for YMCA and Financial Secretary and headed the fund raising committee of The ELKS.



Ethel has been a member of the Fred Brock American Legion Auxiliary for over five years and presently is the First Vice President. Ethel is consistently the top Fundraiser for the Auxiliary. She is a very out-going and very energetic person.

## Member Spotlight (Cont.)

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDER OF THE MONTH (FEBRUARY 2017): WILLIAM “BILL” MERRILL



Legionnaire Bill Merrill is from Wicomico, Maryland on the Eastern Shore. He joined the Air Force and served from 1971-1982. He is currently a civil servant on Security Hill, Lackland AFB, TX. Bill has been a legionnaire for over 20 years. Bill is also the current Judge Advocate of Post 828. Bill Merrill is the force behind establishing the **first ever** American Legion Rider (ALR) chapter at Fred Brock Post 828 in June 2016. He recruited members, completed required paperwork, developed a constitution and bylaws, and assumed the role of the first Director.



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE AND DEDICATE A TABLE AND 4 CHAIRS IN THE EVENT CENTER



There are still tables available in the Event Center for purchase and dedication to yourself or anyone of your choosing. Each dedicated table will have a name tag with the name of the individual to whom it is dedicated with a date. Each table comes with 4 matching chairs. Your donation will be used to defray the cost of furnishing the Event Center. The table and chairs cost the post \$200. We ask that your donation cover the cost of the \$200. Thank you for your consideration!!

## ***Youth Spotlight***

### ***Alexander Brown - Boys State Selectee***

As the son of an active duty Army Officer stationed with U.S. Army



### ***Pinochle Card Players***

m the 40's, 50's and 60's.



## ***Post Everlasting***

*With sincere regret, we announce that the Supreme Commander has called to the Post Everlasting the following Legionnaires from Post 828 for January and February 2017:*



*We offer "TAPS" to honor this Legionnaire and his family 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.



**Youth Building for the Future:** Non-profit organization that works to develop and implement effective programs and practical action strategies for youth and their families in the area of education, health, sports training, economics, and housing in order to promote and maintain an environment of sustainable self-sufficiency for youth aged 4-25, within San Antonio.

**Be A Sponsor: Sponsorship Levels:** Platinum (unlimited); Gold (\$5000); Silver (\$2500); (Bronze - \$1000) and Supporter (\$500)

**Contact Information:** Youth Building For the Future, 734 N. New Braunfels, Ste. 102; San Antonio, TX 78202. (210) 723-6147; unionworldent@gmail.com

**Lunch and Learn Launch:** Antioch Sports Complex, 314 Ecross St., SATX – May 3, 2017 (11:30 am to 1:30 pm)



## Events Scrapbook



## Recent Events

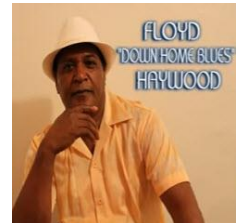
### *Membership Appreciation Night (24 Feb 2017)*

Post 828 hosted its Monthly Membership Appreciation Night honoring members who made outstanding contributions to the programs of the American Legion through volunteer hours. The evening was filled with food provided by the members of the post, music, and other activities. The following individuals were honored at the event:

- **WWII Veteran - Willie Foster:** Commander Chuck Landy presented a special WWII Veteran Medal to Mr. Foster for service during the war and 29 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. There are 13 WWII veterans on the roles of the Post. Our goal is to honor each of those veterans accordingly.
- **Legionnaire of the Month** - Willie Watson Sr
- **Auxiliary of the Month** – Ethel Washington
- **S.A.L. of the Month** – Thomas “Bubba” Tyler
- **American Legion Rider of the Month** – William “Bill” Merrill

A highlight of the evening was the performance of blues singer **Floyd “Down Home Blues” Haywood**. Mr. Haywood dedicated his voluntary performance to the veterans of Post and their service to the county. He “turned the post out” with his rendition of Gene Chandler’s “Rainbow.” Floyd promised to return to perform for the Post in the near future.

Miss Eminence Miss Black San Antonio 1st Runner-up Dominique Green represented MBSA Rachel Taylor at the event. Ms. Green represented very well while acknowledging the role veterans play supporting the security of our nation. With young ladies like Ms. Green there is great hope for the future of our nation.



### *Miss Black San Antonio 2017 – Rachel Taylor*

Post 828 sponsored Brennan High School Senior, Ms. Rachel Taylor in the Ms. Black San Antonio Contest. It is with great pride that we announce our candidate was selected as Ms. Black San Antonio. At the contest, the beautiful, bright, and articulate Senior thanked the members of Fred Brock Post 828 for their support while acknowledging the importance of veterans to our nation’s security. The contest is in its 42<sup>nd</sup> Year. Chaired by Mrs. Glenetta “Queen Bee” Bierra, the membership of the African American Community Awareness Project Group annually hosts the Miss Black San Antonio Scholarship Pageant to assist young ladies with their future endeavors.





## Chaplain's Corner

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

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### Upcoming Events

#### Meeting & Conventions:

- **Post Meetings: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**
- **District Calendar Meeting - (July 19, 2017 – 10:00 am)**

Location: TBD

#### **Membership Appreciation Night!!**

**The next Membership Appreciation Night is scheduled for (TBD) \_\_ May, 2017**

#### Meeting & Conventions:

- **20<sup>th</sup> 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

- ✚ 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  
– 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday every  
month.**

**Next Party –  
May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Sponsored by Fred  
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#### POST HOURS OF OPERATIONS:

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

#### CHURCH CALL: APRIL 23, 2017

- Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
- 2157 Burnet Street, 10:45 AM,
- Pastor Gary Roberts.
- Lunch TBA

## Upcoming Events

Welcome  
to POST 828



1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE

*Dinner and Dance Benefit*

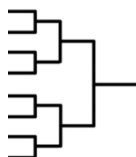
*Semi-formal attire*

- ATTIRE – SEMI-FORMAL
- WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM
- WHERE: 3415 MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE,
- ADMISSION: \$20 PER PERSON
- **Note: All proceeds go to the American legion scholarship fund**
- **For more information: 210.605.1963 or 210.364.0436**

### TOURNAMENT GAME NIGHT PLANNING

The Membership Committee is developing a proposal for game night tournaments to submit to the Entertainment Committee. While we are in the planning phase, we are open to suggestions from all Post members.. Tournament games under consideration include:

- ❖ Pinochle
- ❖ Bid Whist.
- ❖ Spades
- ❖ Dominoes



We need suggestions on the best night to host event. One suggestion under consideration is hosting the event 6 to 10 pm on Saturday. Of course we would have to work around the Event Center rentals under any circumstances. Our goal is to promote more activities and increase participation of our members at the Post. Suggestions are welcomed.

**Please Support Our Sponsors**



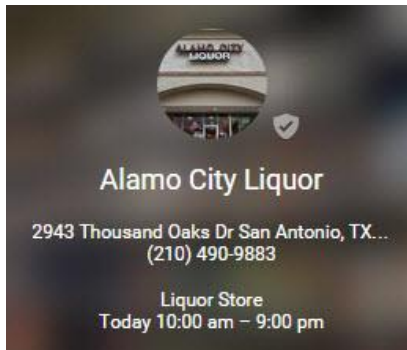
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**San Antonio Zulu Association**



**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**



# Fred Brock American Legion Auxiliary Unit 828

## Girls State Fundraiser



## Liquor Basket Raffle



**TICKETS:** \$5 each; Three (3) Tickets for \$10

**WHEN:** Ticket on sale 1 April 2017 – 12 May 2017

**DRAWING:** Drawing will be held on May 12, 2017 at post birthday party;

**WHO:** See Auxiliary members for tickets

**All proceeds from raffle will go towards funding nominees  
for Girls State program.**



### ***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



## *Follow Us On Facebook*



### **FACEBOOK ADDRESS:**

<https://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-No-828-1523163961278502/>

**Register and Sign In to follow Post activities**

## *Visit Our Website: FBPost828.com*



## *Post Youth Program Contribution*



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## **Membership Renewal Information**

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 are \$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](http://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.





## Post 828 Leadership



### AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP

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Visit the Post website at it [www.fbpost828.com](http://www.fbpost828.com) .

## ***Newcomers' Information***

### ***New Member Point of Contact***

Please contact the Post 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for additional information about becoming a member of Post 828. At your request, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander will assign a “mentor/sponsor” to oversee your entry into Post activities. The Post will periodically conduct a New Member Orientation Program to help members adjust to membership in the Post and assist with viewing activities for potential involvement. A Newcomer’s Orientation briefing is available for download and review at the Post website or through the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.

### ***Newcomer Orientation***

During the session we will introduce you to key staff, assign a mentor/sponsor, 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

### ***Suggested References:***

See New Member Orientation Briefing for more details: (fbpost828.com or request copy from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander). Includes information on:

- American Legion Extension Institute – Online Course
- Post Web Site: [www.fbpost828.com](http://www.fbpost828.com)
- The American Legion National Constitution and By-Laws (fbpost828.com)
- 2017 Officer’s Guide and Manual of Ceremonies (fbpost828.com)
- Post Adjutant’s Guide (fbpost828.com)
- Post 828 Constitution and By-Laws (fbpost828.com)
- Mylegion.org: American Legion member’s portal