# **Fred Brock American Legion Post 828**



# September 2018 Newsletter

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# Commander's Briefing

## A note from Commander Alford:

I hope our entire Fred Brock family had a very enjoyable and safe Labor Day Weekend. A long holiday provides us a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family as we recharge our batteries for the challenges we may face in the remainder of upcoming year. Across our post we accomplished a great deal so far in 2018, and this is in large part due to the love and support our American Legion Family has been gracious enough to give us and our endeavors. Thank you!! We have placed a renewed emphasis on our Family Programs so that our members have mechanisms to remain resilient and find balance in their personal, professional, and military lives. Aside from the many great programs our Family Programs provide our community, we will be expanding our building further. Congratulations to all of Post 828 for reaching 100% membership and an **ALL-TIME HIGH** for 2017-2018 year! I can't say thank you enough to all those getting renewals in and to all our new members for ioining.



Al Alford 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday every month. Blue Mondays w/ DJ Bossman

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# **Auxiliary Perspectives**

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Thank you for your support of the Auxiliary events. It is greatly appreciated. The Monthly Birthday Party has been scheduled for September 14th, October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 9th (November/December are combined), Potluck, Music by T-Willie, Event starts at 8:00 PM.

**20th District Fall Convention** will be October 13, registration at 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM at Post 667, 504 Bowie, Universal City.

#### **Girls State Information**

The Annual Raffle Ticket for Girls State Fundraiser will run from September 10th until November 9th. The drawing will be held at the November birthday party. We will be raffling a **Michael Kors Reagan Satchel (valued at \$378.00), One ticket for \$5.00 or two tickets for \$8.00.** See any Auxiliary member to donate. The 2019 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Girls State will be held at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas from June 16 - 22, 2019.

Please bring non-perishable items to our October and/or November meetings for the Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families.

For God and Country.

M. Jo Ann Flint-Humphrey, President Fred Brock Unit 828, ALA The Department of Texas

# S.A.L. Perspectives



Our charter is contingent upon its parent post's charter. Fred Brock Squadron 828 works with American Legion post 828 in executing our program activities. However, Squadron 828 defines the extent of its services to the community, state and nation. Post 828 has permitted our Squadron flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet defined post, District, Department and National

goals. Our planning for future activities will always consider S.A.L.'s mission: to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion. Therefore, our squadrons' campaigns for 2019 will place an emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. We will continue to place emphasis on growing our membership numbers to support Post 828.

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

## **Post Leadership**



#### AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP

Al Alford Tom Hadley Glenn Robinson Calvin Bateman Jerry Farmer Commander 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander **Finance Officer Adjutant** Pat Wimberly Jerome Harris Fernando Rover Matthew Boyd Ike Reid Bill Ellis **Judge Advocate** Chaplain **Sgt-at-Arms** Historian Placement 1 Placement 2 Board of Trustees: Otto Usher (Yr 1); Gerald Griffith (Yr. 2); James Pearson (Yr. 3); Calvin Young (Yr. 4); Chuck Landy (Yr. 5); (Vacant - Yr. 6); [Post Hubmaster: Burrell Parmer]



#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 828 LEADERSHIP

JoAnn Flint Ethel Washington Reba Bennett Annie Ross-Hinton
President 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Recording Secretary

Lois Oliver Pamela Flint-Money Janet Butler Gloria Harper Vanessa Landy Financial Secretary Treasurer Historian Chaplain Sgt-at-Arms

Ladies at Large: Jamesetta Grant, Jean Lampkin, Talika Lampkin



#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP SQUADRON 828

Ricard Glover Thomas "Bubba" Tyler Willie Watkins Leonard Fuller Commander 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander **Adjutant** Frank Jones Ed Glover Eddie Douglas James McCoy Jerome Harris Sgt-at-Arms Squadron Advisor Treasury Historian Chaplain



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ALR 828

Thomas Tyler Greg Williams Sarah Kemper Frank Jones Effrain Rocha
Director Assistant Director Secretary Treasurer Road Captain

Tom Hadley
Safety Officer
Sgt-at-Arms

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## **Upcoming Post Events & News of Interest**



# 2018 Texas Veterans Service Fair



St. Philip's College

Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins and the St. Philip's College Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Transition Center invite you to the 2018 Texas Veterans Service Fair & Open House.

## Saturday, October 13, 2018 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM 202 Connelly Street, San Antonio, TX 78203

#### Featuring:

#### **Elected Officials**

- Senator Donna Campbell, Chairwoman of the Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee
- Senator José Menendez
- Representative Roland Gutierrez, Chairman of the House Defense and Veterans' Affairs Committee
- Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins

#### College and County Officials

- Dr. Adena Williams Loston,
   President of St. Philip's College
- Bexar County Assistant Chief Appraiser Rogelio Sandoval

Please join us at St. Philip's College Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Transition Center for an exciting event for all Texas veterans.

#### Participating Veteran Service Organizations:

- Texas Veterans Commission
- United States Department of Veterans Administration
- United Service Organizations
- Bexar County Veteran Service
  Office
- St. Philip's College-Military Support Services & Veterans Affairs Office
- Alamo Colleges District-Corporate College (Workforce Training Network)
- Armed Forces Service Corporation
- Joint Base San Antonio -Transition Assistance Personnel
- Bexar County Appraisal District
- FBI Recruiting Team

- US Customs & Border Protection Recruiting Team
- Bexar County Sheriff's Recruiting Team
- AACOG-Law Enforcement Academy
- Workforce Solutions Alamo
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Goodwill
- Grace After Fire
- American GI Forum
- Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)
- TxSERVS
- Call A Ride for VET
- LIFT Funds
- Hire our Heroes

- The Center for Healthcare Services
- Employer Support for Guard & Reserve (ESGR)
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce
- Project Mend
- Small Business Administration (SCORE)
- Stephan A. Cohen
- Paralyzed American Veterans
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
- Community Justice Program (San Antonio Bar Association)
- SAMMinistries
- Endeavors

Many other organizations will participate as well. • Breakfast and lunch will also be provided at no cost.

# **OCTOBER 2018**

October 2018								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 "Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	2	3	4	5	6 828 American Legion Riders (ALR) - Regular Meeting		
7	Auxiliary Meeting (6 pm)	9	20th District Mtg Post 2 (1930) 3518 Fredericksburg Road  Post 592 – Auxiliary Veteran Gift Bag Drive begins	11	October Birthday Celebration (8 pm - until)	Navy Birthday  2018 Texas Veterans Service Fair (0930-1300) 202 Connelly Street		
14	"Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	16 American Legion Regular Monthly Meeting: Executive Comm - 6 pm Regular Post Mtg - 7 pm	17	18	19	20		
21	"Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	SAL Squadron 828 Meeting (7 pm)	24	25	26	27		
28	29 "Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	30	31 Halloween	Not Receiving Emails From the Post???  ◆ Provide Your Email Address to Commander or Adjutant to receive: Post Newsletter, Correspondence from Department and National; &Timely Information about Post Events				

October 6 828 American Legion Riders (ALR) - Regular Meeting

October 8 Unit 828 Regular Meeting

October 12 October Birthday Celebration

October 16 Post 828 - Executive Committee (6 pm) &

Regular Meeting (7 pm)

October 23 SQ 828 SAL - Regular Meeting Blue Monday w/ DJ Boss Man – Every Monday

- 6pm Until
- Blues
- Food (Pot Luck)

# **NOVEMBER 2018**

November 2018								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Not Receiving Em	ails From the Po	st???	1	2	3 828 (ALR) - Regular Mtg			
Provide Your Email Address to Commander or Adjutant to receive:				Post 828 (District) Revitalization (Post 2 & Post 828)				
Post Newsletter; Correspondence from Department and National ; & Timely Information about Post Events				Post 828 Revitalization starts with Tng at Post 2 at 0900 and remainder at Post		20th District Convention (Post 2); 3518 Frericksburg (1 - 5 pm)		
4 Daylight Saving Time	5 "Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	6	7	8	9 November/December Birthday Celebration (8 pm - until)	10		
11 Veterans Day  Veterans Day	12 Veteran's Day Ceremony & Celebration (1100 - Until)  "Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man Auxiliary Meeting (6 pm)	13	14	15	16	17		
18	19 "Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	American Legion Regular Monthly Meeting: Executive Comm - 6 pm Regular Post Mtg - 7 pm	21	22 Thanksgiving	Annual Black Friday Concert – Featuring Walter Waiters - Event Center (8 pm)	24		
25	26 "Blue Monday" w/ DJ Boss Man	SAL Squadron 828 Meeting (7 pm)	28	29	30	Notes:		

November 3 828 American Legion Riders (ALR) - Regular Meeting

TBD Unit 828 Regular Meeting

**November 6** November Birthday Celebration

November 20 Post 828 - Executive Committee (6 pm) &

Regular Meeting (7 pm)

November 23 Annual Black Friday Concert w/ Walter Waiters

Food & Entertainment (8 pm)

DJ T-Willie

November 27 SQ 828 SAL - Regular Meeting Blue Monday w/ DJ Boss Man – Every Monday

• 6pm – Until; Blues Food (Pot Luck)

## **Recent Events**

#### FRED BROCK POST 828 AND UNIT 828 RECEIVE SPIRIT AWARDS

Top Ladies Of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD) awarded its Spirit Award to The American Legion of Post 828 and AL Auxiliary Unit 828 on October 6, 2018 for outstanding service to the community. TLOD was chartered in the state of Texas on September 8, 1964 as a non-profit educational, humanitarian organization Since its inception, the organization has expanded its objectives to include its focus on youth (known as Top Teens of America), improving the status of women, service to senior citizens, community beautification, and community partnerships. Chapters nationwide support the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and the awarding of national scholarships to at least one in each of TLOD's six geographic areas. Moreover, TLOD has included in its program, a cooperative peer education facet with Top Teens of America and the National Foundation, March of Dimes.



Past 828 Post Commander John Rogers & American Legion Auxiliary President JoAnn Flint received Post and Unit Awards!

Post Chaplain Pat Wimberly also represented the post



## **Need A Place To Party or Host A Major Event???**



#### **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 2018:

Member: \$300 Non-Member: \$500

#### **WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN POST 828 ACTIVITIES:**

With so many new members each year (over 50 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.
- **Fund-raising events**: For example, the Post participates activities 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,.
- **Welcoming Committee:** Please feel free to sign up to "meet and greet" every attendee at the General Meetings. 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. .
- **House Committee**: Supervises the operation of physical facilities of a post such as a clubroom, American Legion center, meeting room, etc.
- **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.



Figure 2 - Auxiliary Unit 828 President JoAnn Flint hold 2017 – 2018 100% Membership Award and Ribbon



Figure 1 - Post 828 Members Robert & Ed Ratcliffe bring in their Brother & Fellow Legionnaire Antonio from Indiana by the post for visit

## **Membership Report**

# **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 2018-2019 is \$41.

#### Renew Online

To renew online, just go to <a href="www.legion.org/membership/renewals">www.legion.org/membership/renewals</a> 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 <a href="http://www.legion.org/join/pufl">http://www.legion.org/join/pufl</a> 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.
- Cost of PUFL Depend on the Age of Member when they apply
- 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 10 October 2018)

◆ 2019 Goal: 348

• **2019 Members:** 155

National/Department of Texas Goal as of 10 Oct 2018: 44.5%

Number Required to 90% Retention Goal: 312

Place in District: 12th (As of 10 October 2018)



Figure 4 Legionnaire DJ Boss Man plays Blues at post every Monday



Figure 3 Post 828 Dart League members Annie Ross-Hinton & Cora Clay